

John Brown, printer and bookseller of Wigan

John Brown was born in 1786 in the village of Catterall, two miles to the south of the Lancashire town of Garstang.¹ He was possibly the son of a father of the same name.² On the 2nd October 1809 he became married to Mary Lee Wightman,³ one of the two daughters (her sister was named Elizabeth⁴) of George and Elizabeth Wightman of Nottinghamshire,⁵ and together they had three daughters (Elizabeth, 1811-1834;⁶ Mary; and Frances, 1827-1909) and four sons (William, b. 1812; George Wightman, 1813-1871;⁷ Thomas, 1817-1894; and James, 1821-1882).⁸

¹ The birth year 1786 is given on his grave inscription, which we shall mention in more detail below.

² In 1795 the leading Scotch Baptist Archibald McLean (1733-1812) wrote a letter to 'John Brown, Wigan' in which he mentioned his having sent Brown his publication on the subject of baptism, referred to as '2 Copies of the Import^e of Baptism', which Whelan (*BA*, p. 78, n. 133) identifies as *A defence of believer-baptism, in opposition to infant sprinkling: in a letter to a friend, being an answer to a pamphlet entitled, Remarks on Scripture texts relating to infant baptism* (Liverpool, W. Jones). Another edition, in 82 pages, was published by McLean in Edinburgh in 1777. Since our John Brown would have been about 9 years old in 1795 and since the tone and content of the letter is that of one adult addressing another, we must hesitate to accept Whelan's suggested identification of the recipient of this letter with our Wigan bookeller (*BA*, p. 77, n. 131). He might perhaps have been the father of our John Brown and there is a possible clue leading to this identification in the register of Lord Street Baptist Church, with which John Brown, our bookseller, was associated. In the register he is always referred to simply as 'John Brown', except on one occasion (in the Baptistry Account of 1820 affixed in the front of this register), where his name is entered, against a relatively small donation, as 'Jn^o. Brown Junr.', suggesting that there was a John Brown senr., father of our John Brown, the possible recipient of Archibald McLean's letter.

³ *The Lancaster gazette* for the 7th October 1809 carried the announcement: 'On Monday se'nnight, at Mansfield, Mr John Brown, of Wigan, stationer, to Miss Whiteman [*sic*], daughter of Mr. Whiteman [*sic*], of the former place.'

⁴ In 1804 Elizabeth Wightman married Joseph Parkin (see 'Memoir of the late Rev. Joseph Parkin, minister of the gospel at Wigan', *The evangelical magazine*, June 1809, pp. 221-228, esp. p. 223; on Joseph Parkin, see further, Roaf, *EPL*, pp. 22-30).

⁵ See <http://www.airgale.com.au/booth/d5.htm#g5> and <http://www.airgale.com.au/booth/d6.htm#i39487>, visited 6th July 2013.

⁶ Elizabeth's death on the 17th January 1834, at the age of 23, is recorded in the burials register of St. Paul Independent Chapel, Wigan (see http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Wigan/Wigan/stpaul/burials_1827-1837.html, visited 1st July 2013).

⁷ In February 1836 William Brown married Margaret Meltham in Eversholt, Beds and the couple had at least six children. Censuses show that they lived in Husborne Crawley (1841 & 1851) and Leighton Buzzard (1861). When he proved his father's will in June 1842, he was then living in Woburn, Bedfordshire, where he was serving as a Dissenting minister (Brown, *Will*).

⁸ George Wightman Brown went on to become manager of the Whitehaven Bank in Cumberland. On the 28th October 1841, when still a banker's clerk, he became married to Caroline Elizabeth Culverwell at Rusholme Road Independent Church in Manchester, on which occasion one of the witnesses, a young deacon of the church, was John Rylands from Wigan, who would become one of the wealthiest cotton manufacturers and philanthropists in nineteenth-century England and for whom his wife would erect and furnish the magnificent John Rylands Library in Manchester. G.W. Brown's wife was the daughter of Joseph Pope Culverwell, a Manchester manufacturer and warehouseman, and later secretary to the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company. In 1842, while living in Manchester (so it is noted in Brown, *Will*), G.W. Brown, with his wife and children, joined in fellowship among those who became known as Plymouth Brethren. (Although space forbids elaboration in this place, there is some evidence too that John Rylands's personal convictions were much in sympathy with Brethren, but he worked for a greater union between Independent and Baptist Christians. See further D.A. Farnie,

According to H. Fishwick,⁹ the first books began to be printed in Wigan about the year 1760. In fact, more than 40 books had been printed at the recusant press of Roger Anderton at Birchley Hall near Wigan in the first half of the seventeenth century, the last book being printed there in 1643, but there was no further printing in Wigan until William Bancks started production in the 1760s (Folkard¹⁰ suggested the period 1766-1791 for Bancks's printing activities). Bancks conducted a bookselling business and also ran a circulating library from premises in Millgate. He was followed by R. Ferguson, who had a printing business in Wigan from 1780 to 1783, when he removed to Liverpool. In 1793, William Lyon began a business in Market Place, Wigan, as a printer, bookbinder, and vendor of patent medicines. In the early nineteenth century we meet with other members of the Lyon family engaged in printing and publishing,¹¹ Dorothy Critchley¹² among them.¹³

John Rylands of Manchester [Manchester, 1993] pp. 17-19, 36.) G.W. Brown's daughter Edith Mary Brown (1864-1956), educated at Girton College, Cambridge, achieved recognition for her work in the Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, India, the first medical training institution for women in Asia, and for her services was honoured with the title Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire. (See R.B. Dietrick, *The man the church forgot and other early medical missionaries who made a difference* [n. pl., 2007] p. 120; & F. French, *Miss Brown's hospital* [London, 1954].)

⁸ See <http://www.airgale.com.au/booth/d6.htm#i39487>.

⁹ *A history of Lancashire* (London, 1894) p. 272.

¹⁰ *WD*, p. 69.

¹¹ The proprietors of the Wigan-based publishing business of W. & G. Lyon are possibly to be identified as William Lyon (the husband of Dorothy Critchley, formerly Lyon; see next note) and their son George (b. 3rd July 1795). On the 23rd November 1821 their printing, bookbinding, and stationery business was formally dissolved (*London gazette*, issue no. 17768 [27th November 1821] p. 2328).

¹² Dorothy Critchley was born Dorothy Marsden c. 1766. On the 31st March 1783 she married William Lyon (marriage registers of All Saints, Wigan). The couple had five sons and two daughters: Mary, born 14th December 1831, and Abigail, born 29th May 1793. Dorothy probably became a widow by the end of the eighteenth century, but on the 29th May 1819 she became married to James Critchley, a widower of the parish of St. Peter, Bolton-le-Moors, she herself being denoted as a widow in the marriages register of St. Peter, Bolton-le-Moors, 1819-1821. She had already set up in business in Wigan by the time of her second marriage, since *Pigot's commercial directory of Wigan, 1816* lists Dorothy Lyon as a printer with premises in Market Place and, perhaps reflecting the expansion of her business, *Pigot, CD* (1818) lists her as a printer, bookseller, and stationer situated in Market Place, Wigan. Her name appears as Dorothy Critchley, of Market Place, listed among booksellers and printers in Baines, *DW* (published in 1825), alongside John Brown, of Standishgate, the recipient of this letter. Folkard (*WD*, p. 69) lists 'D. Critchley' as a printer active in Wigan during the years 1824-1833. Her second husband, James Critchley, appears to have tried his hand at several enterprises. On the 7th July 1811, Gabriel Shaw, James Critchley, and John Lyon mutually agreed to dissolve their cotton-dealer business in Wigan (*London gazette*, issue no. 16539 [9-12 November 1811] p. 2173). Critchley then seems to have moved to Liverpool, where he entered into business with James Redmayne and John Wildon Bell as spirit dealers (Redmayne dropped out of the partnership in 1820; see *London gazette*, issue no. 17632 [2 September 1820] p. 1725). There is further mention, in the *London gazette* (issue no. 17991 [10 January 1824] p. 55), of the bankruptcy in 1824 of the 'liquor-merchants, dealers, [and] chapmen' Messrs. James Critchley and Thomas Walker, both of Bolton-le-Moors, where protection is accorded to the property of James Critchley's 'present wife, Dorothy Critchley, late Dorothy Lyon' according to a settlement made prior to the couple's marriage. Dorothy Critchley was a member of St. Paul Independent Church in Wigan (*SPCCM*) and died on the 9th January 1840, aged 73 (*Blackburn standard*, 15th January 1840). Her seven children by William Lyon are all entered in the baptism registers of St. Paul Independent Church, where she herself is variously referred to as 'Dorothy' or 'Dolly' Lyon.

¹³ For further information on printing in Wigan prior to John Brown, see A.J. Hawkes, *Lancashire printed books: a bibliography* (Wigan, 1925) pp. xxiv f.

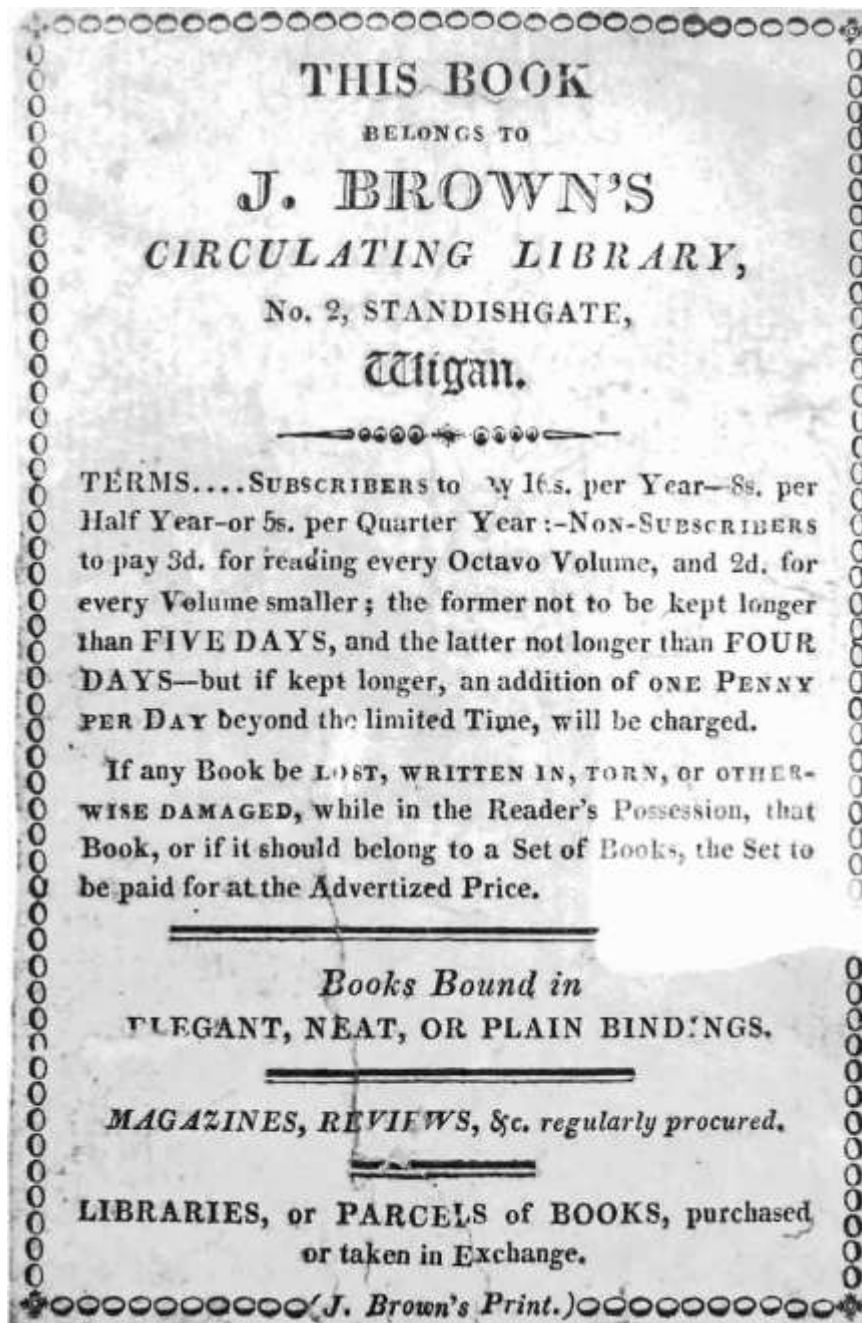
John Brown was thus among the early nineteenth-century printers in the Lancashire town of Wigan, where he conducted his bookselling, printing, and publishing business. The range of Brown's business activities is suggested by an undated bookplate, the text of which reads: 'This book belongs to J. Brown's Circulating Library, No. 2, Standishgate, Wigan,' followed by terms of membership and the following announcements: 'Books bound in elegant, neat, or plain bindings. Magazines, reviews, &c. regularly procured. Libraries, or parcels of books, purchased or taken in exchange.'¹⁴ Other aspects of Brown's business included his agency in Wigan for the Protector Fire Insurance Company,¹⁵ and also for the lottery tickets of the firm of T. Bish in London.¹⁶ Brown was listed as a bookseller in Millgate, Wigan in *Holden's triennial directory* for 1811,¹⁷ but the imprints of his publications suggest that his main printing establishment was at no. 2, Standishgate.

