

## WHITCHURCH HERALD EXTRACTS 1901 - 1909

26/01/1901 Queen Victoria died at 6.30pm on Tuesday

Band of Hope entertainment at Threapwood Congregational Chapel. The Rev. J O Morgans, Mrs Morgans, Mrs Fletcher and Messrs F Turtle and W Pearson performed and Miss Huxley played the organ. Chairman was Mr W Lea. The National Anthem was sung and then news of the Queen's death came through 'creating quite a sensation, extreme sorrow being expressed on all sides'

09/02/1901 There was a Band of Hope meeting at the Threapwood Congregational Church. Chairman was Mr Hobson, Wood Farm. Songs were sung by the Misses Nickson and J Gregory.

30/03/1901 On Monday, Mr Charles Richards, Worthenbury's Grand Old Man, who in November last attained the patriarchal age of 102 years, recorded his vote in the parish of Threapwood, Cheshire, in connection with the Rural District Council election. In order to register his vote, Mr Richards drove above 4 miles and this notwithstanding that snow lay about two inches deep on the ground. As he left the booth he espied a bicycle belonging to one of the candidates and remarked "I canna manage them things"

20/04/1901 Threapwood. A tea meeting and entertainment was held at the Congregational Church. Tea was provided by Mrs Nickson and Miss Moore. The following entertained: - Song - Miss L Brookfield. Recitation - Maggie Williams. Song - Fred Freeman. Song - Miss S Roberts. Recitation - Mary Lloyd. Song - Mr F Nickson. Humorous reading - Mr W Crump. Recitation - A Brookfield. Song - Miss L Nickson. Song - Miss Moore. Recitation - Louisa Crump. 'The Rev. J O Morgans presided'

27/04/1901 Threapwood Congregational Sunday School anniversary services were held, Mrs J Emberton of Nantwich being the preacher.

11/05/1901 For Sale - Lady's Premier Cycle, equal to new, never been punctured - Clutton, Threapwood, Malpas.

01/06/1901 Broxton Petty Sessions. Wm Carr, Threapwood, applied for a certificate of exemption from vaccination in regard to his daughter, Lily - Granted.

15/06/1901 Threapwood Congregational Church anniversary services were held. On Monday, the annual tea meeting was held by permission of Mr W Lee at Greaves Farm, when tea was taken in a marquee.

24/08/1901 The death is announced of Mr Charles Richards of Worthenbury. Who had attained the remarkable age of 102 Mr Richards distinctly remembered the battle of Waterloo and one of the proudest incidents of his life was when he had the honour of shaking hands with the Duke of Wellington at Cheltenham. He was a keen politician and had voted at every general election since the Reform Bill. Mr Richards retained the possession of his faculties to the last. He received a message from the Queen on his centenary which he prized very much. He has 11 children, 66 grandchildren, 97 great grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren, total 182. He was not a teetotaller but he was moderate in all things.

07/09/1901 Frank Lloyd & Sons were selling by auction at the Wyvern Hotel, Malpas, dwelling house and crofts at Threapwood, comprising approx, 2 acres, occupied by Mrs Harry Hall.

21/09/1901 Threapwood Congregational Church Harvest Festival. On Monday a social tea and entertainment was held and sale of gifts. Programme:- Miss Pierpoint (Penley), organ recital; Miss Morgans, song; Mr Gregory, song; Miss Lee (soprano) and Miss Moore (contralto), duet, Miss Moore and Miss Broad were accompanists.

05/10/1901 Threapwood. The Temperance Society annual meeting was held, Mr G S Morgan of Malpas presiding. An excellent address was given by Miss H Allen of Lichfield, solos being sung by Miss M Allen and anthems by the choir. Miss Howard and Miss Smith acted as accompanists. There was a crowded house and the meeting was extremely successful.

- 02/11/1901 A missionary meeting was held at Threapwood Congregational Church, presided over by Mr Lee, Greaves Farm, in the unavoidable absence of Thomas Huxley.
- 09/11/1901 Threapwood. On Monday morning, a valuable horse belonging to Mr W H Hobson, Threapwood, was found dead in the field, only a few yards from a yew tree, which was unprotected. As there were no external evidence of the cause, Mr Hobson had a post mortem made, the result of which proved that death was due to poisoning through the effects of eating from the yew tree.
- 09/11/1901 Mr E Broad has died at his Threapwood residence on Saturday the 2nd inst, aged 74. He had a stroke two years ago, which confined him to his bed. He had a second stroke two months ago. He was a successful man of business and a strong supporter of the Congregational Chapel, of which he was for many years a deacon. He leaves a widow, 5 sons and 2 daughters. The funeral took place at Malpas cemetery on Thursday afternoon with the first part of the service at Threapwood Congregational Chapel, where the Rev. J O Morgans took the service. Mourners included Mrs Broad (widow), Mr & Mrs John Broad (son & daughter in law), Albert, Victor, Alfred and Philip (sons) the Misses Broad (daughters), Mr & Mrs J Broad (brother & sister in law), Mr A Broad (nephew) Mr H Payne (brother in law), Messrs Edwin, Joseph and Alfred Payne (brothers in law)
- 14/12/1901 There was a temperance entertainment at Threapwood Congregational Church on Monday by the Band of Hope & Temperance Society. The 'Temperance Alphabet' by 13 boys; 'Temperance (bands) dialogue, 10 girls; Our future Fate' and 'Closing Appeal' dialogues by 8 boys and 3 girls, were all well received, Master Alf Payne's the 'Temperance Carrier' recitation in character, brought down the house. Other contributions came from Miss Moore, Miss L Nickson, Messrs Lee and F Nickson, Misses Cissy Adams, A Brookfield, J Roberts, Maggie Williams and Master Edgar Beresford, Mr W Crump, Miss M Roberts, Miss L Brookfield, Mrs Lee, The Greaves, occupied the chair.
- 21/12/1901 Public Notice. Beef! Beef! Beef!  
C W Read, Purveyor of the Very Best English Meat, Threapwood, Cheshire, begs to thank his numerous customers for their kind support and to inform the public that he has PURCHASED FOR CHRISTMAS, THREE FIRST PRIZE BEASTS, of the finest quality and anyone desirous to purchase the best quality beef for Christmas cannot do better than entrust to him their orders, which will receive his personal and prompt attention.
- 28/12/1901 Threapwood "Street Life, or People We Meet" - This was the subject of an interesting lecture given in the Congregational Church on Wednesday last (Christmas night), by the Rev. J O Morgans, Malpas. The lecture was illustrated by views thrown on the screen by a powerful acetylene lamp, the slides being ably manipulated by Mr Harry Huxley, Malpas. Solos were given by Miss Moore and Miss M Roberts and the Rev J O Morgans gave an excellent rendering of the recitation "The Charge of the Light Brigade" The proceeds were in aid of the Sunday School.
- 01/02/1902 Broxton Petty Sessions. Charles W Read, farmer, Threapwood, was charged with removing 8 pigs into the county of Chester without the necessary declaration and contrary to the Swine Fever Regulations. P C Richardson proved the case. Defendant said he was not aware he was breaking the law. Fined 8s (1s for each pig) and costs.
- A Band of Hope entertainment was given in the Threapwood Congregational Church on Wednesday. Recitations and songs were rendered by the children and dialogues, solos, quartettes etc by the adult members Mr T Freeman and Miss Nickson presided at the organ and Mr Thomas Huxley of Malpas occupied the chair. Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr T Roberts and Mr. Crump and carried unanimously.
- 08/02/1902 The Rev. A E & Mrs Lofts entertained the adult members of Worthenbury Church Choir and friends to supper at the Rectory. Mr & Miss Kitchen presided at the pianoforte.
- 14/06/1902 Mt W Lee, The Greaves, occupied the chair at a Threapwood Congregational Chapel lecture meeting.
- 30/08/1902 Threapwood. The Band of Hope annual tea meeting was held on Tuesday. In the evening there was an impromptu entertainment in the Congregational Church. Mr Jonathans Povey gave humorous selections on the

