

Mayor Kipling



Edward Kipling was the mayor of Darlington (1869-70). He was born on Christmas Day 1807 in Darlington, the son of Francis Kipling and Jane (nee Teasdale) (see [The Kipling Carpet Manufacturers of Darlington](#)).

Edward married Charlotte Kane in 1834, who had been born in Nottingham. Her older sister Amelia married Edward's brother John. Charlotte and Amelia were daughters of Methodist minister Lawrence Kane.

DDR/EJ/MLA/1/1834/363 27 September 1834
allegation by Edward Kipling, of Darlington, County Durham, bachelor for marriage to Charlotte Kane, of Darlington, County Durham, spinster at Darlington, County Durham sworn before John Marriner (surrogate)

On the 30th ult., at Darlington, Mr. Edward Kipling, carrier, to Charlotte, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Mr. Kane, Wesleyan Minister.

By 1841, they had four children, Frances Elizabeth, Mary Jane, Charlotte and Eliza.

Name	Age	Parents	Notes
Edward Kipling	33	Yother Street	
Charlotte Kane	37		
Mary Jane	5		
Frances Elizabeth	4		
Charlotte	2		
Eliza	1		
Martha Atkinson	25	F. S.	
James Atkinson	19	F. S.	

Mount Pleasant, Darlington. 1841.

Edward was a leather merchant by trade and became a local dignitary, being an alderman, director of the Darlington District Joint Stock Banking Company and signatory (along with brother John) of an address to Queen Victoria in 1849 on the occasion of her visit to Darlington¹. He contributed a golden rose to the Darlington mayoral chain (See Appendix 1).

In 1848, he was elected one of the town's Guardians of the Poor (who oversaw the running of the town's poor relief, including the workhouse), along with his brothers John and Francis Kipling, although his partner Robert Teasdale just missed out.

¹ Visit of Queen Victoria. On the 28th of September, 1849, Darlington was once more in the route of a royal progress. Her present Majesty on her journey from Scot land to the Isle of Wight, most graciously consented to receive an address here. The Bank Top Station was repainted, and hung with evergreens and banners, platforms and terraces were prepared, floral crowns furnished, and all the petty splendour a rural town could muster was brought to bear on the event. At a public meeting, (Robert Henry Allan, esq., in the chair) the following address was decided upon, to be presented by the borough bailiff, such of the local nobility as could attend, the two members for the division, the magistrates of the district, the clergy and ministers of the town, together with Messrs. William Backhouse, Edmund Backhouse, Joseph Forster, Henry Hutchinson, John Kipling, Michael Middleton, Francis Mewbum, jun., Edward Kipling, James Overend, Joseph Pease, J. B. Pease, Nathaniel Plews, Henry Pease, J. S. Peacock, and George Allison

The following gentlemen have been elected Guardians for the Township of Darlington for the ensuing year, viz. :—J. B. Pease, Esq., 639 votes ; Jos. Pease, Esq., 557 ; Henry Pease, Esq., 523 ; J. C. Backhouse, Esq., 424 ; Edmund Backhouse, Esq., 423 ; Mr. Edward Kipling, 518 ; Mr. John Kipling, 512 ; Mr. Michael Middleton, 387 ; and Mr. Francis Kipling, 292. There were 13 other gentlemen nominated. A hand-bill was circulated previously to the election, stating that it was intended to propose the appointment of a paid chaplain to the workhouse, and the nine gentlemen elected are supposed to be opposed to such a proposition. On this the contest mainly hinged, the members of the Church taking little or no part in it. The spiritual wants of the inmates are at present inadequately provided for by the gratuitous attendance of their clergymen, whose parochial duties render it impossible to discharge this most onerous and responsible office so effectually as is imperatively required by the wants of the inmates.

Durham County Advertiser - Friday 14 April 1848

In 1851 and 1861, the family was living at 5 Paradise Row, Darlington.