¹⁴ A specimen of this bookplate has been preserved in the Wigan Archives. A catalogue of John Brown's Circulating Library, stating its location as 'opposite the Royal Hotel, Standishgate, Wigan', was issued in 1821. Terms laid out at the beginning of the catalogue stated that in-town subscribers were to be allowed one set of books at a time, while country subscribers were allowed two. See <http://www.british-fiction.cf.ac.uk/guide/libraries/brown.html>. In addition, it has been observed that in his circulating library Brown was 'tailoring his business towards the particular reading needs (and, crucially, the much shallower pockets) of working people' by 'offering a flat-rate charge of just two pence for the five-day loan of a duodecimo volume and three pence for a full week in possession of an octavo.' (P. Garside & K. O'Brien [eds.], *The Oxford history of the novel in English, vol. 2: English and British fiction 1750-1820* [Oxford, 2015] pp. 67 f. [where Brown's first name is erroneously given as 'James']).

¹⁵ His name appears frequently in the advertisements placed by this insurance company in *The Lancaster gazette*, e.g. on the 10th January 1831 and the 22nd June 1833.

¹⁶ See the advertisement in *The Chester courant* of the 14th May 1816 and of other dates.

¹⁷ So Whelan, *BA*, p. 77, n. 131. The 1811 Census returns for Millgate, Wigan also contained an entry for 'John Brown, stationer', with a household consisting of three males and three females.



John Brown must have gained recognition as a leading citizen of Wigan since, in 1820, he was nominated and elected as one of the very few persons in the town to hold the rank of burgess, allowing him voting rights in parliamentary elections. In addition, he served as postmaster for Wigan from the end of 1831 until 1839,¹⁸ when he resigned the post, perhaps foreseeing the radical alterations that would have to be made in the running of the post office with the introduction of the penny post in 1840. It was, however, in 1831 that Brown might have become involved in, or at least been a keen spectator of, the riots that took place in Wigan during the elections held in that year, when an enraged mob liberated a man arrested for theft, attacked the post office,

¹⁸ See the Great Britain Philatelic Society's list of deputy postmaster appointments at <http://www.gbps.org.uk/information/po-appointments/dates.php>. Brown's appointment to the office of Postmaster of Wigan, 'in the room of Miss Lyon, deceased,' was announced in *The Lancaster gazette* of the 28th January 1832.

and completed the destruction and pillaging of the house of the parliamentary candidate John Hodson Kearsley (1785-1842), who had previously occupied the office of mayor of Wigan (in 1813-14, 1819-20, and 1825-6). Two Members of Parliament were elected for Wigan: Ralph Thicknesse (Whig) with 41 votes and J.H. Kearsley (Tory) with 24 votes. The losers were Richard Bootle Wilbraham (Tory) with 15 votes and Richard Potter (Whig) with 4 votes. On the 1st March 1831 John Brown had cast his vote for J.H. Kearsley, but on the 4th May 1831 he voted instead for Ralph Thicknesse,¹⁹ an apparently principled change in political allegiance, although it remains possible that Brown changed his vote under duress since, as witnesses at the trials of Wigan rioters at Lancaster summer assizes in 1831 testified, a radical flag-waving mob issuing from Scholes created six hours of hubbub with fifes and drums and warlike cries in the streets of Wigan, terrifying the populace. They were led by the demagogue John Coyle, styled 'Colonel' or 'Major', who was dressed to suit his claim to be one of 'King William the IVth's National Guards', wearing a blue cap with side tassel, a white sash at his waist, and a silver stick in his hand wielded in the manner of a dragoon sloping his sword, as he paraded about the town at the head of the vast throng, compelling electors to get out and cast their votes on behalf of Ralph Thicknesse.²⁰

Apart from his printing and bookselling activities, John Brown took an active interest in encouraging the work of Bible distribution in the early years when Bible societies were beginning to develop, so that we find his name, both as a subscriber and as one whose services were paid for, in a report of the Wigan Bible Society.²¹ Brown also served as one of the trustees of the Wigan Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge, a philanthropic activity concerned for the education of those not readily favoured with access to informative lectures and books.²² His printing and publishing activities spanned three decades (1808-1838) and among more than 80 publications bearing his Wigan imprint that the present writer has been able to discover and which indeed must constitute only a portion of the printed items that Brown executed, we find a wide variety of religious works from the pens of Anglican, Roman Catholic, Unitarian, Congregationalist, Baptist, and Methodist writers. Brown's liberal attitude surmounting denominational blinkers is illustrated by his support, over at least a decade, of the Anglican-based Wigan Sunday Schools Penny Society. Thus, in a poster headed *Address to the public, Wigan, 24th of May, 1813*, containing a plea for support of this society and a list of resolutions made at the meeting held on that date, the 17th resolution records: 'That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Brown, for his liberal offer of printing for the Society gratuitously; and also, for his kind Services

¹⁹ Poll books for the Borough and Corporation of Wigan, 1st March 1831 & 4th May 1831, Wigan Archives, Leigh Town Hall (call no. SR1/18/B).

²⁰ As an example of the rioters' tactics, at the shop premises of one of the electors, John Whittle, a saddler of Market Place, Coyle and his men formed a circle round the shop, threatening, 'If you don't go and vote for Thicknesse I will saw your head off!' (Riot papers, 1831, Wigan Archives, Leigh Town Hall, call no. D/DX/AP/G2.) Coyle received the sentence of death, commuted to transportation for seven years, at the Lancaster assizes in March 1832. A summary of the available documentation on the riots in Wigan and the chief events involved may be found in the article by B. Evans, 'Elections 1831', *Past Forward*, issue no. 60 (April-July 2012) pp. 24-26.

²¹ In the *Seventh annual report of the Wigan Bible Society, 1815* the name of John Brown appears among those of other subscribers to the society and his name is given, along with that of another bookseller, Mrs. Lyon, as a person designated by the society to receive subscriptions on behalf of the society.

²² See *Rules of the Wigan Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge, established Jan. 12, 1838*, p. 2.

on a former occasion.’ John Brown’s name appears again among the subscribers to funds in the *Report of the accounts of the Wigan Sunday Schools*, dated the 1st January 1823, and printed by John Brown.²³ As was to be expected, John Brown’s printing output included also many jobbing works for various local societies, associations and clubs, as is indicated by entries in the Catalogue following.

John Brown was a member of the Baptist Church meeting in Lord Street, Wigan, having been baptized, along with five others, on the 14th February 1819 by James Lister at Liverpool and brought into membership of the church in Wigan on the 7th March following.²⁴ This was perhaps through his wife’s leading, since the record indicates that Mrs. Mary Lee Brown had been baptized and admitted as a member of Lord Street Baptist Church more than six years previously, on the 30th August 1812.²⁵ Furthermore, there was a strong Baptist tradition in Mary Lee’s family and she herself was the granddaughter of the renowned Particular Baptist minister and author Abraham Booth (1734-1806).²⁶ Lord Street Baptist Church had been formed in 1796, when a handful of the company who formed St. Paul Independent Chapel,²⁷ taking exception to the hyper-Calvinism of the minister Alexander Steill and at the same time developing Baptist convictions, hived off and began meeting separately in a room in Brick Kiln Lane, from where they would eventually move to a new church building in Lord Street.²⁸

In the letters written by Samuel Harris to John Brown, Harris often sought to persuade his friend in Wigan to emigrate with his family to the New World, and to this end he wrote detailed and helpful advice, gained from his own experience, on how to achieve the relocation. Remarks made by Harris do suggest that Brown was seriously minded to take the great step, but in the end, for whatever reasons, Brown decided to remain where he was in Lancashire. In fact, as his will, written on the 24th June 1835, shows, John Brown had saved and invested fairly widely in property in the Fylde region and in the valley of the Wyre in Lancashire,²⁹ clearly with the provident aim of securing income in his retirement and of providing for his wife and the

²³ Specimens of both these documents survive in Wigan Archives.

²⁴ *BCBLSW*, p. 11.

²⁵ *BCBLSW*, pp. 1, 10.

²⁶ In his will signed and sealed on the 27th February 1805, Abraham Booth left to his granddaughter Mary Lee Wightman the sum of £150 (which would have a purchasing power of approx. £5,000/\$7,445 in 2013) in annuities, the capital and interest not to be released until Mary reached the age of 24. See E.A. Payne, ‘Abraham Booth and some of his descendants’, *Baptist quarterly*, vol. XVI (1955–6) p. 198.

²⁷ St. Paul Independent Chapel in Standishgate, Wigan, was erected in 1785, although the congregation who worshipped there had been established in 1777 (Robinson, *LCU*, p. 163). Prior to its Independent, or Congregational, stance, it had been a church belonging to the Countess of Huntingdon’s Connexion, and this explains its very unusual (among Independent churches) dedication to St. Paul and its originally liturgical form of worship and use of clerical vestments, as also its strongly Calvinistic Methodist leaning (see Sellers, *PF*, p. 9).

²⁸ Later the church moved from Lord Street to Scarisbrick Street, where it still functions to the present day (2015).

²⁹ His estate included *property* in Esprick, near Greenhalgh on the Kirkham to Fleetwood road; in Out Rawcliffe; and in Stalmine, all in the Fylde district of Lancashire; as well as *shares* in the cotton factory in Higher Wyresdale (probably at Scorton); in sheep stock and machinery; and in the New Hollins public house in Forton, Lancashire; all in addition to household goods; money and securities; the stock and effects of his printing and bookselling business in Wigan; and a house which he later purchased and rented out to the family of his friend David Brown on Wigan Lane, Wigan. (Brown, *Will*.)

education and upbringing of his numerous children. It would not have been an easy matter for him to dispose of these properties and to contemplate maintaining the security that he had already worked for and provided for his family.

John Brown continued active in stationery-based activities until at least 1839, after which his business in Wigan came into other hands. The 1841 Census shows him living in retirement at Pickerings³⁰ in his native Catterall, along with his wife and two daughters: Mary (aged 20) and Frances (aged 13). On the 9th May 1842, still in Catterall, he died, aged 56,³¹ and was buried on the 13th May at the Church of St. Helen in Churchtown, near Garstang in Lancashire.³² His wife, Mary Lee, died on the 15th April 1847³³ and was interred in the same grave.³⁴ The memorial inscription over the family grave at St. Helen's, Churchtown reads as follows: 'In memory of William Brown³⁵ of Garstang, who died June XIth MDCCCXXXII aged XLIII years. Also Ann, wife of the above, who parted this life September XXVIth MDCCCXXXV aged XXXIV years. Also of John Brown of Catterall, his brother, who died on the IXth of May, MDCCCXLII, in the LVIIth year of his age. Also of Mary Lee Brown, wife of the above named John Brown, who died XVth April, MDCCCXLVII, aged LXII years. Also of John Arminson, of Garstang, brother-in-law of the above, who died August 16th, 1856, aged 60 years. Also Elizabeth, wife of the above John Arminson, who died August 22nd, 1864, aged 67 years.' With regard to the couple inscribed last on the gravestone, John and William Brown's sister Elizabeth had married John Arminson of Burnley on the 15th September 1829 at St. Helen's,

³⁰ A message known as the Pickerings had existed in Catterall since at least as early as 1712 (see indenture dated 14th February 1712 in Lancashire Archives, DDFZ/535), but the large house standing in its own grounds and surrounded by large trees and surviving into the twenty-first century was built in the late eighteenth century on the east side of Garstang Road, just south of the road's junction with Stones Lane. A former resident of the Pickerings was James Pedder while incumbent of St. Thomas's, Garstang, until 1835 when his father died and he succeeded him as vicar of St. Helen in Churchtown. Some history of the property and of those who dwelt there is given in A. Hewitson, *Northward: historic, topographic, residential, and scenic gleanings, &c., between Preston and Lancaster* (Preston, 1900) p. 48. During the time of John Brown's and his family's residence there, the house was probably owned by Henry B. Fielding, proprietor of the calico printing works (which collapsed in 1831) at Catterall on the River Calder near to its confluence with the River Wyre. (Some account of the Fielding calico printing works in Catterall may be found in C.A. Russell, *Lancastrian chemist: the early years of Sir Edward Frankland* [Milton Keynes, 1986] pp. 27-32, 42.) Sometime in the early 1840s, the property was renamed, somewhat oddly considering its size, 'Catterall Cottage', but the name 'The Pickerings' was reinstated when the property became a hotel and restaurant in the 1970s. The Pickerings closed suddenly in January 2013 and was later scheduled to be demolished after Wyre Council had given planning permission for ten new luxury homes to be built on the site.