gramophone and Miss Jones of Liverpool and Miss Moore of Ca-li-cae Farm rendered the solo "Remember now they Creator" and the duet "The Master Stood in the Garden" The president was the Rev Ogmores Morgans

- 06/09/1902 The 34th annual exhibition of the Worthenbury & Threapwood Horticultural Society was held on Friday last, by the kindness of Lady Puleston, in Emral Park, Lady Puleston entertained to luncheon the following:- Lord Kenyon, the Hon. Mrs Parker, the Hon, Mr Tyrwhitt, Mr Tyrwhitt, Gen, the Hon Savage Mostyn and Mrs Mostyn, Capt and Mrs Boscawen, Mr & Mrs St John Charlton, Mr A Mostyn Owen and Capt Massie. Among those present in the afternoon were the Countess of Charleville, Capt and Mrs Fenwick and party, the Hon Mrs Tighe, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Hill Trevor, Capt Dicken (Loppington), Miss Peel and party, Mr & Mrs York of Erddig and party, the Dowager Lady Hanmer and Lady Hanmer etc. The judges were:- For flowers and garden exhibits, Mr G Randall (gardener to the Hon Miss Kenyon, Gelli) and Mr Bagshaw (gardener to Mr Peel, Bynypys). Farm Produce, Mr B Dutton (Nantwich) and Mr Cookson (Bunbury), Cottage gardens, Sergeant Major Mellor and Mrs J Huxley, Flower Borders, Mr G Randall, Turnouts and Horses, the Rev R W Wilberforce, Messrs G C Dobell, J Howard and J Crawshaw Bailey. President was Lady Puleston. Among the vice-presidents were the Hons. Georgina and Henrietta Kenyon, Rev. A E Lofts, Rev. R H Malyn, Rev J Jacob, Rev J Ogmores Morgans, Mr R Howard, Crawshaw W Bailey, J Howard and N Howard. The treasurer was T Huxley and the Hon Sec W R Urmson. Luncheon tea was provided by Mr H Thomas, Worthenbury, music was by the Whixall Silver Band, conducted by Mr H Maddocks. Mr W H Hobson took 1st prize for the 3rd successive year in the farm produce section and also took the champion prize for cheese. Needlework prizes:- Best Night Dress - 1, Gladys Jackson, Tallarn Green, Chemise:- 1 Barbara Jones, Tallarn Green, Pinafore - 1, Louisa Crump, Tallarn Green School. Knitting:- 1, Mabel Griffiths, Tallarn Green 2, Louisa Crump, Tallarn Green. The usual complement of amusements, including Greatorex's World Fair, were there until a late hour.
- 13/09/1902 Rev. Thomas Lewis, Diocesan Inspector, reported on Threapwood School thus:- "This is an excellent school" 32 scholars gained certificates of proficiency in religious knowledge, 4 gained honours, 6 gold, 3 red, 6 blue, 4 black, 9 green and E W Hall, who had previously gained an honour certificate, was recommended for a prize.
- 01/11/1902 Threapwood. Congregational Church. The structural alterations of the above church and the building of the new Sabbath School has been completed. Dedicatory services were held on Tuesday last, the Rev, W Blake of Stockport being the preacher for the occasion. In the evening a public tea was given in the schoolroom, after which a platform meeting was held. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. W Blake and Mr G S Morgans and a brief resume of the history of the church from its inception in 1829 was given by Mr Thomas Huxley of Malpas. Mr Davies of yardstick Hall presided. There were good congregations at each meeting.
- 27/12/1902 Threapwood. Wedding. On the 23rd instant at St John's Church, Threapwood, the marriage was solemnised between Mary Elizabeth Clutton of the Top Lodge, Broughton Hall and Herbert Charles Griffiths of Tallarn Green. The bride was dressed in violet coloured cloth, trimmed with white satin and insertion, with white satin hat trimmed with ostrich tips and orange blossoms. She was attended by Miss Biddulph, in violet cloth of a darker shade, trimmed with white satin and insertion and black picture hat trimmed with violets and wore a gold brooch, set with opals and pearls, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bride was given away by her father and the bridegroom was attended by Mr Hugh Williams as best man. After the ceremony, the guests were sumptuously entertained at the brides home. The presents were numerous and useful.
- 10/01/1903 Threapwood. On Monday 29, Mrs Atkin (nee Miss Nield) was given a wedding present at the Schoolroom, subscribed for by managers, scholars, head teachers and friends. Mrs Ellis and Mrs Goodfellow made the arrangements. After a tea, the vicar, the Rev W Ellis made the presentation, which was breakfast, dinner and tea services in Queen Anne design, afternoon tea service, bedroom and toilet ware, a handsome set of vases, cheese dish, coffee pot, toast rack, biscuit barrel, marmalade jar, egg-stand and cocoa jug, all choice quality and design. The vicar, being unwell, had to leave straight after the presentation. The children then entertained Mr and Mrs Atkin's guests with songs, carols etc, and were then given oranges, nuts and sweets. Games followed, then refreshments and wedding cake were served. The schoolroom was very prettily decorated.