Andrew Kipling	Edward Kipling	Head	Mar	43	General Merchant	26 Workmen	de Darlington
Charlotte do	do	Wife	Mar	46			de Darlington
Mary Jane do	do	Serv	do	15	Schooler		de Darlington
Francis do	do	do	do	18	do		do do
Charlotte do	do	do	do	15	do		do do
Eliza do	do	do	do	7	do		do do
Louisa Edwards	do	Serv	do	29	House Servant		de Darlington
Jane Kipling	do	do	do	28	do		de Darlington

1851

Edward Kipling	Head	Mar	43	General Merchant	de Darlington
Charlotte do	Wife	do	50	do	de Darlington
Mary Jane do	Serv	do	25	do	de Darlington
Francis do	do	do	23	do	de Darlington
Charlotte do	do	do	20	do	de Darlington
Eliza do	do	do	14	do	de Darlington
Elizabeth Hammond	Serv	do	14	Housemaid	de Darlington
Margaret Lewis	do	do	23	Coal	de Darlington

1861

In 1852, he was a witness to his brother John's will.

Edward Kipling

In the 1858 Post Office directory, he is described as being in business with Robert Teasdale at Prebend Row. The Teasdales were a farming family from Cockerton, now a suburb of Darlington but then a village outside it to the NW. John Teasdale had a number of children, including Jane, Edward's mother, Thomas and John (who were executors of Francis Kipling's will alongside his elder sons John and Francis). Robert Teasdale (b1811) married Edward's sister Mary in 1836. The other two Kiplings mentioned are more distant family members (see [The Kiplings of Darlington](#)).

Post Office Directory of Northumberland & Durham, 1858

Kipling Edward & Teasdale Robert, curriers & leather merchants, Prebend row
 Kipling John, bricklayer & registry office for servants, Laurel cottage, Bondgate
 Kipling John, cabinet maker & upholsterer, Grange road
 Kirton John, painter & shopkeeper, 7 Blackwell gate
 Kyle Gibson, architect, civil engineer & surveyor; offices, Houndgate, & 47 North Bailey, Durham

50	5	de	1	Edward Kipling	Head	23	Currier & Leather Merchant	de	Prebend Row
				Charlotte de	Wife	25	de	de	de
				Mary Jane de	Wife	25	de	de	de
				Elizabeth de	de	20	de	de	de
				Eliza de	de	19	de	de	de
				Elizabeth Kipling	de	23	Housemaid	de	de
				Margaret de	de	23	Coal	de	de

1861 Paradise Row, Darlington

Wife Charlotte died in 1862 and daughter Eliza married John T Booth in 1866.

Edward Kipling	Head	23	Currier & Leather Merchant	de	Prebend Row
Mary J. de	Wife	25	de	de	de
Elizabeth de	de	20	de	de	de
Eliza de	de	19	de	de	de
Elizabeth Kipling	de	23	Housemaid	de	de
Margaret de	de	23	Coal	de	de

1871 (street renamed Paradise Terrace)

It seems likely that this silver salver was presented to him in 1873. It was (in 2021) in the possession of a daughter of Ray Kipling Booth, a descendant of Eliza (see later).



The same year he received an even grander price of silverware.

PRESENTATION TO ALD. KIPLING, J.P., OF DARLINGTON.

At the annual meeting of the Darlington District Bank last year, it was resolved to recognise the unremitting services of Mr. Ald. Kipling, J.P., to the institution by a presentation to that gentleman of a piece of plate; and at the annual meeting held on Thursday last, the presentation was made, though, from the rather severe indisposition of Mr. Kipling obliging him to keep within doors, that gentleman was represented by his relative, Mr. Robert Teasdale. Mr. W. Yeoman (Chairman of the Board) presided at the meeting; and Mr. Beetham, general manager of the bank, read the report. The usual satisfactory dividend of 10 per cent. having been declared, and a handsome sum also placed to the credit of the reserve fund, the Chairman fittingly made the presentation that marked the estimate of co-directors and shareholders of services that had contributed materially to the bank's prosperity; and Mr. Teasdale, in suitable terms, acknowledged, on behalf of Alderman Kipling, the gift made to him.