³¹ The date 9th May is that stated in the proving of John Brown's will. Similarly, the death announcement in *The Manchester times* for the 21st May 1842 read: 'On the 9th inst., at Catterall, near Garstang, Mr. John Brown, bookseller, late of Wigan.'

³² *BCBSW*, p. 31; and burial register at http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Garstang/sthelen/burials_1837-1842.html. Confirmation (with photocopy of the entry) that Brown's age at death was entered as 56 in the original document and that the transcript in the web site referred to is correct (see above notes 155 & 156), has been received (30 June 2013) from the parish clerk, Elaine Ashworth.

³³ Announcement of the death was made in *The Blackburn standard* for the 21st April 1847: '... after a short illness, at Bonds, near Garstang, aged 62, Mary, widow of the late Mr. John Brown, for many years bookseller, &c., in Wigan.'

³⁴ *BCBSW*, p. 1.

³⁵ This William Brown, the brother of John Brown, is not to be confused with the William Brown discussed among the 'other Browns' in Appendix II. A William Brown, shoemaker of High St., Garstang is listed in a directory of 1825 (Baines, *CPL*, vol. II, p.642).

Churchtown.³⁶ The Brown names were perpetuated in the next generation, for William Brown Arminson was born to John and Elizabeth on the 27th December 1830 and the twins Mary Elizabeth and John Arminson were born to them on the 22nd May 1835.³⁷



No. 2 Standishgate is the address stated in many of Brown's imprints from at least as early as 1808³⁸ and it is interesting to try to trace the continuation of business at this address in succeeding years. It is worth trying to trace the subsequent history of the business at 2 Standishgate after Brown's retirement from business apparently in 1838. A lead is given to our inquiries by a directory for 1841, which lists Charles Samuel Simms, an agent for Britannia Life Assurance, at this address and we learn from Folkard that Charles Samuel Simms was in fact active in the printing trade in Wigan from 1838-1842.³⁹ However, in the 1841 census the occupant of 2

³⁶ John Arminson was a druggist with a business on St. James Street, Burnley (*Pigot and Co.'s national commercial directory for 1828-9*, p. 234).

³⁷ Baptismal register of St. Peter, Burnley.

³⁸ See also *The commercial directory for 1818-19-20* (Manchester, 1818), p. 466.

³⁹ Folkard, *WD*, p. 69.

Standishgate in Wigan is the provision dealer Thomas Winnard and his family. This may perhaps simply be a case of listing the person who inhabited premises above the printing shop. An 1854 directory shows that a bookseller and stationer, Henry Burrk Reckitt, is again in business in Standishgate, though no specific street number is given. However, Albert Reckitt, a bookseller at 2 Standishgate appears in an 1858 directory. By 1861, the premises are in the hands of another bookseller and stationer, George Samuel Bucknall, a native of Stroud, Gloucestershire and this same bookseller (with his forenames reversed) appears in a directory published in 1865. By 1869, however, the business is in the hands of Richard Platt and it seems then to have greatly expanded, for he is described as ‘a bookseller, stationer, printer, bookbinder, music seller, dealer in pianofortes, [and] ordnance map agency’, with premises at 2 Standishgate, works at Bank Court, and residence in Marsden Square. An invoice dated 31st December

"CAXTON" STEAM PRINTING OFFICES		2 STANDISHGATE, WIGAN, LANC.	
By J. S. English, Esq.			
To RICHARD PLATT, Dr.			
BOOK, PRINT, AND MUSIC SELLER,			
Commercial & General Stationer, Binder, Machine Ruler,			
LETTER-PRESS AND LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTER			
ACCOUNT BOOK MANUFACTURER, ENGRAVER, DIE SINKER, AND EMBOSSEUR.			
1871			
July	5	1 Punch & complete	3
	9	1 Bottle of Ink	1
	14	1/2 White Paper	10
	16	1/2 White Paper - Little Many from same	4 6
	28	1 Map of War	2 6
Aug	20	1 Copy Book	4 8
	23	1 Printed Board	6
	24	2 Darnell's Copy Books	1
Sept	2	2 La Roche's Ink	2 6
	12	Pastebound	1 9
	15	25 Small Pen, 1/2 6 Small White Paper	1 8
	17	1 Outline of 1/2 Cardboard	3
	19	1 Punch 1871	8
	23	Books Lancel 116d. 9 2/10 4/2	7
		" Paris. Med. Journal 2 "	5 6
		" Art Journal 1 "	2 6
		" Sunday at Home 1 "	10
		" Ford Works 1 "	6
	29	3 dy Pressure Labels	4
Oct	3	Books Punch 2 0/10	1 6
	5	3 Books Hottel Penit' Penholder	
	15	Daily fragments' Poetry Book 1/2	
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1871, now in the present writer's possession, describes the works in Bank Court as the "Caxton" Steam Printing Offices and further elaborates the range of Platt's business interests as: 'book, print, and music seller; commercial & general stationer, binder, machine ruler; letter-press and lithographic printer; account book manufacturer, engraver, die sinker, and embosser'. In addition to the main address, given as 2 Standishgate, the 1869 and 1881 directories state respectively that Platt's

'works' were at Bank Court and at Millgate,⁴⁰ which may perhaps indicate why Millgate was stated as the address of John Brown in *Holden's triennial directory* for 1811. Richard Platt's business appears through successive directories down to 1887, after which there seems to have been redevelopment and possibly renumbering of premises, as a result of which Richard Platt removed to premises in Wallgate and Dorning Street, and bankers moved into the premises in Standishgate (first Parr's Bank, the successor to Thicknesse and Woodcock's Wigan Bank, then the Westminster Bank), followed today (2015) by the National Westminster Bank (a new sandstone building erected in 1898), which claims the address at 2 Standishgate, as does also the jewellery business of Ernest Jones Ltd. However, it is reported that 'The painted render finish of the black and white building left of the bank covers brickwork of about 1800' and that 'the modillion (bracketed) cornice at roof level is typical of the period',⁴¹ so that this structure might, in fact, have survived from the time of John Brown's business at 2 Standishgate. Although the original buildings inhabited by John Brown are now hard to discover with any degree of precision, it is still evident in the twenty-first century that Brown occupied a prestigious site at the heart of one of the most important towns in Lancashire. It was in fact in this area that the leading citizens of the town, the burgesses, were located in the early nineteenth century and the burgage plots on which their properties were constructed evidence their medieval origins, when the burgesses would pay an annual rent of 12 pence to the Rector of Wigan, who was also the powerful Lord of the Manor, in exchange for plots of land containing 5 roods (1¼ acres). These were long, strips of land with narrow ends facing the street. To the rear, the backlands became infilled with rows of tightly packed 2-3-roomed cottages and cramped courts of houses, although some remained as small market gardens or orchards. The structure of this early planning and subsequent building development are clearly shown in the Ordnance Survey map of the town centre published in 1847. It accounts, for example, to several references to the Legs of Man inn, close by in Market Place, having been claimed to have had the longest bar room in the world, stretching all the way back, from 'top legs' to 'bottom legs' at Woodcock Street. However, we cannot now be certain how far back into this hinterland building development John Brown's premises might have extended.⁴²

⁴⁰ 'Standishgate and Millgate' is the address given in the imprint of Joseph Brown's *Masonry in Wigan, being a brief history of Lodge of Antiquity, no. 178, originally no. 235*, printed by 'Bro. R. Platt, 1882. This is expanded to 'Standishgate, Millgate and Wiend' on R. Platt's 1882 publication in 24 pages titled *Legend of the battle of Wigan Lane*.

⁴¹ So it is noted in Philip Powell's excellent architectural and historical study of Wigan: *Wigan town centre trail* (Wigan Metro. Bor. Council, 1986), p. 19.

⁴² Thanks are due to Rita Musa of the Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust for assistance in assembling the information relating to the tenancy of 2 Standishgate.

Catalogue of publications and items printed by John Brown of Wigan

Sources:

AL	Angus Library, Regent's Park College, Oxford
BL	British Library catalogue
Brown	Printer's catalogue at end of J. Jones, <i>Serious musings</i> (1822)
CaUL	Cardiff University Library
CL	Chetham's Library
CUL	Cambridge University Library
DB	David Brady, personal copy
DUL	Durham University Library
Fishwick	Henry Fishwick, <i>The Lancashire library</i> (London; G. Routledge and sons; Warrington, Percival Pearse; 1875)
Folkard	Henry Tennyson Folkard, <i>Wigan and district: a local record</i> (Wigan; J. Starr & Sons; 1916)
Hawkes	Arthur John Hawkes, <i>Lancashire printed books: a bibliography of all the books printed in Lancashire down to the year 1800</i> (Wigan; J. Starr & Sons; 1925)
HSCCMB	Hope Street Chapel Congregational, Minutes book [in Wigan Archives, Leigh Town Hall]
JRULM	John Rylands University Library of Manchester
MWL	Museum of Wigan Life
SOL	Microfilm. Atlanta, Ga.: SOLINET, 1998. 1 microfilm reel; 35 mm. (SOLINET/ASERL Cooperative Microfilming Project)
WA	Wigan Archives
WC	OCLC WorldCat

18--? ANON., *The life of Dr. Hugh Latimer*. [Engraving of an open Bible.] (Wigan: printed and sold by J. Brown, 2, Standishgate,) [n. d.] 8 pp. [Folkard, 67; MWL]

18--? [A bookplate. Begins:] *This book belongs to J. Brown's Circulating Library, No. 2, Standishgate, Wigan*. [Statement of membership terms, followed by advertisements:] *Books bound in elegant, neat, or plain bindings. Magazines, reviews, &c. regularly procured. Libraries, or parcels of books, purchased or taken in exchange. (J. Brown's Print.)* [WA]

18--? FOXLEY, Thomas, Curate of St. John Baptist, Chowbent, *Select portions of Dr. Brady's and Mr. Tate's version of the Psalms... also a collection of hymns, for the use of the congregation in St. John Baptist's Chapel, Chowbent... to be had of Mr. James Brown – Warden*. (Wigan; pr. by John Brown) 76 pp., 8vo [Hawkes 1052]

Hawkes suggested the date *c.* 1800, but added the note: 'The book has been dated [178-] in the Wigan Library printed Catalogue, but it cannot be so early; it is probably as late as 1810.'

18--? [Single sheet containing three verses of the national anthem. Headed:] *God save the King*. [First line:] *God save great George our king*. (J. Brown, printer; Wigan) [WA]

GOD SAVE THE KING.



God save great George our King,
Long live our noble King,

God save the King;
Send him, victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

O Lord our God arise,
Scatter his enemies,
And make them fall;
Confound their politics,
Frustrate their knavish tricks,
On him our hearts we fix,
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store,
On George be pleas'd to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.



J. BROWN, PRINTER, WIGAN.

- 18--? LAMBERHEAD GREEN AMICABLE SOCIETY, The, *Rules*. [Folkard, 62]
18--? ANON., *A picture book, consisting of ancient ruins, representations of persons of different nations, portraits of eminent military and naval officers and other interesting subjects*. [Folkard, 68 (sold at Bonhams on 27th November, 2012, Lot 139)]
1808 ADULT AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY, The, *Rules, orders and regulations for the government of the Adult and Sunday Schools Friendly Society, established under the patronage of the Hon. and Rev. Geo. Bridgeman, M.A., Rector of Wigan, and under the superintendance [sic] of the*

- Rev. B. Powell, Minister of St. George's.* (Wigan; printed by J. Brown, Standishgate;) [1808] 14 pp. [Folkard, 61; MWL]
- 1808 UNIVERSAL FRIENDLY SOCIETY IN WIGAN, The, *Rules and orders for the government of the Universal Friendly Society in Wigan, for raising and supporting a fund to maintain their sick and maimed, and burying their dead.* (Wigan; printed by J. Brown; 1808) 23 pp. [Folkard, 63; MWL]
- 1809? CLERGYMAN, A, *An account of John Thompson, a poor carpenter, of Marsh-Chapel [Lincoln], who died November 16th, 1809.* (Wigan; printed and published by J. Brown, No 2, Standishgate;) [n. d.] 18 pp. [Folkard, 68; MWL]
- 1809 ANON., *A companion to Beilby's Museum: containing a brief description of its natural and foreign curiosities, and antiquities.* (Wigan; printed by John Brown; 1809) 32 pp., 17 cm. [CL]
 With note on verso of title-page: 'John Beilby, proprietor of this select and elegant Museum, has been encouraged to present the following Pamphlet to the Public.'
- 1809 ANON., *Selections of psalms & hymns for the parochial chapel of Billinge.* [Folkard, 48]
- 1813 [Poster. Headed:] *Address to the public, Wigan, 24th of May, 1813.* [Being a plea for support of the Wigan Sunday School Penny Society and list of resolutions made at the meeting held on the 24th May 1813. Signed by S. Hollingsworth, Chairman. Imprint:] J. Brown, printer; Wigan.
 The 17th resolution records: 'That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Brown, for his liberal offer of printing for the Society gratuitously; and also, for his kind Services on a former occasion.'