- 31/03/1903 The death of the Hon Miss Henrietta Kenyon, which occurred at Marshall Thompson's Hotel, London, on Tuesday 21st instant, has removed from the district the most benevolent and philanthropic lady who has lived in this country side. She was the daughter of the late Lord Kenyon and aunt to the present Lord Kenyon; she was also the sister of the Hon. George Kenyon MP; and of the Hon and Rev. William Trevor Kenyon, late rector of Malpas. Her connection with Tallarn dates more particularly from the designs of Mr Thomas Lockwood of Chester, the handsome brick structure, which has been the home of the deceased lady and her elder spinster sister (Miss Georgina Kenyon) for nearly a quarter of a century. From this period must also date the commencement of a flow of benevolence and unstinting charity towards the parishioners of Tallarn and Threapwood, which has been unequalled in the history of the place and outrivalling that of the historic ladies of a neighbouring vale. The pretty stone church which adorns the wayside village of Tallarn owes its origin to the influence and purse of the deceased lady and her sisters (!) alone, and it was quite characteristic of them also that the endowment should be substantial and should be derived from their private purse. And then quickly following the church was the vicarage and the well equipped schools and only a little later there grew up a number of houses in which the aged and infirm were placed, to be watched over with tender care and solicitude by the same benevolent creatures. Accomplished in music and painting, they sought to train the youth of the village in the acquirement of a taste for the beautiful and the lovely and many a little one owes the first knowledge of the twin arts to them. The domestic side of life was not lost sight of however, and they undertook the training of the younger girls of the village in domestic economy and in the management of a home, being at the same time careful to preserve the industrial character of the training for service in later life. Miss Kenyon was he President of the Hanmer and Tallarn Mothers' Union and was keenly interested in the welfare of the Girls Friendly Society and meetings in aid of this admirable institution were not infrequent at the Gelli. The Church of England Temperance Society had also a warm friend in her, and her sympathies were extended to every form and character of charitable institutions in the district and indeed in al parts of the country. The deceased lady had been ailing for some little time and had been under the care of her medical advisor, Dr Jordison of Malpas. A fortnight before her death, she proceeded to London under the care of Dr Jordison to consult Sir Thomas Barlow and though her complaint was one from which recovery was doubtful her death came with painful suddenness. The corpse was conveyed by rail to Bettisfield Station and on Thursday evening a special service was held in Hanmer Church, where constant vigil was kept over the corpse while awaiting interment At present the vault contains the remains of her father and mother, the late Lord and Lady Kenyon, the Hon. Lloyd Kenyon and the Hon. Edward Kenyon. The deceased lady was born in 1839 and was thus in her 64th year.
- 31/01/1903 A social evening was held at Threapwood Congregational Church, when the teachers and scholars at the Sabbath School took tea given by Mr & Mrs W H Hobson of the Wood Farm. The pastor, the Rev G O Morgans presided and presented prizes. There were songs by Miss Moore, Miss L Nickson and Miss Maggie Moore, Mrs Winward played the organ. The youngsters received an orange each from Mrs Hobson.
- 02/05/1903 The inhabitants of Threapwood, Shocklach and Worthenbury presented an illuminated address, together with a gold watch and chain to Nurse Crump in recognition of her skilful services during the three and a half years she has worked in the above-named parishes. The presentation took place on Friday 24th inst.
- 30/05/1903 Broxton Petty Sessions. Furious motor driving. Victor Lee, Overton, motor driver, in the employ of Mr Peel of Brynypys was charged with driving a motor car furiously at Cuddington on May 12. The defendant did not appear and Mr J M Etches, appearing on his behalf, said the defendant was at (?) and was unable to be present, otherwise he would have appeared. Colonel Barnston, Chorlton Lodge, Malpas, said that on May 12 he was riding from his house to Malpas and on approaching the high road he heard a motor car coming along at a tremendous pace on the road leading to Wrexham. He should say the pace would be about 30 miles. He could not give any reliable estimate of the pace but it was going, he should think, as fast as a train. Mr Etches: On some lines, that would be about 9 miles an hour. Witness said he was afraid to meet it and pulled his horse up about 20 yards from the junction of the roads but the horse took fright and turning suddenly, fell on its side and shot witness to the other side of the road. Witness had a very bad arm afterwards. His horse as a rule was a very quiet one. Witness had heard no horn before meeting the car, and did not know whose car it was. By Mr Etches: Witness was not favourably impressed with motor cars. Witness did not put up his hand because he did not think they could see him. Joseph Harris, Threapwood, labourer, said that on the day in question he saw the motor car and noticed it was going at a tremendous pace. This was near Mr Baker's smithy and it was about a quarter to 12. The car went by like a flash but he could not say how fast it was going

Sometime afterwards he saw Colonel Barnston pass him with his hat knocked in. The children had not come out of school when the car went by. William Crump, labourer, Threapwood, stated that on May 12 he was getting his dinner along the road by the Hon. Ormsby-Gore's place when a car went by. It was going at a great rate, probably 30-35 miles an hour. There were three people in the car and the road was clear. By Mr Etches: From where he saw it to where it passed Colonel Barnston it would be about quarter of an hour. The car was not making much noise. Henry Williams said he saw the motor going round the corner out of Malpas and it was going about 3-4 miles an hour (Laughter). It sounded no bugle (Laughter). Williams Boycott, labourer, said he was in Church Street, near the Bolling and it was going at a good pace, perhaps 12-13 miles an hour. W H Hobson, Worthenbury, said he was driving in the direction of Malpas and was in the vicinity of Cuddington Hall when he met the car/ There was a bend in the road and witness did not notice the car till his wife called his attention to it. He had great difficulty in pulling the horse up to make room for the car, which was going at an express speed. The car was going at the rate of 30 miles an hour. He had seen hundreds of them and had driven in them but had never seen a car going so quick. If his horse had not been a quiet one he could certainly not have got out of the road. The driver of the car sounded no horn. By Mr Etches: This place would be about a mile and a half from where the car passed Colonel Barnston. H C Parry, Cuddington, farmer said he saw the car about a quarter past 12. This was about 100 yards on the Malpas side of his house or about a mile from the junction in the Chorlton road. P C Richardson also gave evidence stating that he was at Cuddington when he heard the car approaching. He timed it for a distance of roughly 446 yards, which would be covered in about 30 seconds, which would make the speed of 30 miles an hour. The next morning he went to Brynypys and saw the defendant, who said he was not going more than 12 miles an hour. This concluded the case for the prosecution. Mr Etches, in opening for the defence, expressed his regret that the car had been the cause of the accident to Colonel Barnston. But for that, the magistrate would never have heard anything of the matter. The Chairman: Then I differ with you. Continuing, Mr Etches complained that his client had been summoned for an offence at Cuddington. Some extraneous evidence had been brought of what had taken place miles away. It lay upon the police to show there was danger on the road and the only evidence of that on which the magistrates could base their decision was that of Colonel Barnston's who was not actually on the high road itself. There was a certain amount of commonsense to be used by both horsemen and drivers of cars. It would have been perfectly easy for Colonel Barnston to raise his hand and stop the car or he might have turned the horse's head around. That was the method he would have thought Colonel Barnston would have adopted if he thought there was danger. The defendant left Mr Hugh Peel's house at Bunbury between 10.15 and 10.30 in the morning and according to the prosecution they reached Malpas about 12.30 so that the car was not going at more than 14 or 15 miles an hour. He maintained that Colonel Barnston ought to have raised his hand and then the car would have stopped and the danger avoided. Motor cars had come to stay and they would have the roads. It was an extraordinary thing that a short time ago they could not pick up a paper without seeing accounts of cyclists being summoned for furious riding. Now they never saw cases against cyclists. The car was a four cylinder one and two of the cylinders were not working so that it was absolutely impossible for it to go at the speed stated by the prosecution. Gerald Crane said he in company with Mrs Peel was a passenger in the car driven by the defendant. It was not possible for a big heavy car like that, with two cylinders out of order, to go at 30 miles an hour. They were two hours going from Bunbury to Brynypys and the distance was 24 miles. He saw Colonel Barnston on horseback and if he had made a signal the car would have stopped. He saw the horse turn and then the car passed so that he could see no more. The chairman said the defendant might have come from where the roads were wide and different from the roads in Cheshire. There was no question the car was going at a dangerous rate and the public had the right to be protected and so far as the Bench were concerned they were determined that as long as the Act of Parliament remained as it was, the public should be protected. The roads were equally for the use and benefit of the poor man with the donkey cart as they were for the man with his £50 or £100 motor car. Motorists must not set aside the safety of the public and must consider that in the country they must refrain from going at that pace. He knew every yard of the ground on the Cuddington road. He knew perfectly well that as the car was descending the hill at the bottom of the Malpas road, Colonel Barnston would not have the opportunity of seeing the car until he was almost upon it. It showed that they never sounded their horn and that they did not sound it round an exceedingly dangerous turn in Cuddington. The public must be protected against these rash and furious drivers, even if the masters were prepared to endanger their own lives. Motorists must know and ascertain how fast they were going. The witness for the defence said he saw Colonel Barnston and he took no notice of him. He saw him turn round and the inference was that the car was going at a dangerous pace. He regretted the driver was not there to hear his remarks. It must be distinctly understood that the roads in Cheshire were not suited for motor cars to go at the pace the drivers wished them to go. The cars had no