The testimonial consisted of a silver candelabra for nine lights, the branches being entwined with oak leaves and acorns, springing from a richly ornamented triangular base, upon which are grouped three beautifully modelled stags (after Landseer.) It is an exact match of the similar candelabra presented some years ago to Mr. Yeoman, and is from the establishment of the same makers, Messrs. Watherston and Son, the well-known goldsmiths and jewellers, of 12, Pall Mall East, London. The height of the candelabra is 36 inches, the weight 310 ounces. Upon one side of the base is engraved Mr. Kipling's crest, on another his monogram, and upon the third the following inscription:—

"Presented by the shareholders of the Darlington District Banking Company to Edward Kipling, Esq., J.P., the consulting director, as an expression of their esteem for his character, and in acknowledgment of his valuable services to the bank during the last thirteen years. Darlington, February, 1873."

Northern Echo - Saturday 08 February 1873

In 1876, he suffered an accident.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO ALDERMAN KIPLING, OF DARLINGTON. — Yesterday morning, while Mr. Alderman Kipling was coming downstairs from his bedroom, his foot slipped, and he fell to the bottom of the stairs. He caught a rail, which, happily, reduced the violence of his fall, but his injuries are severe, his shoulder being dislocated and one of his ribs broken. Dr. Piper was called, who set the fracture and joint, and last evening Alderman Kipling, who, we regret to say, has been for some time in a delicate state of health, was progressing very favourably.

Northern Echo - Tuesday 18 January 1876

As an official of the Darlington District Bank, he was the plaintiff in several court cases, including *Kipling v Hutchinson* [TNA C16/1019/K49] and the two cases mentioned in the article below.

LIABILITY OF RETIRED DIRECTORS.

Mr. Justice Lopes delivered judgment at Westminster on the 8th inst. in two cases which were tried before him a few days ago without a jury—Kipling v. Allan and Kipling v. Todd. The plaintiff, as the registered public officer of the Darlington District Bank, had sued and recovered judgment against the Merrybent and Darlington Railway Company. A writ of *fi-fa* against the company resulted in a return of *nulla bona*, and the plaintiff then applied for and obtained a rule for a *scire facias* against the shareholders of the company. The claim against Messrs. Allen and Wilson Todd, both of whom were named in the Act of Parliament incorporating the railway company as two of the first directors, was for the amount remaining unpaid on their shares. The defence was that the defendants were not the holders of any shares. To this the plaintiff replied that by the special Act every director was bound to be the holder of at least 50 shares of £10 each as his qualification for office, and that consequently, unless the defendants could show that they had legally transferred their qualification shares to other persons, they had not got rid of their liability. The difference between Mr. Allan's case and that of Mr. Wilson Todd was that while the former had acted as chairman of the directors for some time, and had taken a leading part in the management, Mr. Todd had sent in his resignation before any meeting of shareholders, and beyond having allowed his name to be inserted in the Act of Parliament, never took any part in the affairs of the company. Mr. Justice Lopes now read two written judgments in favour of the plaintiff in both actions. On application of Mr. Brooke Little on behalf of Mr. Allan, and of Mr. Candy on behalf of Mr. Todd, execution was stayed for two months to enable the defendants to appeal.