ADDRESS TO THE PUBLIC.

WIGAN, 24th of MAY, 1813.

OF the duty, necessity, and importance of instructing the children of the Poor, in the doctrines and precepts of Christianity, there remains not a shadow of doubt. Reason, taught by experience, confesses the obligation which the Gospel imposes. Those who love Christ, will want no other motive to obedience, to exertion and zeal in this great cause, than the delightful prospect of "winning souls," of advancing the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, and promoting the honor and glory of God. It was on these grounds, that more than twenty-five years ago, the Church-Sunday-Schools of Wigan were instituted. It is on the same grounds, that their great and increasing necessities, continually outstripping the efforts and activity of their Patrons and Managers, have been so often pressed upon the attention of the Public. In the year 1812, the pecuniary distresses with which the Managers had to contend, assumed a most formidable aspect. Their expenses increasing with the rapid increase of their scholars during the last six years, from less than 100 to nearly 1100—their income declining—many plans of extension and improvement cramped, if not entirely impeded, by the want of means to carry them into effect; those circumstances, with many others which might be detailed, formed a claim upon the zeal of the Friends and Supporters of the Institution, upon the liberal contributions of all real Christians. Near was this claim urged in vain. Much was done in the course of the last Summer, in extricating the Managers from their serious embarrassments. Amongst other efforts of this nature, was the establishment of a Society, which promises, under the blessing of heaven, not only to provide a permanent income to the Sunday-Schools; but also to enlarge and extend to the bounds of possibility, the benefits which that establishment is calculated to produce in this populous Parish; but, in some measure, to interest the bulk of its people in the sacred cause.—A few young men, who had long been engaged as gratuitous Teachers in the School, observing the low state of it's Funds, were, on the 14th of June, 1812, led to form a Penny-Society for its relief. The first-fruits, amounting to £. 48 10s. 1d. were, on the 23rd of May, 1813, presented to the Managers. That such a sum should be collected from the poor in eleven months by the labour of a few individuals, was a fact, which at once demonstrated the practicality of their plan, and shewed the importance of its extension, of dividing the labour of collection, of simplifying its operations, and of establishing the Society, so far as was possible, on a sound and permanent basis. With these objects in view, a respectable meeting of the Subscribers took place, and the resolutions following, embracing the future Constitution of the "Wigan Sunday-School Penny-Society," received their unanimous approbation. To publish these proceedings was necessary for the information of the numerous Officers of the Society, and of the Inhabitants of those districts, whose enrollment in it's Classes was to be solicited. It was desirable to communicate a practical and striking lesson of economy to the laboring Poor; to convince them, that their co-operation would be followed by four-fold advantages to themselves and their families, in extending the benefits of the Schools—in increasing the distribution of the Holy Scriptures—in presenting to them the opportunity of performing a great Christian duty, binding upon all men—and it may be, through grace, the awakening in many of them, a sense of their own sinfulness, and of their personal need of a Redeemer. But further and more extensive usefulness was contemplated: it was hoped, that in making public the origin, progress, and final establishment of this Society, whilst a debt of gratitude was paid to it's Founders, a duty of charity and good-will to Christians of every Denomination was fulfilled, in shewing them how much, through the blessing of God, may be effected with small means, by zeal, energy, patience, and union.

At a Meeting of Subscribers to the "Wigan Sunday-School Penny-Society," held the 24th of May, 1813.

SAMUEL HOLLINGSWORTH, Esq. was called to the Chair.

THE MEETING was opened by SAMUEL HOLLINGSWORTH, Esq.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 1.—THAT the present and future Subscribers be divided into Classes of twelve Persons each, paying one Penny each weekly.
- 2.—THAT one Person of each Class, be Class-Collector.
- 3.—THAT the Classes be formed in general with a view to local circumstances, and so as to give the least possible trouble to Class-Collectors.
- 4.—THAT the present and future Classes be divided into Divisions, each containing ten Classes; and that the Class-Collectors of each Division, pay their Collections to a Division-Collector, monthly or oftener.
- 5.—THAT the Division-Collectors pay their Collections quarterly to a Treasurer.
- 6.—THAT the Treasurer place the Monies so received by him, in the WIGAN BANK; and that on the Anniversary of the Sunday-Schools in WIGAN under the Establishment, he pay the same, after deducting incidental Expenses, to the Managers of the said Schools for the time being, upon Trust for the general purposes of the Schools.
- 7.—THAT the Treasurer be empowered to appoint Class-Collectors and Division-Collectors, and to displace them when necessary; to appoint, at his discretion, meetings of the Committee hereafter to be constituted, and to exercise a general superintendance over the affairs of the Society.
- 8.—THAT the Committee be composed of the Treasurer as Chairman, of the Division-Collectors, and Class-Collectors.
- 9.—THAT the Committee be empowered to fill up the office of Treasurer when necessary; to appoint a Treasurer at their annual meeting; to treat on, and decide such affairs relating to the general interests of the Society, as the Treasurer may lay before them; and to inspect the Accounts.
- 10.—THAT an annual meeting of the Committee, take place on some day, to be fixed by the Treasurer, in the week preceding the Anniversary of the Wigan Sunday-Schools under the Establishment, when the Treasurer shall be appointed, the Reports of the Auditors received, and the general state of the Society examined.
- 11.—THAT the Class-Collectors from time to time report to their Division-Collectors, any vacancies that may occur in their several Classes, from any causes whatsoever; and that all due efforts be made to fill up such vacancies by soliciting new Subscribers.
- 12.—THAT Division-Collectors report to the Treasurer, any vacancies that may occur in Class-Collectors.
- 13.—THAT SAMUEL HOLLINGSWORTH, Esq. be requested to accept the office of Treasurer.
- 14.—THAT Mr. KARR be appointed Division-Collector for the Township of INCE, with most grateful acknowledgments of his past zeal and activity.
- 15.—THAT Messrs. JOHN FATHURST, T. W. CLARKE, and WILLIAM BAILEY, be appointed Division-Collectors for the Borough of WIGAN, with most grateful acknowledgments of their past zeal, activity, and judgment, in founding, and hitherto conducting the Society.
- 16.—THAT Mr. WOODCOCK & Mr. NEVILLE, be requested to accept the office of Auditors of Accounts.
- 17.—THAT the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. BROWN, for his liberal offer of Printing for the Society gratuitously; and also, for his kind Services on a former occasion.
- 18.—THAT offers from Ladies or Gentlemen to raise Classes, be gratefully accepted.

(Signed)

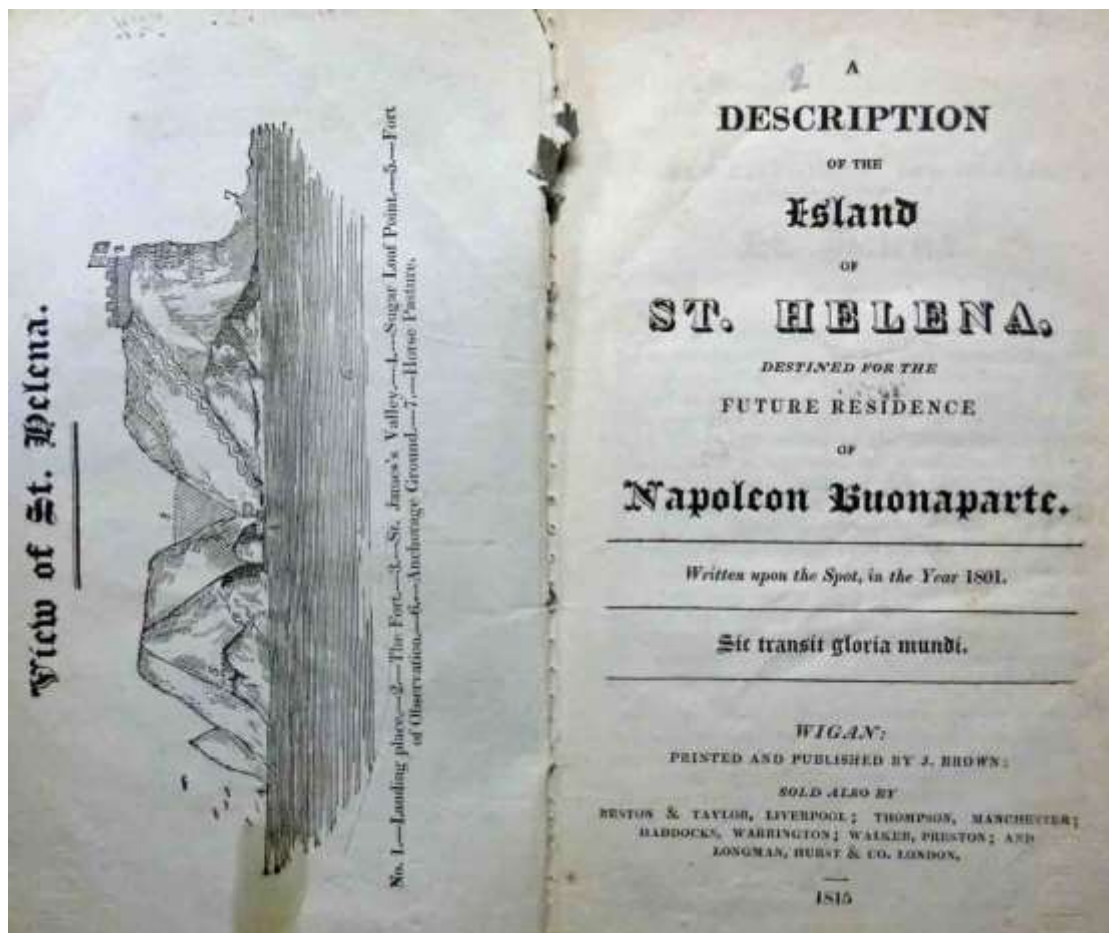
S. HOLLINGSWORTH, CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman having left the Chair, the thanks of the meeting were unanimously voted to him.

J. BROWN, PRINTER, WIGAN.

1814 [Begins:] *At a General Meeting of the Committee of the Penny Society, in aid of the Sunday Schools of Wigan, under the Establishment, held in the vestry of the Parish Church, on Monday the 20th June, 1814- Mr. S. Hollingsworth, in the chair, etc.* ([colophon:] J. Brown, printer, 2, Standishgate; Wigan) 3 pp. [WA]