better right to the road than the private individual. Under the circumstances, the Bench considered it necessary to impose the full penalty of £5 and costs.

- 27/06/1903 Threapwood School Treat. The scholars and teachers of the Congregational Sunday School held their annual treat on Monday. Starting from home at 8am they were conveyed to Wrexham (Central Station) in floats and shandries kindly lent by the neighbouring farmers and others. Here the party booked through to Seacombe where arrangements had been made for a ride to New Brighton on the electric cars. A happy day was spent and home was reached at 10pm.
- 04/07/1903 Threapwood. School Report. Mixed School:- The instruction in this school is thorough and most successful. It would be an advantage if the first standard were removed to the main room and the second standard placed in charge of another teacher. The ventilation needs improvement. The playground might well be enlarged and the offices should be sub-divided. Infant class:- The infants are taught with diligence and with considerable success. Floor space much needed.
- 12/12/1913 There was an entertainment at Threapwood Congregational Chapel on Wednesday night. Contributors included Miss Moore, Miss Roberts, Miss L Nickson, Messrs F Nickson, F Turtle, S Gregory, P Gregory & H Harding. Mr Crump gave a humorous reading and Mr Madeley, Tilston gave selection on the gramophone. Mrs Lee, The Greaves, presided.
- 02/01/1904 Trap Accident. While driving to Wrexham on Thursday December 24, what might have been a serious accident occurred. A valuable mare belonging to Mr Thomas Williams, farmer and overseer, Threapwood, slipped and fell throwing all out of the trap into the middle of the road near Broughton. No bones were broken but all the occupants were badly bruised. Mr Walter Holmes of Queen's Head Tavern, Sarn, rendered valuable assistance.
- 07/05/1904 Worthenbury. Interesting Wedding. The marriage of Mr John Huxley, youngest son of the late Mr Levi Huxley of Mulsford and Miss Maggie Broad, eldest daughter of the late Mr Edward Broad of Holy Land, Threapwood, took place in ideal weather on Tuesday afternoon at Worthenbury church. The Rev Mathias, vicar of Shocklach officiated. In the village, arches were erected bearing suitable mottoes, testifying to the good feeling of the neighbours. The church was well filled with friends of the contracting parties. Mr Thomas Huxley, eldest brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The bride who was given away by her uncle, Mr Thomas Payne was attired in white silk, prettily trimmed with lace and insertion and she wore a veil and a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of lilies, roses and maidenhair fern, a gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Lily Broad (sister), Miss Katie Broad (niece) and Miss Ethel Houlbrooke (niece of the Bridegroom). They wore cream silk with hats to match and the first named had a gold chain bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom, whilst the last mentioned wore diamond brooches, also his gift and each of them carried a basket of flowers. As the bridal party left the church the bells rang out merry peals. The reception was held at Holy Land, the wedding breakfast being supplied by Messrs Bolland's of Chester. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed in felicitous terms by Mr W h Hobson who referred to the respect in which the two families were held in the neighbourhood. The honeymoon is to be spent in Scotland. The presents were numerous and valuable.
- 18/06/1904 Broxton Special Police Court, Charles Fowles and Joseph Holland of Threapwood, labourers, were charged with stealing 2s worth of coal, the property of Mr T Harding, Oldcastle. The coal had been traced from the place where it was stored across a public footpath from Mr Harding's brickyard to Holland's house, where both the prisoners lived together. The police found coal similar to that stolen, in the prisoners bedroom. They both pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 7 days hard labour. They were then charged with stealing 11 fowls at the Greaves Farm, Oldcastle, valued 22s. Their wives had sold 3 fowls to John Brayne of Willington and then, on the day before the theft from Greaves Farm, the wives had called on Mr A Purcell of Threapwood, trying to sell him some fowls. They agreed a price of 4s a couple and the wives had promised to deliver them the following morning. In other words, the fowls had apparently been stolen to order. The sentence for this offence was 6 weeks hard labour. A third charge against the prisoners of stealing wire netting, valued 3s, the property of Mr W T Drake, from Oldcastle Wood. Both Fowles and Holland pleaded guilty to this and received 7 days hard labour to run consecutively with the other two sentences.

27/08/1904 Threapwood. There was an inquest at the National Schools before Mr J C Bate, coroner for West Cheshire, into the death of Sarah Ellen Fowles, who was found drowned in a pit on the farm of Mr William Hough, Oldcastle, on Saturday morning. She was the wife of Charles Fowles and was aged 21. They lived at Threapwood. He was a farm labourer and in evidence said that he and his wife had set off about 7.30am to gather mushrooms and had reached Mr. Hough's field at Woodhouse Farm. There they had an argument about a girl who he was with at the last Malpas wakes. The wife had said he had been with her all night, which he denied. A little later that morning Fowles left his wife in the fields to go to his work and she turned as if to return home. But when he was about 120 yards away from her, he heard a splash into water and he ran back to find his wife's head just showing above the water in a pit. He jumped in and with great difficulty, got her to the bank, but she was already dead. He left her there and went first to fetch her father, 10 or 15 minutes walk away, and then to fetch the police. He went with the policeman to the pit. The deceased's father, in evidence, said the couple had been living with him for a week before his daughter's death and he had never heard them quarrel. He had gone to the pit that morning when Fowles had called to tell him what had happened. Fowles had been saturated and covered with mud all over. He said his daughter had never threatened to take her life and must have fallen into the pit whilst getting sticks. P C Richardson in evidence said he had been called by Charles Fowles to come to the pit. He had found the body lying at the side. There were no signs of a struggle or marks on the face. He notices some clay in her teeth and by the side of the pit was a basket with mushrooms and sticks. The water in the pit was very deep where an oak tree overhung it. He was of the opinion that she could not have fallen in and must have walked in voluntarily. The coroner said the only possible verdict was an open one. The jury after a few minutes conversation, returned a verdict of 'found drowned' there being not sufficient evidence to show how deceased got into the water.