Aldershot Military Gazette - Saturday 16 March 1878

PRESENTATION TO MR ALDERMAN KIPLING, J.P., DARLINGTON.—On Thursday evening a large gathering of the teachers and friends connected with the Paradise Sunday School sat down to an excellent tea in the schoolroom. Afterwards Mr John Horsley was called to preside, and he stated that the object of the meeting was to present Mr Edward Kipling with a small gift, as a recognition of his long services as treasurer of the Paradise Sunday School. The presentation consisted of a beautiful silver inkstand, with flower vase attached, which was dressed with a charming bouquet for the occasion. Mr Kipling responded in feeling terms, and offered some wise counsel to the young men to store their minds in early life with knowledge, which would add great comfort in their declining years.—Mr Thomas Gatenby addressed himself to his early association with the school and his first meeting with Mr Kipling.—Mr Robert Teasdale spoke of the need of a retrospect of life's work, and of youth being the time to lay the foundation for a grand life of labour which would bear reflection.—Mr John Robson referred to school work and teachers' duties.—Mr J. Townend gave an excellent address, pointing out the aim and object of Sunday school teaching and its unseen influence in the world.—Votes of thanks to the ladies, the chairman, and those who had promoted the object of the evening's gathering brought the meeting to a close.

Darlington & Richmond Herald - Saturday 04 May 1878

Edward died in 1880.

DEATH OF ALDERMAN KIPLING.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Mr. Alderman Edward Kipling, J.P., which occurred on Wednesday afternoon at his residence, Paradise-terrace, Darlington. The deceased gentleman for some two years suffered from weak health, and his appearances in public became few and far between, until at length, owing to dropsy setting in, was wholly confined to the house. About two o'clock on Wednesday Mr. Kipling was seized with a fainting fit, and Dr. Piper, who was immediately called in, remained with his patient until death took place. The deceased was born in Darlington in 1809, and was 73 years of age at his death. He was the son of the late Mr. Francis Kipling, a stiff and carpet manufacturer. After leaving school he was apprenticed to Messrs. John Pomfret and Robert Middleton, curriers, who carried on business in Darlington, in which trade he subsequently commenced business in premises in Tubwell-row. On these premises and others in Probed-row and Priestgate, in conjunction with Mr. Robert Tredale, J.P., he continued in business until he retired some three years ago. Mr. Kipling took great interest in public affairs. He was a member of the Old Board of Health up to the time when the town was incorporated, his popularity secured his election as a member of the first municipal body which occupied the Darlington Council Chamber in 1867. He was created an alderman in that year; he was elected Mayor of the borough in 1869, having succeeded Mr. Alderman Henry Pease, J.P., who occupied the civic chair for the first two years after incorporation. Deceased was for many years connected with the Darlington District Bank, and became a director in 1862. On the retirement of Mr. Joseph Waugh from the position of consulting director—a position which that gentleman had held for over twenty years—Mr. Kipling was appointed, and for many years he discharged the duties of this position with care and ability. This was gratefully acknowledged at the annual meeting in 1873, when the shareholders, as a mark of their high appreciation, presented him with a handsome silver candelabra, valued at £300. Mr. Kipling was originally a member of the Wesleyan body worshipping in Bondgate, but he went over to the Free Church in Paradise-row in the year 1835. Since then he has showed considerable interest in the church of his adoption. He was circuit steward for many years, and generously supported the church. He was on his retirement from the office presented by the officials with a mark of their high regard for his Christian character and great liberality. The deceased leaves three daughters, two married and one unmarried, who has been in constant attendance upon her father during his illness. An accident which occurred to Mr. Kipling about 18 months ago, considerably aggravated his physical infirmity. He was descending some stairs when one of the bannisters, on which he was leaning, gave way, and he fell to the bottom. The accident caused great injury to his collar bone, and necessitated his putting off a journey he had intended to take to London. Probably by this accident Mr. Kipling was saved from still greater trouble, for the train which he had decided to go up to town by, was wrecked in the melancholy Abbots Ribton accident, in which so many passengers met a premature death or serious injury. The funeral will take place to-day. The cortege will start from deceased's house in Paradise-row, and take the route up Coniscliffe-road to the cemetery.