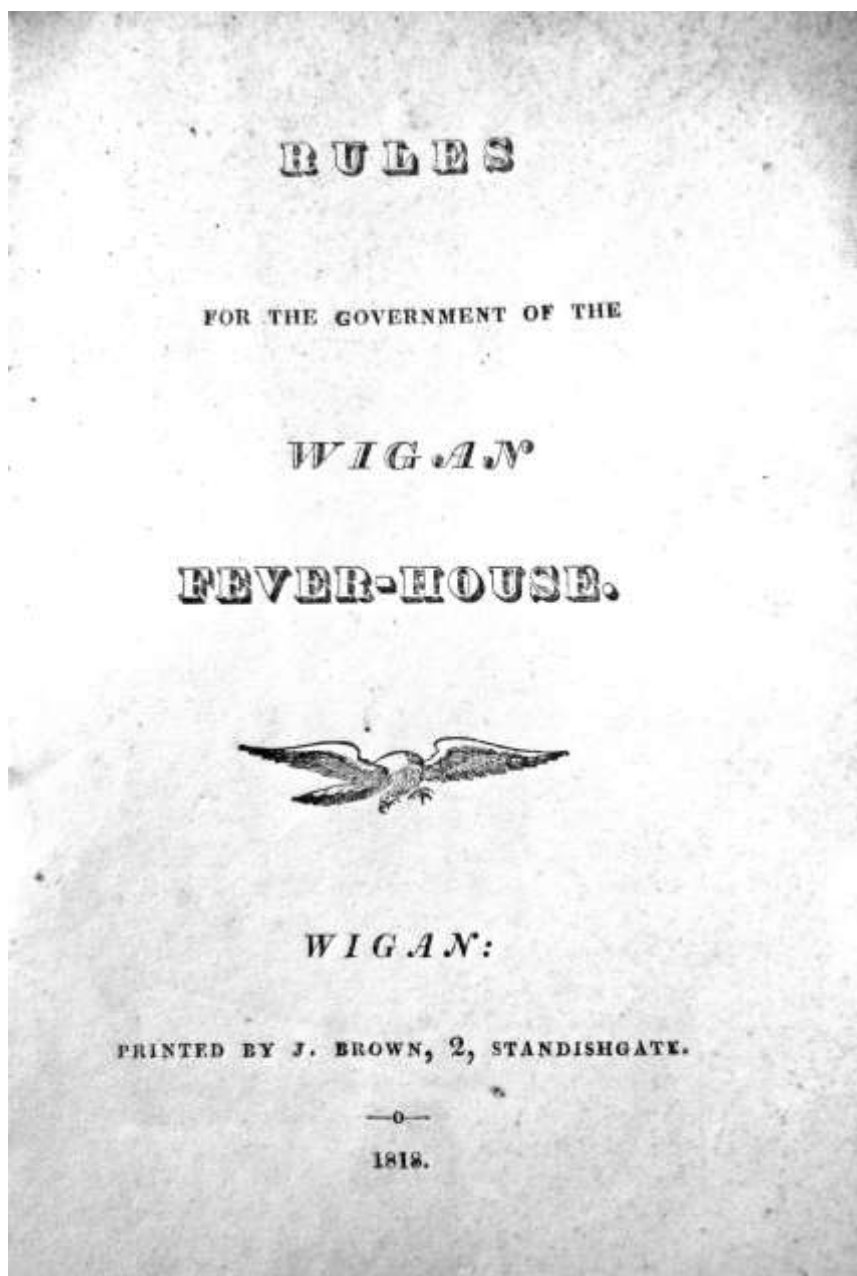
- 1814 *A sermon [on] (Ephesians v. 1-2), preached at Wigan to the Sunday School children under the establishment, on the evening of Thursday the 7th of July, 1814, being the day appointed for a general thanksgiving.* [MWL]
 Pasted in at front: single sheet containing dedicatory note beginning, 'My dear children...', signed T.P. (J.P.?, i.e. Joseph Parkin? See 'Memoir of the late Rev. Joseph Parkin, minister of the gospel at Wigan', *The evangelical magazine*, June 1809, p. 225), with imprint: Brown's print.
- 1815? LYON, George & others, *The trial at large of George Lyon, David Bennett, and William Houghton on an indictment for a burglary committed at Westwood-House, the residence of Charles Walmesley, esq. before the right honourable Sir Alexander Thompson, knight, Lord Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer, at the Assizes, held at Lancaster, on Monday, April 3, 1815. Le Gendre Starkie, esq., High Sheriff.* 2 preliminary leaves, [5]-28 pp., 21 cm. [WC; title-page reproduced in A. Miller, *George Lyon, Up Holland highwayman?* (Zaltbommel, 2001) p. 2]
- 1815 ANON., *A description of the island of St. Helena, destined for the future residence of Napoleon Buonaparte. Written upon the spot, in the year 1801.* 23 pp.; engr. frontis. [Folkard, 66; MWL]
 Gives an account of the island's inhabitants, food, livestock, climate, garrison, etc. and includes 'Remarks on Ascension Island'.



- 1815 WILSON, T. (1663-1755), Bishop of Sodor and Man, *Fornication forbidden both in the law and in the gospel. A sermon [on] (Ephes. v. 3, 4, 5) by the late Right Reverend T. Wilson, DD., Lord Bishop of Sodar [sic] and Man.*

- [Engraving of raspberry twig with leaves and fruit.] (Wigan; printed by J. Brown, Standishgate; 1815.) 14 pp., 12mo. [CaUL; Folkard, 68; MWL]
- 1816? THISTLETHWAITE, W., *Hymns to be sung at the parochial chapel of Hindley, on Sunday, September the 22nd, 1816, when sermons will be preached (morning and afternoon) by the Rev. W. Thistlethwaite, A.M., Minister of St. George's, Bolton: and collections made for the benefit of the Sunday-schools of that chapelry.* (Wigan; printed by J. Brown, 2, Standishgate;) [n. d.] 8 pp. [MWL]
- 1816 BUNYAN, John, *The Pharisee & publican; Paul's departure and crown; and The barren fig-tree, &c.* [With plates.] 3 pt. (The title "Bunyan's Miscellanies" occurs on the plates.) [BL]
- 1816 BUNYAN, John, *A true relation of the holy war: made by King Shaddai upon Diabolus, for the regaining of the metropolis of the world; or, the losing and taking again of the town of Mansoul... with practical and explanatory notes.* (Wigan; printed and sold by J. Brown, 2, Standishgate; 1816) [viii]+308 pp., plates: ill., 8vo. [BL; JRULM]
- 1816 ENGLISHMAN, An, *Remarks on the "Address to the spirited promoters of parliamentary reform, in Wigan". Addressed to Verus.* [Engraving of fleur-de-lys.] (Wigan; printed and sold by J. Brown; Sept. 1816) 8 pp. [Folkard, 8; MWL]
- A reply to *An address to the spirited promoters of parliamentary reform, in Wigan. By a friend to the cause.* [Signed] (Verus, Wigan, September 13, 1816.) [Colophon:] F.B. Wright, printer, Liverpool. 4 pp. This was written in answer to Amicus. See *Miss Weeton's journal of a governess*, vol. II (Newton Abbot, 1969) pp. 149 f, where scornful comment and the names of the pamphlet writers appear to have been under discussion in a contemporary letter.
- 1816 JONES, William *et al.*, *The Biblical cyclopædia; or, dictionary of the Holy Scriptures: intended to facilitate an acquaintance with the inspired writings.* 2 vols., [2] folded leaves of plates, maps, 22 cm. (London, printed for the author, by Whittingham and Rowland, Goswell Street. Sold by Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Browne; Baldwin, Cradock and Joy; F. and C. Rivington; Gale and Fenner; W. Button and Son; T. Hamilton; Sherwood, Neely, and Jones; and Ogles, Duncan, and Cochran, ...Simpkin and Marshall, ...J. Hatchard, ... J. Seely, ...Oliphant, Waugh and Innes, Edinburgh; Andrew and J.M. Duncan, Glasgow; and J. Brown, Wigan) [AL]
- 1817? FOSTER, Jacob Kirkman, *A sermon preached in St. Stephen's Church, Rochdale, on Sunday evening, October 12th 1817: on occasion of the sudden and lamented death of the late Rev. Thomas Littlewood, thirty-two years Minister of the Baptist Church in Rochdale.* 2nd ed. (Rochdale; printed and sold by J. Littlewood, Law and Whitaker..., Baines..., Richardson..., and Brown, Wigan; [1817?]) 20 pp., 18 cm. [AL]
- 1817 SMITH, Thomas, Rev., *The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy: a discourse from Revelation, XIX, 10.* [Anon.] (London; sold by Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, & Brown; also by Brown, Wigan; Rogerson, and Deans, Manchester; Reston and Taylor, Liverpool; and Mrs. Walker, and Clarke, Preston; 1817) [colophon:] J. Brown, printer, 2, Standishgate, Wigan. 32 pp. [Folkard, 68; MWL (2 copies, one with contemporary proprietary inscription at head of title-page: 'Wm. Harris', i.e. William Tell Harris?)]
- 1818 GENTLEMAN, A, *Remarks on the late anonymous publication, entitled A re-statement, &c. relating to the Wigan chapels. By a gentleman. To which is added a true statement of facts, &c. by a friend to truth.* (Printed by J. Brown,

- Wigan; and sold by Andrews, 8, Drake-street, Red Lion-square, and Keating & Co. Duke-street, Grosvenor-square; Clarke, Wilcockson, and Whittle, Preston; Wilcockson, Blackburn; Bibby, Chorley; Cocker, Ormskirk; Gardner, Bolton; Gale, and Rogerson, Manchester; Gore, Grapel, and Lynch, Liverpool; Haddocks, Warrington; Bolland, York; Simpson, Wolverhampton; Andrews, Durham; and Brown, and Lyon, Wigan; 1818) 30pp., 22 cm. [DUL]
- 1818 PLOWDEN, Charles, President of Stonyhurst College, *The case is altered, in a letter addressed to the Roman Catholics of Wigan*. 8vo. (London; sold by Andrews... and Keating & Co. ...; sold also by Brown, and Lyon, Wigan... printed by J. Brown, Wigan; 1818) [ii]+21 pp. [BL; DB; Folkard, 37; MWL]
 An answer to: THOMPSON, Richard (1762-1841, of Weld Bank, Vicar-general of the Lancashire district, *The case stated of the Wigan Catholic chapels, in two letters, etc. To which are added, (as an appendix) Mr. Walmsley's two letters to the Rev. R. Thompson as made public by himself*. (Wigan; D. Lyon; 1818) 8vo. The controversy dealt with the advisability of building the two churches, St. John's and St. Mary's, so near together. The title would appear to be derived from an incident in the life of the lawyer Edmund Plowden (1517-8-1584-5): 'On one occasion he was defending a gentleman charged with hearing Mass, and detected that the service had been performed by a layman for the purpose of informing against those who were present, whereon he exclaimed, "The case is altered; no priest, no Mass," and thus secured an acquittal. This incident gave rise to the common legal proverb, "The case is altered, quoth Plowden."' See also WALMESLEY, below.
- 1818 POWELL, B., *A sermon preached in the Parish Church of Wigan, in the afternoon of Sunday, 14th June, 1818, for the benefit of the Sunday Schools*. (Wigan; printed and sold by J. Brown, sold also by Mrs. Lyon; Wigan; and Messrs. Haddocks, Warrington) 22 pp. [MWL]
- 1818 ANON., *To their brethren the Catholics of Wigan, and to the public at large, the following statement of facts is humbly submitted*. (J. Brown, printer; Wigan; 1818) 7+[1] pp., 19 cm. [DUL]
 Printer's details from colophon. Signed, p. 7, 'Wigan, January 7th, 1818.' Concerns the building of the Catholic chapel in Wigan.
- 1818 WALMESLEY, Charles (1781-1833), O.S.B., D.D., F.R.S., of Westwood, Vicar Apostolic of the Western district of England, *A short address to the Catholics of Wigan, occasioned by the Rev. Richard Thompson's "Case stated of the Wigan Catholic chapels", together with the whole of the correspondence between the Rev. Mr. Thompson and himself*. [Folkard, 38]
 The second of two pamphlets printed by Brown (see PLOWDEN above) for disputing parties of Catholics in Wigan, pro- and anti-Jesuit, relating to the efforts made by Charles Plowden of Stonyhurst to restore Jesuit rights in the neighbourhood. Ultimately Bishop Gibson gave some sort of satisfaction to both parties by permitting each party to keep their separate chapels: Jesuit St. John's and secular St. Mary's.
- 1818 WIGAN.- Catholic Chapel, *New Catholic Chapel, in Wigan, under the patronage of the bishop of the district*. [J. Brown, printer; Wigan; 1818] 1 sheet, 32 x 21 cm. [DUL]
 A printed handbill reporting on the laying of the foundation stone of the new Catholic chapel in Wigan.
- 1818 WIGAN FEVER-HOUSE, *Rules for the government of the Wigan Fever-house*. [Engraving of a bird hovering.] (Wigan; printed by J. Brown, 2, Standishgate; 1818) 8 pp. [WA]
 A report on measures agreed at a special meeting of subscribers, held on the 20th July 1818, in Wigan Dispensary, James Cardwell in the chair, regarding the propriety of establishing a house for the reception of poor persons attacked with the contagious fever currently prevalent in Wigan and neighbourhood, as an appendage to the Dispensary. The committee appointed to superintend the Fever-house consisted of Messrs. Cardwell, Woodcock, Nevill, Bolton, Newsham, Rymer, and Anderton.