05/11/1904 Sir Wyndham Hanmer's Beagles. Meeting on Monday October 24 at the Brunette Farm, a hare was soon put up on a field adjoining the Strift Farm which gave a quick hunt, running a wide ring close by Mr Craddock's house Here, hounds changed in the turnips and ran over the road past the Brunette on to Mr Evan's (Drury Lane) and Mr Simcock's (The Hullery), turning left handed as if making for the Lower Wyche. Here, bearing sharp to the left in the direction of Black Wood, but doubling, the hare ran past the Brunette Farm to the left of Drury Lane onto the Yew Tree. From here the scent improved and the hounds ran very fast past Ros-boeth on to Egly's Cross and were finally whipped off at 4.30 near the Brook Farm, having been running in all about 4 hours, changing hares on several occasions as there was never sufficient scent to press one. Those present were Sit Wyndham Hanmer (Master) on foot, Lady Hanmer, Mrs Kevill Davies, Mr & the Misses Godsall (2) Miss Davidson, Mr Warburton Lee and Miss Lee, Dr Phillips (Malpas) Messrs Craddock (3) Evans (2) King, Thomas and others. On Thursday October 27 the fixture was Oldcastle Heath near Malpas, Hounds were taken on to draw Mr Eardley's farm, where they soon put up a hare which crossed the Dog Lane and ran towards the Greaves Farm Turning back short from here, she crossed on to Mr Dobell's by which time there were several hares on foot, but sticking to the hunted one, they ran onto Mr Bebbington's Mill, where she was lost. Finding another hare on Mr Dobell's land, hounds ran a big ring right-handed on to Mr Cooper's, where they changed hares. The scent being very indifferent, hounds could only work out the line bit by bit and it was not till later in the day that scent showed any improvement when finding a good strong hare on Mr Dobell's big grass field, hounds were able to push her along onto the Greaves farm and from there onto Mr Cooper's, where they checked; but re-dinging the hare she narrowly escaped as jumping up close to the pack "Dauntless" making a dash at her, pulled out a quantity of fur. This probably so startled our hare that she went perfectly straight past Mr Dobell's house to the right of Mr Bebbington's Mill, hounds being stopped at the Strift Lane, as it was getting dusk. Amongst those out, besides the Master (who is now regularly hunting his pack on foot) were Miss Davidson, Mrs Greenshields Miss Phyllis Greenshields, Miss McCorquodale, Mr Randall, Dr Phillips, Miss Jordison, Mr & Mrs Vaughan and others. On Monday October 31 this pack met at Painter's Green. Finding a hare on Mr Beckett's The Ruscoe Farm, hounds ran up to the Whitewall Rectory, but doubling here they ran towards the Ruscoe Farm and crossing the road by the Wearney Cottage ran on to the right of the Charity Farm, on the Hulley Farm. Turning here, they then re-crossed the line on to the Ruscoe Woods. Putting up this hare here she ran on to Pickford's farm, going straight past Whitewell Church and was pulled down on Iscoyd Green after three quarters of an hour's fast run. Going back to draw Mr Huxley's Bank Farm, another hare was soon found and ran across the Ruscoe towards the Chequer. Bearing right handed, they ran over the Wrexham high road in the direction of Oak Villa but turning right handed, ran towards the Little Green. Here doubling, our hare ran back across the Bank Farm in the direction of New Hall Lane. This was crossed by Mr Wilbraham's holding and hounds hunted on to Mr Beardmore's where they checked owing to some cattle. Casting forward, the line was soon hit off again and they hunted up to Ellesmere high road, which our hare had run for about 100 yard. Hounds showing

a line to the left towards Bronington Vicarage, were stopped on account of the woods. Time up to here 50 minutes. Home was then the order. Those in attendance at the meet included Sit Wyndham Hanmer Bart (Master), Lady Hanmer, Miss Davidson, Mr and the Misses Lee (2), Miss Poole, Miss Bycroft, Mr Randall, Mr T Johnson (Ash) Mr J Cottrell (Ash) and Messrs S Beckett, Pickford, Thomas and King.

- 24/12/1904 Threapwood Congregational Church. In connection with the YPSCE a social tea was given in the Schoolroom on Tuesday last, to which a goodly number of young people and others sat down. The tables were presided over by Mesdames Lee, Pierpoint and Gregory and the Misses Moore, Sandbach and others. A pleasant evening was spent.
- 04/02/1905 Broxton Petty Sessions. Joseph Mountfield, labourer, was fined 10s and costs of 9s 6d for being drunk and disorderly at Threapwood on December 26. He was allowed a fortnight to pay.
- 21/10/1905 Threapwood Harvest Festival. Harvest sermons were preached in the Congregational Chapel on Sunday last by the Pastor (Rev. W Plaskett)
- 23/12/1905 At the Temperance Hall. The Threapwood & Tallarn Temperance Society last Friday held an entertainment with Mrs Huntbach of Whalebone Farm presiding. Among those contributing were:- Mr John Phillips of Pen-y-park, Mr T Freeman and Miss Gerty Rigg (songs); Miss Jones, Mr Phillips and Miss Lloyd (recitations); Mr J Phillips both sang and recited; Miss Bennion played the organ.
- 10/2/1905 Threapwood Concert. A successful cake and apron concert was given in the Congregational Chapel on February 2 on behalf of the building fund. A sale of useful articles was held and a refreshment stall catered for the needs of the company. The following programme was well sustained:- Chorus - "Silver Moonlight Winds" by the choir; song "Pardon Came Too Late" by Mrs Freeman; duet "Larboard Watch" Rev W (Plaskett) (?) and Miss Nickson; song "Village Blacksmith" Mr Hewitt (of Birkenhead); song "Queen of the Earth" Mr Tom Freeman; song; Annie Laurie" Miss Lily Hughes; violin solo Mr J Huxley (Cuddington); song "The Volunteer Organist" Miss Nickson; son "The Last Milestone" Mr Hewitt; song "The Cuckoo Song" Miss Hughes; song "The Little Herd" Mr J Gregory.
- 03/03/1906 Threapwood Concert. Mr Williams Jones, Three Fingers Farm, took the chair at a grand concert in the Threapwood Congregational Chapel on Tuesday evening, given by Mr R J Newbrooke's Concert Party from Whitchurch
- 28/04/1906 Broxton Petty Sessions. Charles Manford, roadman, Threapwood, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Threapwood on the night of 7 April. He was fined 2s 6d
- 01/09/1906 Broxton Petty Session, Chairman Mr R Howard, plus Lord Arthur Grosvenor, Mr S h Sandbach, Mr H Banston and Mr. R Barbour, Joseph Manford, a labourer, of Threapwood was fined 20s and costs with the alternative of a month's hard labour for using obscene language on 4 August. P C Bracegirdle proved the case.
- 06/10/1906 Threapwood Parish Church Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held. The preacher on Friday was the Rev L Armistead. The church was tastefully decorated. A fine quarter of mutton was given by Mr & Mrs C W Read and Mrs Dawson. The Bank, sent tomatoes, fruit and flowers etc. The vicar's warden Mr C W Read, thanked all those who contributed gifts.
- 29/12/1906 The Rev W Ellis, Vicar of Threapwood, who died on Wednesday December 19 aged 77, was buried in the Threapwood churchyard on Saturday afternoon. The funeral ceremony was performed by the Rev G Matthews, vicar of Shocklach, the other clergy present being the Rev M E Bisset (Bangor-is-y-coed), The Rev C R Pembridge (Worthenbury), the Rev. R Malyn (Tallarn Green) and the Rev M Jones (Tilston), Mr John Howard, Miss Howard, Mr Houlbrooke, Mr Broad, Mr Atkin, Mr Windsor, Mr & Mrs Read, Mrs Matthias and Nurse Morrison, were among those who attended the funeral. There were a few wreaths (including one from the school children). The corpse was carried from the Vicarage by Mr T Williams, Mr G Jones, Mr H Davies and Mr T Henshall. The hymn 'Now the labourer's task is o'er' was sung by the choir. The deceased has suffered much since his wife died in February last year and he had been assisted in his labours by the neighbouring clergy. He was removed to the care of Mr and Mrs Read on Tuesday in practically a dying condition and succumbed the following day. The deceased had been vicar of Threapwood for the past 12 years. Among the posts he had