Darlington & Stockton Times, Ripon & Richmond Chronicle - Saturday 28 February 1880

He is buried in Darlington West Cemetery, where there is a memorial (section B row 5, stone 9) inscribed as follows:

“East Side:- CHARLOTTE KIPLING. 1802 - 1862. North Side:- EDWARD KIPLING. 1808 - 1880. West Side:- FRANCES ELIZABETH KIPLING. 1837 - 1931. South Side:- MARY JANE KIPLING. 1836 - 1879.”

His funeral was a substantial municipal affair, as the cutting below shows:

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR ALDERMAN KIPLING J.P.

On Saturday morning the funeral of the late Mr Alderman Kipling, J.P., took place at the West Cemetery, Darlington, with every mark of respect. At eleven o'clock the funeral cortege left the residence of the deceased in Paradise-terrace. The hearse containing the remains was preceded by a large body of police under the command of Mr Supt. Rogers and Inspector Scott. Then followed the members of the Darlington Corporation and officials, headed by the Mace-bearer; the Mayor (Mr T. Swinburne), Messrs Aldermen Alfred Kitching, J.P., and Arthur Pease; Councillors F. T. Stevenson, John Morrell, J. Dresser, J. K. Wilkes, E. Manners, Geo. Elwin, W. Foggitt, J. B. Hodgkin, H. F. Pease, Theodore Fry, Joseph Stephenson, William Russell, W. Smith (Borough Surveyor), W. Smith (Gas Manager), J. W. Armitage (Borough Accountant). Next followed the Darlington Fire Brigade in uniform, under the command of Captain John Bowman. Then came the ministers and friends, with the general public, among whom were the Revs. H. Kendall, W. A. P. Johnson, M.A., Robert Bushell (Methodist Free Church Missionary Secretary, Sheffield), Messrs Alfred Backhouse, J. G. Backhouse, J. H. Bowman, J.P., Dr. Piper, G. G. Hoskins, Joseph T. Shewell, Henry Brooks, Ewbank Harrison, John Bonsfield, G. N. Watson, John Airey, Thomas Robson, Richard Robson, George S. Byers, William Hilton, John Rensson, W. Hodgson, Francis Mewburn, and W. T. Robinson. The first mourning coach contained the chief mourners, the Rev. Bryan Dale (Halifax), Mr John Booth (Rochdale, sons-in-law of the deceased), Mr Robert Teasdale, J.P. (a relative, and late partner of the deceased), Mr Andrew Common (Sunderland). The second coach contained Mr Yeoman (Os-motherley, representing the Darlington District Bank), the Revs. A. Holliday, Richard Dimond, and Francis Marrs (the circuit ministers). Then followed the private carriages of Mr Henry Pease, J.P., Mr David Dale, J.P., Mr Alfred Kitching, J.P., Mr H. F. Pease, J.P., Mr Alfred Backhouse, Mr J. B. Hodgkin, and Dr. Piper. The service in the chapel and at the grave was conducted by the Rev. A. Holliday. A number of beautiful wreaths were placed upon the coffin, which was of polished oak, and contained the simple inscription, "Edward Kipling, died Feb. 25, 1880, aged 72 years." The funeral arrangements were most efficiently carried out by the Messrs J. G. and F. [redacted] undertakers.

Daughter **Eliza** had married yarn merchant John T Booth in 1866 and went to live with him in Rochdale. By 1881 they had six children, one of whom was named Edward Kipling Booth, doubtless after his grandfather.

102	Barkham Hall	1	Sarah G. Magg	Servant	Woman	20	Handmaid - domestic	Lancashire; Rochdale
			John Edw. Booth	Head	Man	37	Char. Commission Agent	Durham; Darlington
			Eliza	Wife	Woman	39		Durham; Darlington
			Charlotte	Daughter	Girl	11	Scholar	Lancashire; Rochdale
			Mary	Daughter	Girl	10	do	do
			Thomas G.	Son	Boy	8	do	do
			Rachael	Daughter	Girl	6	do	do
			Francis L.	Son	Boy	4		do
			Francis G. Kipling	Servant	Man	18		Durham; Darlington
			James Stott	Servant	Man	20	Domestic Servant (General)	Lancashire; Liverpool
			Edward K. Booth	Son	Boy	12	Scholar	Lancashire; Rochdale

Another child was Francis Lawrence Booth (probably named after Francis Lawrence Kipling, Edward's nephew). Living with them is Eliza's sister, Frances Elizabeth.