- c.1820 FOULDS, Nanny, *Verses composed by Nanny Foulds, of Great Harwood, near Blackburn, on the death of her two sons, (Richard and Thomas.)* 1 sheet. 16 x 19 cm. [BL]
- 1820s? [Thicknesse papers.] [Referred to in letter of Samuel Harris, 26th Sept. 1828.]
- 1820 DIXON, Myles C., *A letter addressed to the members of the Methodist Society, and to the friends of Methodism in the Lancaster Circuit, in reference to the Rev. W[illiam] C[arus] Wilson's History of William S.* (Wigan; printed by J. Brown; 1820) 12 pp., 20 cm. [DUL; WC]
- 1820 DIXON, Myles C., *A sermon preached in the Methodist Church, Lancaster, August 13th, 1820.* 12 pp., 18 cm. [SOL MN09016.10 FUG]
- 1820 JONES, Joseph, *Reasons for admitting the divine origin of revelation* (London; Wigan [printed]; 1820) [BL; Brown]
- 1821 DIXON, Myles C., *Hungering and thirsting after righteousness: the substance of a sermon, delivered to a congregation consisting principally of Negro*

- slaves, before the district meeting, in the Methodist Chapel, St. John's, Antigua, West Indies.* 12 pp., 18 cm. [SOL MN07831.08 FUG]
- 1821 JONES, Joseph, *The cottage minstrel; or serious and moral songs, intended for young people of the lower orders.* [Brown; Folkard, 67]
- 1821 JONES, Joseph, *Cottage poems.* [Brown, Folkard, 67]
- 1821 JONES, Joseph, *Prayers for the use of families, compiled from the Book of Common Prayer.* (London; printed for Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Brown... by J. Brown; Wigan; 1821) vi+[i]+52 pp. [Brown; Folkard, 67; MWL]
- 1821 MINIMUS (pseud.), *An appeal to humanity in behalf of the heathen world particularly addressed to snuff-takers & tobacco-smokers in all Christian lands... Second edition.* 22 pp., 12mo. (Wigan; printed for the author, by J. Brown; and sold by W. Baynes & Son, London; 1821) [BL; DB photocopy; Folkard, 25]

Dated at end by author, who was possibly Samuel Harris (1767-1832).

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BY MINIMUS.

"He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in much."

"If therefore you have not been faithful in the UNRIGHTEOUS MAMMON, who will commit to your trust the TRUE RICHES."

JESUS CHRIST.

"I beseech you therefore as strangers and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war AGAINST THE SOUL."—ST. PETER.

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and all other Booksellers.

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Entered at Stationers' Hall

1821 ST. HELENS.- Friendly Society, Altered, amended, and additional rules, orders, and regulations of the Friendly Society, instituted and now held at the Tontine coffee house, in Saint Helens, in the county of Lancaster, made and agreed upon the fourth day of December, 1820. 8 pp. Printed in 1821 as in the

text there is a minute dated 'January 29th, 1821'. [BL, with ownership inscription: 'Jno. Glover. July 2nd 1821'.]

- c.1822 JONES, Joseph, *The cottager's conversations with his children*. [Brown]
c.1822 JONES, Joseph, *Poems*. [Brown]
c.1822 JONES, Joseph, *Prayers for every morning and evening in the week; designed for the use of children and young people of the lower orders; to which are added some Serious songs, intended to promote the cause of piety, virtue, and humanity* [Brown]
1822 JONES, Joseph, *Cottage lectures; or, tracts intended to lead the poor to the study of the Holy Bible*, vol. I (24 nos.), 288 pp. (Printed and sold by J. Brown; sold also by W. Baynes & Son... and J. Offor... London) [Brown, DB; Folkard, 67, JRULM]

COTTAGE LECTURES;

OR,

TRACTS

INTENDED TO LEAD THE POOR

TO THE STUDY

OF THE HOLY BIBLE.

Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

ST. JOHN, v. 39.

Hearken, my beloved Brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

ST. JAMES, ii. 5.

BY THE REV. JOSEPH JONES, M.A.

VOL. I.

Wigan:

PRINTED AND SOLD BY J. BROWN;

SOLD ALSO BY W. BAYNES & SON, 23, PATERNOSTER-
ROW, AND J. OFFOR, 44, NEWGATE-STREET,
LONDON.

1822.

- 1822 JONES, Joseph, *The martyrs: a poem*. [Folkard, 67]
1822 JONES, Joseph, *Serious musings*. [A verse anthology.] xii+[x]+118+[2] pp.
(London; printed for Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, & Brown; F.C. & J. Rivington; and G. & W.B. Whittaker; and Beilby & Knotts, Birmingham; by J. Brown, Wigan) 12mo., engraved frontis. signed A. Cooper. [DB, with handwritten signature 'B. Powell', i.e. possibly Benjamin Powell (1792-1861), who served as Vicar of St. George's, Wigan]



- 1822 WILCOCKSON, Isaac, *Authentic records of the Guild Merchant of Preston, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, in the year 1822: with an introduction, containing an historical dissertation on the origin of guilds, and a relation of all the different celebrations of the Guilda Mercatoria, of Preston, of which any records remain.* (Preston; printed and published by I. Wilcockson, sold also by C. Clarke, Lancaster; T. Kaye, Liverpool; T. Sowler, Manchester; T. Rogerson, Blackburn ; J. Ogle, Bolton; J. Brown, Wigan; and all other booksellers in Lancashire; 1822) iv, [9]-128 pp., [2] leaves of plates, illustrations, portrait, 22 cm. [BL, JRULM]
- 1823? FRIEND TO FREE INQUIRY, A, *The main pillar of Trinitarianism; the doctrine of the two natures of Christ.* [Colophon:] Printed and sold by J. Brown, Wigan. 4 pp. [Folkard, 24]
- 1823 FRANCE, William (1781-1850), *The faith once delivered to the saints, defended: being the substance of three sermons [on 1 John ii. 23] on the consistency, truth, and importance of the generally received opinion concerning the person of Christ; preached in the Methodist-chapels, Bolton* (Bolton; London; Manchester; Liverpool; Preston; Blackburn; Wigan; Warrington: printed by J. Ogle, and sold by T. Blanshard, 14, City Road, Baldwin, Cradock, and Joy, Paternoster Row, London; J. Roberts, Manchester; T. Kaye, Liverpool; I. Wilcockson and L. Clarke, Preston; T. Rogerson, Blackburn; J. Brown, Wigan; and J. Harrison, Warrington) 102 pp., 22 cm. [BL, JRULM]
- 1823 FRIEND TO FREE INQUIRY, A, *Plain matters of fact, in an important case; or, Unitarianism and Trinitarianism contrasted and tried by Scripture.* (Wigan; printed and sold by J. Brown, Standishgate; 1823) 8 pp. [Folkard, 29, MWL]
- 1823 HART, Henry, *Antinomianism dissected; being a reply to Mr. Gadsby's pamphlet, entitled "Sandemanianism weighed in the balance and found wanting" in which the false weights of that author... are detected and exposed.*

- 52 pp. (London & Wigan) [BL; Samuel Harris letter of 26th Sept. 1828 refers to this as a specimen of Brown's typography]
- 1823 [Single sheet dated 1st January 1823. Begins:] *Report of the accounts of the Wigan Sunday Schools, [containing] subscribers' names, 1822 [and] an abstract of the Treasurer's account, to December 31st, 1822.* (J. Brown, printer; Wigan) [WA]
 The list of subscribers indicates that John Brown (Stationer) contributed half a guinea (£0.10.6).
- 1824? HARBOTTLE, Joseph, *The faith, hope and love of the Christian, vigorous in death: being the substance of a funeral discourse for Mr. Christopher Barnes, nearly forty years a member, and twenty-seven a deacon, of the Baptist Church, at Accrington, near Blackburn, Lancashire: preached in the Baptist Chapel, Accrington, Lord's day afternoon, May 23, 1824.* 31 pp., 19 cm. (London: sold by J. Houldsworth; Blackburn: T. Rogerson; Wigan: J. Brown; Colne: H. Earnshaw; Preston: J. Walker) [AL]
- 1824 [A poster. Begins:] *To be sold by auction, by order of the assignee of the estate and effects of Peter Lea, an insolvent debtor, at the house of Mr. William Haward, the Stork Inn, in Billinge... on Thursday the 15th day of April next.... all that messuage or dwelling-house... now in the occupation of John Glover, as tenant thereof... Wigan, March 13, 1824.* [Imprint:] J. Brown, printer, Wigan. [WA]

To be Sold BY AUCTION,

*By Order of the Assignee of the Estate and Effects of
PETER LEA, an Insolvent Debtor,*

**At the House of Mr. William Haward,
THE STORK INN,
IN BILLINGE,**

In the County of Lancaster,

**On THURSDAY the 15th Day of APRIL next,
THE SALE TO COMMENCE AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING;**

Subject to such Conditions as shall be then and there produced;

**ALL THAT
MESSUAGE**

OR

DWELLING-HOUSE,

With the Garden and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate at *Billinge* aforesaid, adjoining to the Highway leading from *Wigan*, in the said County, to *Billinge Chapel*, and now in the Occupation of JOHN GLOVER, as Tenant thereof, from Year to Year.

The Property is Freehold of Inheritance, and the Garden, as it contains a considerable Frontage to the Highway, affords very eligible Sites for the erection of Buildings.

The Tenant will shew the Property, and any further Information may be obtained on Application at the Office of JOHN LORD, Solicitor, Wigan.

Wigan, March 13, 1824.

J. BROWN, PRINTER, WIGAN.

- 1824 [A poster. Headed:] *Borough of Wigan, in the County of Lancaster.* [Begins:] *Notice is hereby given that a common hall, or meeting of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said Borough, will be held at the New Town Hall... on Monday the twenty-seventh day of September... for the purpose of considering and determining whether the tolls payable within the said Borough... shall or not be let by ticket, or otherwise, for a term of years... And also for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of removing the fish market and fish stones to some place... more commodious and convenient.* [Dated 20th September 1824 and signed:] *Mayor.* (J. Brown, printer; Wigan) [WA: copy with MS annotation and signature 'Thomas Darwell' above Mayor]
- 1825 ANON., *Hymns for the use of the parochial schools of Hindley.* [Folkard, 67]
- 1826? [Address for Scholes school.]
Referred to in Letters 6 and 11 from Samuel Harris to John Brown.
- 1826 JONES, Joseph, *Cottage lectures; or, tracts on the New Testament, intended to lead the poor to the study of the Holy Bible*, vol. III (12 nos.), pp. ii+144

- (Printed and sold by J. Brown; sold also by Wightman and Cramp... London)
[Brown, DB]
- 1826 KNOWLES, Francis (1784-1857), Minister of the Unitarian Chapel, Park Lane, Ashton, *A plain statement of the evidences of Christianity, divided into short chapters, with questions annexed to each, etc.* (London; Wightman & Cramp; Wigan; printed Brown). [BL, Folkard, 16]
- 1826 LAMBERHEAD GREEN AMICABLE SOCIETY, The, *Amended articles to be observed by the Amicable Society at Lamberhead Green, in the township of Pemberton, for raising and supporting a fund for the maintenance of their sick and maimed, and interring their dead, first established and formed on Saturday the sixth day of January, 1787.* (Wigan; printed, by J. Brown; 1826) 22 pp. [MWL]
- 1827 JONES, Joseph, *Cottage lectures; or, tracts intended to lead the poor to the study of the Holy Bible*, vol. III (12 nos., numbered 13-24), pp. iv, 145-288 (Printed and sold by J. Brown; sold also by Wightman and Cramp... London) [titlepage dated 1826 with statement 'Vol. V'] [Brown, DB]
- 1828 BLACKROD CHURCH, *Occasional hymns, for the use of Blackrod Church.* [Folkard, 66]
- 1829 BRIDGEMAN, George (1765-1832), Rector of Wigan, *Statement addressed to the owners and occupiers of land in the Parish of Wigan, on the subject of the claim of the rector to the tithe of hay, and the correspondence which passed thereon; by the committee appointed at a general meeting, the 14th of May, 1828.* (Wigan; printed by J. Brown, Standishgate; 1829) 25 pp. [Folkard, 3; MWL]
- 1829 [A poster. Headed:] *Borough of Wigan, in the County of Lancaster.* [Begins:] *The present Moot Hall, within the Borough of Wigan, having become ruinous and unsafe... it is absolutely necessary that it should be taken down and rebuilt, which affords a favourable opportunity of widening and improving the Wallgate Street... Notice is therefore hereby given that a public meeting, etc.* [Signed:] *Thomas Hardman, Mayor; Henry Bullock, Justice; Samuel Newsham [and] John Croudson, Sheriffs; William Acton [and] Robert Acton, Overseers.* Wigan, 3rd January, 1829. [Imprint:] J. Brown, printer, Standishgate, Wigan. [WA]
- 1830 KNOWLES, Francis (1784-1857), Minister of the Unitarian Chapel, Park Lane, Ashton, *An appeal to the English Unitarians, on the marriage question; conversations: with an appendix, containing an address intended to have been submitted to the consideration of the Annual General Meeting, of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, held, by adjournment from London, in Cross Street Chapel, Manchester, on the 17th of June, 1830.* (Wigan; printed and sold by J. Brown; sold also by Teulon and Fox, and G. Wightman, London; Forrest, Manchester; Wilmer, Liverpool; and the booksellers generally;) [1830] [CUL]
- 1831 KNOWLES, Francis (1784-1857), Minister of the Unitarian Chapel, Park Lane, Ashton, *Remarks on the proceedings of the Committee of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, relative to the Unitarian marriage question.* (Wigan; printed and sold by J. Brown; sold also by Teulon & Fox, and G. Wightman, London; Forrest, Manchester; Wilmer, Liverpool; and the booksellers generally; 1831) [ii]+14+[2] pp., 8vo. [CUL]

- 1832? ANON., *A selection of sacred music, to be performed in the Parish Church of Wigan, on Sunday, 15th Jan., 1832.* [Colophon:] Brown, printer. 4 pp. [MWL]
- 1832 JONES, Joseph, *Hymnology; or, a selection of hymns for private use.* (London; Wigan [printed]; 1832) [BL]
- 1832 WIGAN.- Hope Chapel Benevolent fund, *The first annual report of Hope Chapel Benevolent Fund, instituted January 1832... Miss Jane Aspull, Treasurer.* (Brown, printer; Wigan) [copy affixed in HSCCMB]
A single sheet containing design of the society, brief account, and names of committee and visitors.