filled was the headmastership of Dolgelly Grammar School 1878-1885, mathematical master of Carnarvon Training College 1854-55, vice principal of Carnarvon Training College 1855 and Assistant Manager of Bottwnog Grammar School 1856-58.

- 05/01/1907 Broxton Petter Sessions, George Manford, a labourer of Threapwood was charged with being drunk on Christmas Day. P C White proved the case and a fine of 5s and costs was imposed.
- 02/02/1907 Broxton Petty Sessions. Vaccination. Thomas Nevitt a labourer of Threapwood applied for a certificate of exemption from the vaccination of his child. The Chairman - What is your reason for applying? Applicant - I don't believe it - What reason have you for not believing? - I have no faith in it, - Is this your first child? - Yes, - Have you a conscientious belief that it will be detrimental to the health of your child? - I don't believe in it at all, The Chairman - We cannot grant an exemption under the circumstances unless you have any reason for it. Applicant stated that the child was ill at present. The Bench adjourned the case to enable the Bench (?) to produce a medical certificate.
- 13/04/1907 The Threapwood vestry meeting was held in the Schoolroom on Monday evening, when the new Vicar, the Rev R H Malyn, took the chair. A Statement of Church finances was read which showed an increase in the amount of the collections compared with previous years, but there had also been a large increase in expenditure, so that they were starting the year with a debit balance of £11 17s 6d. Replying to Mr Nugent Howard, the chairman said his financial responsibility dated from the last vicar's death on December 19. There was some discussion about the allowance that had been made by the Bishop of Asaph to the late incumbent, which had augmented the living by about £50 a year and had enabled the Rev W Ellis to remain as incumbent to his death. The vicar nominated Mr Jonathon Houldbrooke as his warden and Mr Nugent Howard was proposed as the people's warden. The chairman said he would be pleased to see Mr Howard elected, but feared it would be difficult as he was a non-resident in the parish and he quoted from ecclesiastical law to support his contention. Ultimately, Mr Howard was elected.
- 04/05/1907 Broxton Petty Sessions. Walter Hume (or Hulme), licensee of the Queen's Head Inn, Threapwood, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his premises on March 23 (He pleaded not guilty, P C White had found in the kitchen, 5 men at 6.40pm, George Jones, one of them, was sitting there drunk, with his head down. He was by a table which held a glass containing beer. Jones was a sexton at the church and a shoemaker and paviour by trade and aged 78. Miss Webb was the barmaid and housekeeper at the Inn. The case was dismissed)
- 07/09/1907 Threapwood Choir Trip to the Isle of Man. The Threapwood Church Choir numbering 14, were taken to the Isle of Man for the weekend on Saturday last for their annual treat, by Miss Howard, who has always taken the greatest interest in them. They had special compartments reserved at Malpas Station on the 7.55am train and were received at Douglas by Miss Howard at 3 o'clock, who conducted them to their comfortable apartments and after a substantial tea showed them the principal places of interest in the town. The weather was all that could be desired. On Sunday they attended service at Kirkbraddon, where there were upwards of 3,000 worshippers, necessitating the service being held in the churchyard. In the afternoon they went on Douglas Head. The weather again was lovely. They attended St Thomas' Church in the evening and on Monday at 9 returned home, having thoroughly enjoyed the delights of this charming watering place.
- 14/09/1907 Threapwood Church Choir. In reply to an announcement in your last issue with regard to the above choir, we have received the following from a correspondent:- The Threapwood Church Choir were never in the Isle of Man nor were they entertained there by Miss Howard. The vicar of the parish (The Rev R H Malyn) took the choir for a modest outing to New Brighton and the expenses of the trip were paid by the members of the congregation of his church, and the choir, which numbers 20 in all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.
- 01/02/1908 Mr and Mrs A J Robinson, Topwood Farm, Threapwood, celebrated their silver wedding in the Jubilee Hall, Malpas on Wednesday evening. This was a few weeks after Mrs Robinson parents, Mr and Mrs J O Davies, had celebrated their golden wedding in the same hall. Among the guests were Mr & Mrs. J O Davies (Stockton Hall), Mr & Mrs J Hayward (Dolenion), Mr & Miss Done (Wychough).