Francis Lawrence Booth married Rosetta Mildred Footner in 1912 and had a daughter Ray Kipling Booth in 1916 (with a twin brother Michael L Booth). The family seems to have lived in Argentina. The record below shows Mildred and Ray on a liner passenger list of 1929.

ASTORIA Port of Arrival SOUTHAMPTON Date of Arrival 6. 12. 1929 P.M. 23
 Line ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY Whence Arrived BUENOS AIRES

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)						(8)	(9)				
						AGES OF PASSENGERS							Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence*				
Port of Embarkation	Port at which Passengers have been landed	NAMES OF PASSENGERS	Proposed Address in the United Kingdom	CLASS (Whether 1st, 2nd, or 3rd)	Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers	Adults of 15 years and upwards	Children under 15	Infants	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Other	Country	
Bs. Aires	So'ton	65	BAIRD, Mae Amy	Australia House, Strand, London.	2nd	Artist	29									Australia	1
"	"	66	BOOTH, Rosetta Mildred	Whyteleafe,	"	None	47									Argentine	1
"	"	67	" Ray Kipling	Berkhamstead.	"	Student	13									do.	1

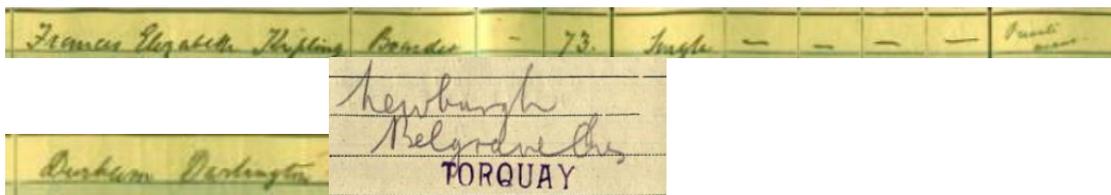
Daughter **Charlotte** married Bryan Dale in 1871. They lived in Halifax. She died in 1886.

Daughter **Mary Jane** died in 1879.

KIPLING Mary Jane. 20 February. The Will of Mary Jane Kipling late of Darlington in the County of **Durham** Spinster who died 30 January 1879 at Ilkley in the West Riding of the County of York was proved at **Durham** by Frances Elizabeth Kipling of Paradise-terrace in Darlington Spinster the Sister the sole Executrix.

Personal Estate under £3,000.

Daughter **Frances Elizabeth** also never married. In 1911, She was living in lodgings in Torquay (#13).



She later lived in Harrogate where she died age 94 in 1931. She is buried in the family grave in Darlington West cemetery.

**Miss F. E. Kipling, of Cleveland House, 21,
York Place, Harrogate, daughter of Mr.
Edward Kipling, of Darlington (net per-
sonalty, £9,750) — £9,884.**

Yorkshire Evening Post - Thursday 28 January 1932

Appendix 1 – Darlington Mayoral Chain



The Mayoral chains of Office were made by a celebrated manufacturing company 'Buller Hutchinson'. The initial chain consisted of twenty links, which was of 22 Carat Gold. The gold for the chain being supplied by way of gold sovereigns from Backhouse's Bank, High Row, Darlington. (Now Barclay's Bank). The chain was paid for by public subscription and presented to the Borough by Mr Edmund Backhouse (Member of Parliament for Darlington) on behalf of the subscribers on 5th June 1873.

Each link of the chain was an English Rose, connected by double 'D's either side.