The First
ANNUAL REPORT
 OF
HOPE CHAPEL BENEVOLENT FUND,
Instituted, January, 1832.

" Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need,
 and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the
 love of God in him." 1 John. iii. 17.
 " He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that
 which he hath given will he pay again." Prov. xix. 17.

DESIGN OF THE SOCIETY.

For the relief of the Sick Poor, who are Members or ac-
 credited Seat-holders in Hope Chapel, Wigan.

Cases relieved during the year,—21.

Dr.	<i>The Treasurer of Hope Chapel Benevolent Fund,</i>	Cr.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Amount of Sub. & Don. ..	14 17 11	Money expended ..
		Balance in hand ..
		2 17 2
	£14 17 11	£14 17 11

Committee and Visitors.

Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Lea, Mrs. Stock, Mrs. Ashton, Miss Glover, Visitor for Market-pl. Mrs. Stroyan, do. Wigan-lane & Standishgate. Miss Ashton, do. Millgate. Miss Heye, do. Hope Street. Miss Watts, do. Scholes. Mr. Alston, Mr. Holt,	Mr. Sleddon, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wm. Johnson, Mr. Milligan, Mr. Thos. Winward, Visitor for Wall- gate. Mr. Thos. Wood, do. Chapel- lane. Mr. Wm. Guttridge, do. Hallgate. Mr. Rd. Marsden, Mr. J. Holding.
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MISS JANE ASPULL, *Treasurer.*

Brown, Printer, Wigan

1833 [A poster. Headed:] *Wigan Adult Sunday School*, [followed by a list of the officers, summary cash account 8th April 1822-25th March 1833, and list of rules. Followed by the announcement:] *A sermon will be preached in the Parish Church of Wigan, on Sunday morning, April 7th, 1833, being Easter Day, by the Rev. Henry J. Gunning, A.M., Rector of Wigan, and a collection made to increase the funds.* (J. Brown, printer; Wigan) [WA]

WIGAN Adult Sunday School.

PRESIDENT: THE REV. HENRY J. GUNNING, A. M.

VICE-PRESIDENT: THE REV. J. HIGMLOW, A. M.

TREASURER: THOMAS WOODCOCK, Esq.

STEWARDS: MR. LUKE ASHTON, MR. COLLETT.—SECRETARY: JOHN WOODCOCK, Esq.

The above-named Gentlemen, with the addition of THE REV. J. K. GLAZERBOOK, A. B. and
THE REV. JOSHUA FALEY, A. B. form the Committee.

Cash Account from the 26th April, 1833, to the 23rd March, 1834.

	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
To Balance brought forward from last Account	0 12 1	By Sundry Payments to Sick Members	5 10 0
Cash in the Bank at that time	0 0 0	Do. to Teachers, &c.	12 10 0
Collection after a Sermon in the Parish Church, by the Rev. G. L. Swainson, A. M.	33 6 3	Printing and Stationery	1 1 0
Interest allowed at the Bank	0 11 3	Do. for Candles, Cleaning, &c.	2 0 0
		Balance on hand	0 1 7
		Cash in the Bank	7 5 3
£20 0 0		£20 0 0	

THE RULES.

- 1st.—That this Institution be for the religious instruction of Adults; and that the School open in the morning and close in the evening with prayer.
- 2nd.—That the Institution be under the management of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, two Stewards, a Secretary, and a Committee, any three of whom shall be competent to act.
 - 1.—That the Scholars shall attend every morning at nine, and every evening at six o'clock, or forfeit one halfpenny. No excuse to be received except in case of sickness, or attendance on the funeral of a relation.
 - 2.—That every Teacher shall, for his services and labours, receive five shillings per quarter, and that for non-attendance without leave, or being too late, he shall forfeit three pence.
 - 3.—That, with leave of the Rector, there shall be an annual collection after a Sermon in the Parish Church, for defraying the expenses of the School.
 - 4.—That every Scholar shall have been regular in his attendance six months, before he be relieved in case of sickness; and that the relief be one shilling a week, while the funds allow such relief.
 - 5.—That any scholars be excluded for gross irregularities, either in or out of School.
 - 6.—That the Committee shall not grant assistance to any Scholar whose sickness is caused by impropriety of conduct.
 - 7.—That every member of the school attend divine worship, morning and afternoon of the same day.
 - 8.—That the Committee meet in the Free Grammar School of Wigan, every quarter-day, at twelve o'clock.
 - 9.—That the Secretary be empowered to convene the Committee, as occasions may require, or at the request of any member.
 - 10.—After any sick member shall have received relief for three successive months, his pay shall be suspended, and he shall not be entitled to relief, until he has again attended the School regularly for six months.
 - 11.—That no sick member receiving relief, for shorter periods, can again be entitled to relief, until the expiration of three months from the last time he was on the books.

SERMON

WIGAN: BY ARRANGEMENT

IN THE PARISH CHURCH OF WIGAN,

On Sunday Morning, April 7th, 1833, being Easter Day.

BY THE REV. HENRY J. GUNNING, A. M. RECTOR OF WIGAN.

And a Collection made to increase the Funds.

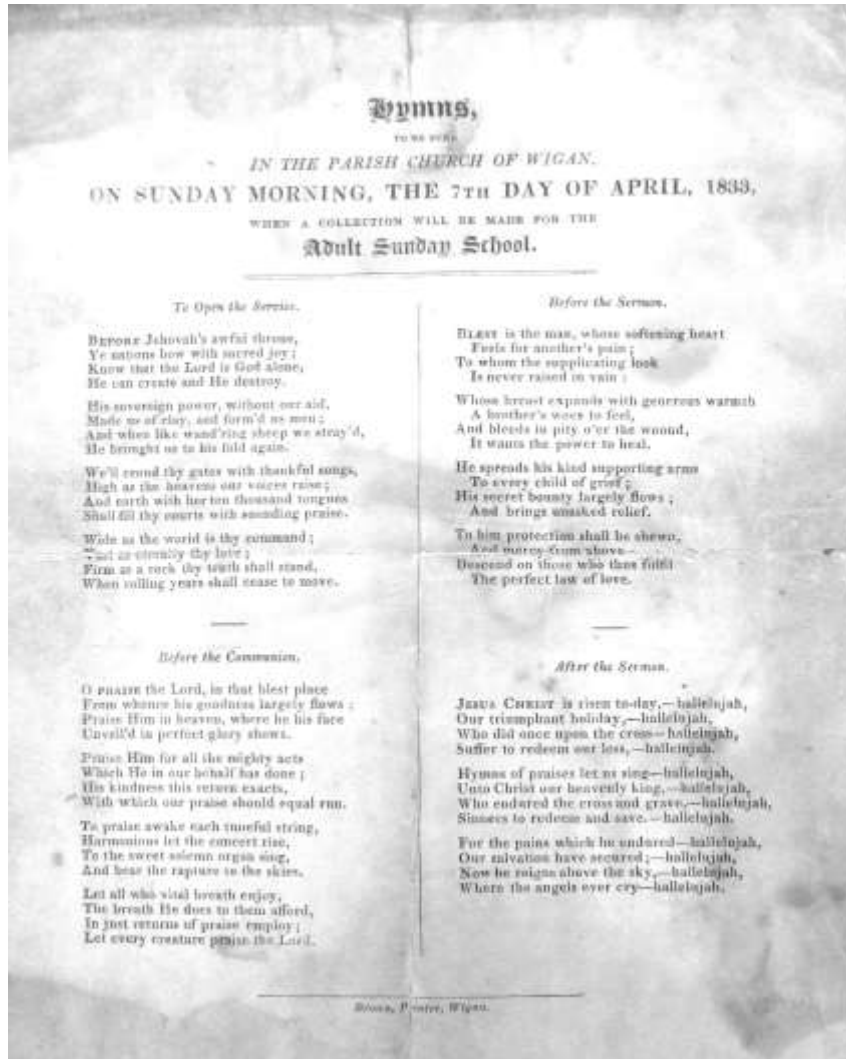
Appropriate HYMNS and ANTHEMS will be sung during Divine Service.

The School has been established twenty years. The Scholars now amount in number to two hundred and eleven, of all ages from sixteen to sixty-nine, and they continue to meet in the FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS. The effects of reading the Scriptures, and of the quiet serious way of spending the Sabbath, are visible in the contented appearance of the Scholars amidst all their privations; and their brotherly love to each other has induced them to enter into a voluntary association, for the purpose of providing, by a small subscription, for the funeral, and of assisting the widows, of the members who depart this life, which in every instance has been found a source of consolation and relief in times of great distress and affliction.

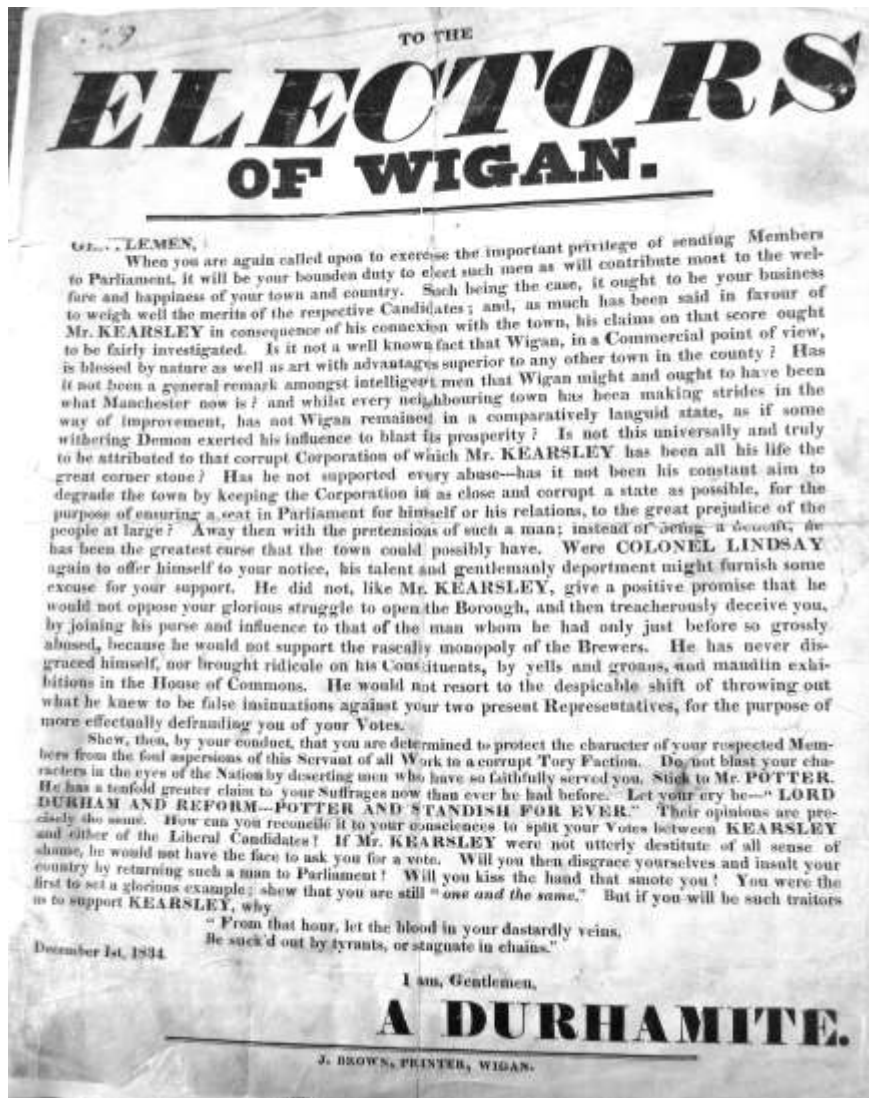
The Funds are applied to the further relief of the sick. The School has hitherto been supported by Church Collections, without any subscriptions. The last Collection was made at the Parish Church, on the 15th May, 1832.