- 09/05/1908 Man missing - During the last few days the police have been searching the district for a missing man named Harry Farson, who lived at Broughton Hall, Malpas. On Wednesday evening he was sent to fetch a horse from the field, He started out but did not return. Later on he was seen in another direction with the halter on his arm, but has not been seen since. All the pits in the neighbourhood have been dragged in search. A few months ago he lived at Weaverham, Cheshire. He is said to have been depressed of late and to have suffered from sleeplessness. He is 44 years of age, fair and clean shaven. When last seen he was dressed in dark trousers, yellow waistcoat and light cap.
- 16/05/1908 Mr J C Bate, coroner for West Cheshire, has been notified of the death by drowning of Harry Sarson, who was a coachman at Broughton Hall and who resided at Broughton Lodge. He had been employed by Miss Howard's parents. When he went missing P C White made enquiries and dragged several pits in the neighbourhood. On Sunday, a Threapwood labourer named Levi Dulson, walking in the horse paddock at Threapwood when he saw in a pit what he thought was a man's arm. He told P C White who recovered the body of Harry Sarson. At a Threapwood inquest on Monday, the jury returned a verdict of 'suicide whilst of unsound mind'
- 30/05/1908 Broxton Petty Sessions, Charles W Read, Threapwood was charged with allowing his horse to stray on the highway at Threapwood. He had been cautioned about similar offences 3 or 4 times previously and was fined 5s plus 8s 6d costs.
- 13/06/1908 Malpas RDC In the Medical Officer's report he mentioned that at Oldcastle. Mr James Cooper's farm premises drained to a ditch running along the side of a field only separated from the road by a hedge through which in several places it escaped. It was a cheese farm and the smell from the ditch was most offensive and pervaded the road for a considerable length. There were 50 milk cows, 3 horses and 35 or more pigs. The sub-soil was very impermeable clay and the surface of the land sloped rapidly towards the road for a long distance and was intercepted by an open water course that supplied places in Threapwood with water and must not be polluted. A drain could be laid to convey the outfall to a fairly suitable part of the land but a much larger tank than that at present existing was needed to clarify the sewage and prevent the drain from too rapidly silting-up. A notice was served on the owner to remedy the nuisance in accordance with this suggestion.
- 13/06/1908 A 5 stall Shippon and contents at the residence of Mr Alfred Harris Threapwood was destroyed by fire which was caused by lightning during a heavy thunderstorm. Evidence of the path of the electric current had been noted a huge hole having been found in the ground floor. The demolition was so rapid that nothing could be saved.
- 13/06/1908 Mr James Baker, The Malpas town's postal manager, who has recently been transferred from Threapwood journey, which he has travelled for 27 years and which, by the way, represents a walk of upward of 135,000 miles, was the recipient on Monday evening of a purse of money and an album containing names of a large body of subscribers. The proceedings were of quite an enthusiastic character, the Hon Georgina Kenyon presiding over a large attendance. She was supported on the platform by amongst others Mr J W Bunnage, postmaster of Malpas and Mrs John Peters, sub-postmaster of Tallarn. A Morocco album and purse were handed to the president by Mr Charles Williams and Mr Purcell, who have been most enthusiastic collectors and in making the presentation Miss Kenyon said that the inhabitants of the district wished to show in this manner their gratitude for the long and faithfully service amount them. Mr Baker was about to be transferred to Malpas, it was promotion and well deserved.
- 10/10/1908 The death of Mr Robert Howard occurred on Wednesday. He had been resident at Broughton Hall for upwards of 50 years, purchasing the estate soon after his marriage to Lucy Annabella, daughter of the Venerable Archdeacon Wood of Macclesfield. After his marriage he lived for a while at Poole Hall, Nantwich. He was the 2nd son of Mr Robert Howard of Brereton Hall, Cheshire. Apart from the income from his Flintshire and Cheshire estate, he had interests in the cotton industries of Lancashire. He was a great athlete in his younger days and many are the stories told locally of his exploits in this connection. He was commanding in his manner, but particularly straightforward in all his dealings and most exact in his payments, which he made at regular short intervals, his creditors knowing that unless they presented their accounts promptly and regularly on pay day they would get soundly rated for their neglect. He was as careful about the discharging of a small debt as a large one and has been known to hunt up persons to whom he owed a few coppers. He was fond of fox-hunting and was a preserver of foxes and the coverts of Broughton Hall were ever productive of some fine sport and the meets some of the largest of Sir Watkin Wynn's followers. He was a great advocate of temperance and as a

magistrate it may be said he administered the law in a manner which left no doubt of his anxiety to purge the district of excessive drinking. Since the death of Mr Leche, Carden, he had been chairman of the Broxton bench. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for some few months. On Wednesday, although his condition had not apparently worsened, he suddenly collapsed at breakfast. The Broughton estate comprised some of the best farming land in the two counties and he had some of the best farmers in the county of Cheshire as his tenants. The Hall is a splendid half timbered building in the Elizabethan style, the maintenance of which in first class order being the deceased's greatest care. The timbers are of large section English oak and these are left in their natural condition, without the usual colouring pigments freely, though mistakenly used in this class of building. The deceased had attained the ripe age of 81 years and his wife and 4 children of the marriage are left behind to mourn their loss.

17/08/1908 Mr Robert Howard was buried in Worthenbury churchyard on Saturday. Many people came from a considerable distance. Mr Howard had long been a senior county magistrate and a former High Sheriff. For the journey of two miles from Broughton Hall to Worthenbury Church, the coffin was placed amid a profusion of floral tributes, upon a farm lurry drawn by a white horse, followed by the carriages of the chief mourners and then the household servants on foot. Additional groups of mourners joined at the rear during the journey. Many people met the cortege at Worthenbury and the old rural village was in general mourning, with drawn window blinds everywhere. The service was conducted by the rector the Rev. C Pembridge. Worthenbury church is one of the most interesting in the country for its many quaint features such as the high partitioned pews, a double-decked pulpit with sounding board, a severely plain Communion table and a separate pew at the back of the building which doubtless was reserved in bygone days for the instrumentalists who accompanied the singing. In this church several notable clerics have ministered. Philip Henry, the father of Matthew Henry, the commentator, was an incumbent who was ejected on the passing of the Act of Uniformity, subsequently holding services at Broad Oak and worshipping at Whitewell Chapel. The famous Bishop Heber also officiated here and the church contains memorials of several members of the Puleston family who are buried there. Only one hymn 'Abide with Me' was sung in a brief and simple service. The coffin was interred in a vault containing the remains of the son of the late Mr Howard, who died many years ago and it bore the inscription 'Robert Howard, died 7 October 1908 aged 81 years' It was borne by 6 of the oldest estate workmen. Messrs David Taylor, T Roberts, Edward Gough, Fowles, Harry Davies and John Jones. The chief mourners were Mrs Howard (widow), Mrs John Howard and Mr Nugent Howard (sons), Miss Howard and Miss E Howard (daughters), Colonel Howard McLean (Aston Hall) and Mr N W Howard McLean (Tonge Priory), cousins. Also present were Sir W W Wynn, The Rev A & Hon A R Parker, Sir Wyndham Hanmer, Sir Hugh Peel, Mr Kevill Davies of Whitchurch, Major Henry Ormsby-Gore, Mr Frank Cotton, Mr Philip Godsal, Mr J H Warburton-Lee, Mr George Barbour, Mr S H Sandbach, Mr Harry Barnston, Captain Ethelston, Messrs John Huxley (Mulsford Hall), John Bate (Emral), Joseph Lee (Broughton Kennel Farm), Mr & Mrs Hughes (Wood Farm), Mr & Mrs Skelland (Upper Wood Farm), Mr & Mrs Cooper (Dog Lane Farm), Joe & Annie Lee (Broughton Lodge Farm) and many others. Mr Henry Taylor FSA furnishes the following interesting information about the history of Broughton Hall in the Hundred of Maelor, Flintshire. There are two Broughton Halls in that county and I cannot do better than quote from a little book written on the history of his parish of Worthenbury by the late worthy rector, the Rev. Sir J H Gresley Puleston Bart, who gave me a copy. After quoting John Leland the antiquary in his Itinerary (1545) as saying 'John Broughton dwelleth in the Worthenbre parochie at Broughton' he describes the Hall as one of the chief houses in the parish and it is said to have been built in the reign of Henry VII when we first read of the Broughton of Broughton. The house is a very fine example of the old Cheshire style of brick and timber, with this peculiarity that it has never been painted black and white as is commonly the fashion with houses of this character. The south and west fronts are much the same as when Leland wrote. The additions and alterations on the northern side were made by the Rev Whitehall Whitehall Davies (who died a bachelor at Broughton in 1824) early in the 19th century and in no way interfere with the old building. The porch was however built by the late owner (Mr Robert Howard) and since it exactly preserves the character of the old house, if it were not for the date, 1852, carved on it, an ordinary observer would not see that it was modern. Randle, the son of Leland's John Broughton, married Jane Puleston of Emral and their surviving child, Elizabeth, in 1650 married Rowland Whitehall of Lockwood, Stafford Their grandson, Broughton Whitehall, married Letitia, the daughter of Robert Davies of Gwysaney, Flintshire and Llanerch, Denbighshire and had 4 daughters, Letitia, who married Robert Davies, 1734; Elizabeth, who married Peter Davies, who afterwards owned Broughton; Susannah, who married John Broughton Whitehall; and Mary, who married Robert Dod of Cloverly. Letitia inherited Llanerch and left her property to her cousin, daughter heiress of Peter Davies, whose name was Anne Elizabeth. She was married at Worthenbury by the Rev. Reginald Heber of immortal fame to the Rev George Allanson, in 1794. Their daughter, Elizabeth, married John