(Darlington & Durham). The Roses were later referred to as Tudor Roses, however this was perhaps due to personal interpretation, but not as originally intended. When the chain was supplied it was the wish of the subscribers that each succeeding Mayor would add another 'Rose' and double D links, until such time that there was to be twelve chains worn around the neck of the Mayor. The practice of adding links to the chains is believed to have stopped in the early 1900's as the double chain, was proving to be coming to heavy to be worn with any comfort. Each 'Rose' had a locket on the rear for the purpose of adding the details of the Mayor and date of Office.

However the adding of Roses and links each year must be questioned for the following reason:

The original twenty-link chain has obviously been altered as the chain now has two special roses, which denote Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee (1887) and her Diamond Jubilee (1897). The Golden Jubilee Rose was probably added in 1905 as it does not appear in any Mayoral photograph before this time, as for the Diamond Jubilee Rose, this could have been added about the same time. The two 'roses' that were replaced were no doubt added to the second chain, which came into use in 1882 (nine years after the introduction of the mayoral chains). This is borne out by one of the 'Roses' on the second chain having inscribed on the back 'Edward Kipling 1869' who was Mayor in that year.

As this second chain contained twenty-eight 'roses' and appropriate links, it would seem to indicate that the 'roses' were purchased in advance and that the incumbent Mayor paid for a 'rose' at the end of his year. Fifteen of the roses on this chain had a locket attached to the rear and some contained the name of the Mayor who paid for that 'Rose'.

Appendix 2 - Markets and Banks

“ON February 21, 1878, Darlington Town Council held a meeting that ended at least 800 years of history. The mayor, Theodore Fry, presided over the meeting.

Alderman Henry Pease gave a brief report. Alderman Edward Kipling seconded the resolution, which the rest of the council carried unanimously.

And that was that. The practice of holding a cattle market in the town centre streets a practice that had begun in the 11th Century under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Durham was formally discontinued.

Business was transferred to a new cattle mart, which the council had built for £14,000 on pastureland near the shed that in those days served as Bank Top railway station.

It was a bitterly contested move. For centuries, Darlington’s prosperity had been built on the market, which made it the agricultural capital of Durham. As well as farmers, shopkeepers and publicans benefitted from having so many people in the town centre every Monday fortnight.

But, as Echo Memories told last week, as the 19th Century drew to an end, the council came to the conclusion that it was not acceptable to have hundreds of cattle, horses, pigs and geese gorming about in High Row which was itself part of the Great North Road and doing what comes naturally to animals all over the cobbles.

The Bank Top market opened on Monday, March 4, 1878. The Darlington and Stockton Times stated: The morning trains brought with them shoals of country folk on various errands bent; ruddy faced and long-coated dealers, plump and good tempered farmers daughters, and those shabbiest of shabby men, the drovers. Under the hammer that first morning were 11 bulls, 198 cows and heifers, 1,762 lean cattle, 115 pigs, 351 lean sheep and 60 fat sheep”.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867 ; and in the Matter-of the Merrybent and Darlington Railway Company (Winding up) Act, 1878 ; and in the Matter of the Merrybent and Darlington Railway Company.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition for the winding up by the Court of the. abovenamed Company was, on the 18th day of June, 1878, presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice (Chancery Division), by Edward Kipling, one of the Registered Public Officers of the Darlington District Joint Stock Banking Company, whose chief office is situate at Darlington, in the county of Durham, and William Forster, of Darlington aforesaid, Bank Inspector, creditors of the said Company and that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Master of the Rolls, on the 29th day of June, 1878; and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to oppose the making of an Order for the winding up of the said Company under the above Acts, should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for that purpose ; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of. the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned, on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Clarks, Rawlins, and Clarke, 66, Gresham House, Old Broad-street. London ; Agents for Allison, Son, and Willan, Darlington, Solicitors for the Petitioners.