J. BROWN, PRINTER, WIGAN.

1833 [Single sheet. Begins:] *Hymns to be sung in the Parish Church of Wigan, on Sunday morning, the 7th day of April, 1833, when a collection will be made for the Adult Sunday School.* [Four hymns. Imprint:] (Brown, printer; Wigan) [WA]



- 1833 STEILL, Alexander (1768-1832), Congregational Minister of St. Paul's Chapel, Wigan, [Sale] catalogue of the late A. Steill of Wigan, consisting of a choice collection of the classics... to be sold, etc. [Folkard, 35]
- 1834 ANON., *Billinge hill scenery: an offering to Billinge bazaar.* [Folkard, 48]
- 1834 LAMBTON, J.G., Earl of Durham, *Speech of the Earl of Durham, at the Newcastle dinner, Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1834.* (Extracted from *The Sun newspaper.*) [Colophon:] Printed by J. Brown, Standishgate, Wigan. 8 pp. [Folkard, 67]
- A rousing appeal for political reform.
- 1834 [Broadside. Begins:] *To the electors of Wigan.* [Signed:] A Durhamite. *December 1st, 1834.* [Imprint:] J. Brown, printer; Wigan. [WA]
- An election paper denouncing the Tory J.H. Kearsley and promoting the election ticket of the Whigs Richard Potter and the Earl of Durham in the 1835 parliamentary elections.



1835 KNOWLES, Francis (1784-1857), Minister of the Unitarian Chapel, Park Lane, Ashton, *The balance of scriptural evidence on Trinitarianism and Unitarianism, etc.*, 3 vols. (London, Wigan printed). [Folkard, 16]

1835 LOVE, S., Canon, *Lines written on hearing a robin sing in church; printed for the Wigan bazaar.* [Folkard, 67; MWL]

With different title on green-paper wrapper: ‘Bazaar for the Infant and Sunday School, Wigan, May 13th and 14th, 1835’ (see illus. below).



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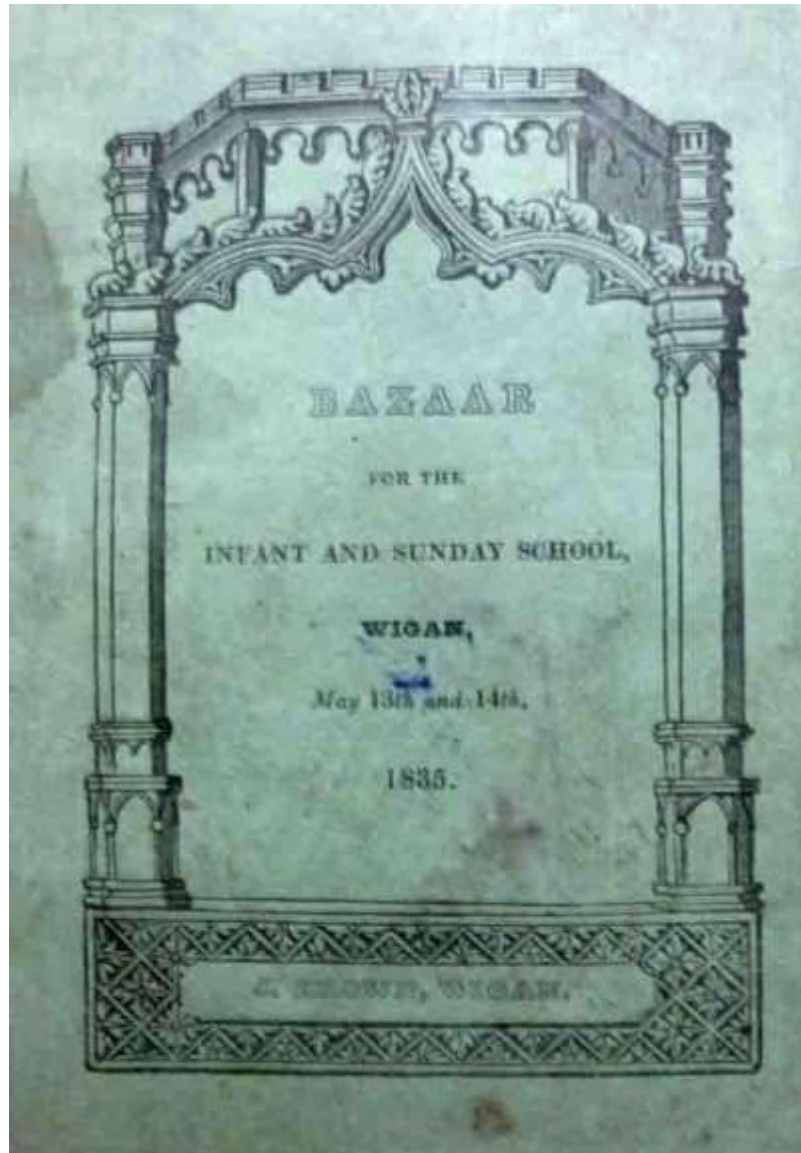
Printed for the Wigan Bazaar.



J. BROWN, PRINTER, WIGAN.

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- 1835 WIGAN CATCH AND GLEE CLUB, *Rules of the Wigan Catch and Glee Club*. [Engraving of festooned lyre.] (Wigan; printed by J. Brown, Standishgate; 1835) 5 pp. [Folkard, 61; MWL]
- 1836 ANON., *An address to the Protestants of Wigan, in refutation of the Rev. Mr. Middlehurst's arguments in support of the doctrine of purgatory; shewing from the Scriptures, that that doctrine is not to be received or believed on the testimony of tradition, as a part of divine truth, nor yet on the authority of the Church of Rome, nor on any other authority, save divine, and also proving the Church of Rome to be diametrically opposed in her character to the Church of Christ*. (Wigan; J. Brown, Standishgate; 1836) 26 pp. [MWL]
- 1836 CROOK, George (d. 1836), Baptist, *Conversations on baptism; occasioned by "A dialogue on the subject and mode of baptism" ... Second edition*. [Edited by John Crook.] (Wigan; printed and sold by J. Brown; sold also by G. Wightman; 1836) iv+50 pp., 8vo. [BL; CUL; Folkard, 7; OUL]
- 1836 DUGDALE, Robert (1810-1887), *The death of saints an event of peculiar interest in the sight of God: being the substance of a sermon [on Psalm cxvi; 15] delivered in the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Wigan, June 5, 1836*.

(London; Wigan; Blackburn: sold by J. Mason, City Road; also by J. Brown, Wigan; and R. Wood, Blackburn; 1836) 16 pp., 22 cm. [JRULM]

1836 *Wigan Operatives' Reform Association. The Establishment of the Wigan Operatives' Reform Association, etc.* [A placard explaining their principles. Dated: 30 Oct. 1836.] 1 sheet. fol. [BL]

1837 [A large poster proclaiming Queen Victoria's accession to the throne, headed by the letters V. and R., divided by an engraved royal emblem. Begins:] *The Mayor begs to inform the Inhabitants of the Borough, that it is his intention to proclaim her Majesty, Queen Victoria, at the usual places within the boundaries, on Thursday next. He begs therefore to invite the attendance of as many of the Inhabitants as can make it convenient to accompany him in Procession for that purpose. The Procession will move from the Town Hall at Eleven o'Clock. Wigan, July 3rd, 1837. [J. Brown, printer]. [WA]*



1837 WHITAKER, J.W., *The statutes and charter of Rivington School, in the County of Lancaster, with a memoir of the founder, the right reverend James Pilkington, B.D., Lord Bishop of Durham* (London; Whittaker, Treacher, and

- Co.; Bancks and Co., Manchester, and J. Brown, Wigan; 1837) v+244 pp. [CL; CUL; Fishwick, 170]
- 1838 LINDSAY, Alexander William Crawford (1812-1880), 25th Earl of Crawford and 8th Earl of Balcarres, Baron Wigan, *Poems and poetical fragments*. [iv]+107 pp., large 4to with wide margins. [Folkard, 19; MWL (two copies with handwritten inscriptions: {1} ‘James Lindsay, from his very affect^e brother, the Author. 15 Aug./38’; {2} ‘Mrs. Dawkins Pennant with the Author’s Brother’s kind regards 1845’⁴³.)]
- 1838 POWELL, Benjamin (1792-1861), Vicar of St. George’s, Wigan, *Letter to the Right Hon. the Earl of Balcarres, in reply to the unfounded aspersions of his lordship, on the character and conduct of the Rev. B. Powell*. [Folkard, 30]
- 1838 POWELL, Benjamin (1792-1861), Vicar of St. George’s, Wigan, *Sermon preached in the Parish Church of Wigan [on Mark xiv. 7] in the afternoon of Sunday, 14th June, 1818, for the benefit of the Sunday schools*. [Folkard, 30]

⁴³ Elizabeth, daughter of William Henry Bouverie of Betchworth House, Surrey, married George Hay Dawkins Pennant (1764-1840) of Penrhyn Castle, Caernarvonshire and 56 Portland Place, Middlesex on the 4th May 1814. Dawkins Pennant was MP for Newark, 1814-1818 and for New Romney, 1820-1830. The following note may be of additional interest: ‘Richard Dawkins, the secularist campaigner against “intolerance and suffering”, must face an awkward revelation: he is descended from slave owners and his family estate was bought with a fortune partly created by forced labour. One of his direct ancestors, Henry Dawkins, amassed such wealth that his family owned 1,013 slaves in Jamaica by the time of his death in 1744. The Dawkins family estate, consisting of 400 acres near Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, was bought at least in part with wealth amassed through sugar plantation and slave ownership. Over Norton Park, inherited by Richard Dawkins’s father, remains in the family, with the campaigner as a shareholder and director of the associated business.’ (Adam Lusher, ‘Slaves at the root of the fortune that created Richard Dawkins’ family estate’, *The Telegraph*, 19 Feb. 2012.)

Principal sources referred to in the footnotes

Manuscript:

- BC* Burgess certificates, in Wigan Archives, Leigh Town Hall (call no. AB/MR13)
- BCBLSW* Baptists Church book, Lord Street, Wigan (containing an account of the founding and early days of Lord Street Baptist Church, records of events, and transcripts of some early letters written by the church), presently (in 2014) kept with other documents on the church premises of Wigan Baptist Church, Scarisbrick Street, Wigan
- PB* Poll books for the Borough and Corporation of Wigan: (1) 1830; (2) 1st March 1831; (3) 4th May 1831; (4) 1832, in Wigan Archives, Leigh Town Hall (call no. SR1/18/B)
- RP* Riot papers, 1831, in Wigan Archives, Leigh Town Hall (call no. D/DX/AP/G2)
- WTCMB* Borough of Wigan Town Council: Minute Book, 1835-1841, in Wigan Archives, Leigh Town Hall (call no. CB/Wi/A1/1)

Printed:

- Baines, *DW* E. Baines, *Directory of Wigan* (1825) (available on-line at <http://www.wiganworld.co.uk/stuff/townd1825.php?opt=townd1825>)
- CSP* [A. Hodgson & E.J. Bamford,] *The chronicle of St. Paul's [Independent Church, Wigan]* [n. pl.; n. publ.]; 1977
- Folkard, *WD* H.T. Folkard, *Wigan and district: a local record* (Wigan; J. Starr; 1916)
- PEMP* *The poll for the election of Members of Parliament for the Borough and Corporation of Wigan* (Wigan; printed by W. & G. Lyon; 1820) [two copies, with different manuscript additions, in Wigan Archives, Leigh Town Hall (call no. SR1/18/B)]
- Roaf, *EPL* W. Roaf, *Ebenezer: a pastoral letter, No. 1. to the church and congregation assembling in St. Paul's Independent Chapel, Standishgate, Wigan* (London; Partridge and Oakey; 1847)
- Robinson, *LCU* W.G. Robinson, *A history of the Lancashire Congregational Union, 1806-1956* (Manchester; Lancashire Congregational Union; 1955)
- Sellers, *PF* I. Sellers, *Pathways to faith: a history of Wigan Baptist Church 1796-1996* (Wigan; n. publ.; 1996)
- Whelan, *BA* T. Whelan, *Baptist autographs in the John Rylands University Library of Manchester* (Macon, GA; Mercer UP; 2009)