Whitehall Dod of Cloverly, at Worthenbury in 1822. Their son, Whitehall Dod, dying without issue, the Llanerch and Malpas property went to Sir George Cayley Bart, whose mother, Dorothy Allanson, was married at Worthenbury in 1839 to Digby Cayley. It was however John Whitehall Dod who sold Broughton to Mr Howard in 1852, in consequence of the encumbrances on it. I give these particulars as it will be interesting to any in the neighbourhood and in other parts of Flintshire and Denbighshire, including Colwyn Bay, to know how the Cayley family came into property in these parts.

02/01/1909 Mr Robert Howard of Broughton Hall, near Malpas, High Sheriff in 1861, Lord of the Manors of Shocklach, Orton Caldecott, Chorlton and Wigland and largely interested in the Lancashire cotton industry and formerly a well known rider to hounds, left £206,873 gross, the nett personalty being £193,841 in addition to settled estate. The testator left £1,000, a brougham and a pair of horses and suitable harness to his wife Mrs Lucy Anabella Howard and his other horses saddlery etc to his four children, John Nugent, Mary and Elizabeth, as they may agree, and all other of his household and personal effects and farming stock at Broughton and his real estate at Shocklach to his son John. He left £40,000 to his son Nugent and appointed to him all of the property inherited under the will of his later father, John Nugent, of which he had power of appointment, as well as any property to which he might succeed by reason of his great nephew, John Brereton Howard predeceasing him intestate. He left £20,000 upon trust for each of his daughters, Mary and Elizabeth and their respective issue and the residue of his personal estate to his wife for life, with the remainder to his children, as she may appoint. and failing appointment, with the remainder as to one half with his son Nugent and one half equally between his said daughters, Mary and Elizabeth.

13/02/1909 Malpas RDC The Medical Officer reported that Threapwood School had been closed by the managers through whooping cough during the last 3 or 4 weeks of the working year.

08/05/1909 A very pretty and interesting wedding was solemnised in St John's Church, Threapwood on Wednesday April 28 the contracting parties being Mr Fred Freeman, youngest son of Mr & Mrs Freeman, Sunny Bank, Threapwood and Miss Mollie Hassall, only daughter of Mr John Hassall, Boundary House (late of Liverpool), The church was well-filled with guests and well-wishers. The service was choral, Miss Gladys Purcell presiding at the organ. The service was conducted by the vicar, the Rev R H Malyn. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very pretty in a dress of cream silk, with a crinoline hat to match. She also wore a gold brooch and carried a beautiful bouquet of white tulips and lilies of the valley, gifts of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Kate Norman and Miss Annie Beckett. They wore pretty empire dresses of pale green silk taffeta and white chip hats and they also carried bouquets of pink and white carnations and wore gold brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom, Mr Tom Freeman, brother of the bridegroom. Acted as best man. A reception was held at the bride's home, upwards of sixty guests being entertained. The happy couple afterwards left for Liverpool, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's travelling costume was of navy serge with mould? Coloured hat, trimmed with pink and mould? Tulle? And trails of pink and green primulas. The wedding cake was made and presented by Mrs Hewitt, aunt of the bridegroom (among the numerous and useful presents were those from Mr and Mrs George Hassall (South Africa) Helen (South Africa) Dolly (South Africa) Katie (South Africa) Mollie (South Africa), The Hon Miss Kenyon (The Gelli) the Rev R H Malyn, Mr & Mrs Fox (Dymocks Mill) Mrs & Miss Beckett (Brook Farm), Mrs Moore (Cae-li-Cae), Mr & Mrs G Beckett (Woodlands), Mr & Mrs T Hughes (Wood Farm), Mr E Reeves (Moss side?) and Mr. & Mrs J Jones (Emeral Arms).

18/09/1909 Frank Lloyd & Sons were selling by auction, 4 excellent freehold accommodation fields, occupied by Mr George Kerrison at Threapwood. Also a pair of well-designed freehold cottages with good gardens, within 100 yards of the road from Broughton to Sarn Bridge, occupied by Messrs Crump and Davies. Also the desirable small freehold holding known as 'The Hollies' containing an area of about 5 acres at Threapwood occupied by Mr Joseph Cotton. Also at Threapwood, valuable small holding of about 24 acres occupied by Mr Jonathon Clay.

16/10/1909 We regret to announce the death of Mr Thomas Skelland of Topwood Farm. With the exception of Mr Piggott, Shocklach Hall, Mr Skelland was the oldest tenant on the Broughton Estate, having farmed the Topwood Farm for over 30 years. Mr Skelland prior to coming into Flintshire was a tenant of Mr Orton, at the Greaves Farm, Tattenhall. He leaves a widow, 2 sons and 2 daughters. The funeral took place at Worthenbury on Tuesday. The mourners included the widow, Messrs Thomas and John Skelland (sons), Mrs Hughes (Willington Cross) and Miss Skelland (daughters) George Hopley (Worthenbury) J Davies (Sarn Mill), J Lea (Greaves Farm), Thomas Hughes (Bronington).

04/12/1909 The death took place on Saturday last of Mrs Richards, the wife of Mr Richard Richards, who for many years occupied the Greaves Farm, Oldcastle, and who after retiring recently, lived at Malpas. The coffin was of polished oak with solid brass fittings and a brass plate bore the inscription 'Mary Jane Richards' died November 27 aged 70 years.