



## **NEWSLETTER** **FEBRUARY 2021**

**Our next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March but cannot go ahead due to the current Covid 19 restrictions. We are very sorry. The remaining schedule of meetings is as follows :**

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Our book is still selling! A lady who grew up in Stockton and went to the village school has recently bought two copies and has sent us some of her memories and a review of the book.

#### **Connecting Stockton with Sewerby Hall, Beverley**

We were recently contacted by the Education Officer for East Riding County Council for information on Alicia Lloyd of Stockton Hall. We are able to print their tribute to Alicia published on International Women's Day.

#### **Connecting Stockton with Ohio, USA**

Elizabeth Wilson of Holtby Manor, has letters from her ancestors who left Stockton in the 1800's to settle in America. We are able share some excerpts from their correspondence dating back to the 1850's.

#### **Aerial Photographs**

A bird's eye view of parts of the village.

## **“In Days Gone By - A History of Stockton on the Forest” Comments on the book and her recollections by Jan McGowan**

“I bought the book because we grew up in Stockton in the 70s and 80s, raised by our grandma at 72 The Village.

We were very much involved in the village, both of us as children attending the school (starting in the old building, taking part in the amateur dramatics group, (including the later performance of *The Crucible*, me playing Abigail to John Hall’s John Proctor), carnivals, being paper delivery boys and girls when Jen & George Ward ran the post office. I worked part-time at Deans from age 14 to 19 and my grandma, Mary McGowan, was a caretaker/cleaner at the new village hall.

I loved the school and was very fond of my teachers: Mrs Milne (who set up our first netball team, 1978 of which I was a part & we won our first tournament), Mr Stone, Mrs Rawkins and Mrs Newby in particular. If you have any knowledge of, or contact still, especially with Mrs Rawkins or Mrs Newby, I’d love them to know they were very instrumental to me in my early years. I hardly dare ask as lot of time obviously has gone by.

I didn’t return to Stockton after I went to university, and my grandma moved away also, but I sometimes drive through and remember my happy childhood there.

It’s great you’ve been able to put the book together. I have few personal photos of this era and we’ve enjoyed how you’ve captured the village in this way, so thank you”.

*We have recently been able to put Jan in touch with Mrs Rawkins.*

*Our book "[In Days Gone by: A History of Stockton on the Forest](#)" is available from Dean's Garden Centre, Tom's Shop, Joy Moseley, Bobby Hughes, Jane Phythian as well as Amazon and Ebay - price £7.99.*

## Connecting Stockton with Sewerby Hall and Gardens on International Womens Day

### Robert Chester, Education Officer, Sewerby Hall and Gardens

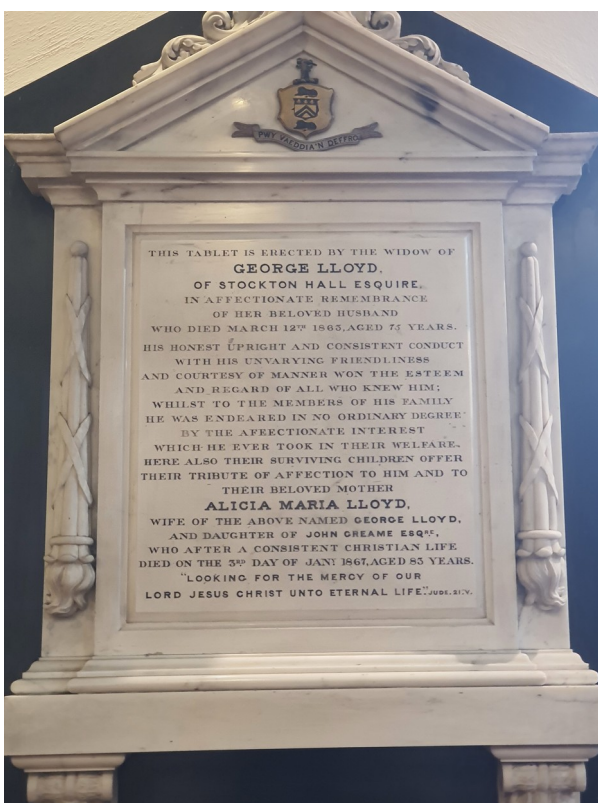
Alicia Maria Lloyd, the only woman to ever own Sewerby Hall, was born in 1783 in Heslington Hall, York. She was the first child, and only daughter, of John Greame and his wife Sarah Yarburgh. Tragically, Sarah died just two years later following complications in giving birth to their second child, Yarburgh.

Like most men in this period who found themselves widowed, John soon remarried, but he would never have any children with his second wife and Alicia and Yarburgh were his only children. In 1798 he inherited Sewerby Hall from his Uncle and brought his family to Sewerby to live.

In 1810, Alicia married George Lloyd, a wealthy barrister, in Bridlington Priory and a few years later the couple moved to Stockton Hall.

In 1856 when Alicia's brother, Yarburgh, died she inherited Sewerby Hall. Although she was a regular visitor to Sewerby, and became a local benefactor, she never actually moved in and continued to live, with her husband in Stockton. Instead her son Yarburgh took up residence.

Alicia lived at a time when opportunities for women were very limited, and for many married women even more so. Like many wealth women who were denied employment and the opportunities open to their brothers, husbands and fathers Alicia devoted herself to charitable works, especially in the field of education and in support of the church.



Alicia died in 1867, and was buried at Holy Trinity Church, Stockton in the Forest, and both she and George are commemorated on a plaque inside the church.

She left many charitable legacies, but the two I want to highlight, illustrate her support for the educational plight of impoverished girls. She left £100, the equivalent of about £9000 today to the Grey Coat Girls School in York, half the legacy was for teaching and the other half for the school's building fund.

The Grey Coat School was a charitable institution originally founded in the 18th century to provide young girls with skills that would help them find employment in domestic service. She also left a legacy of £10 about £900 today, to the York Female Friendly Society that provided support in the form of medical care, pensions and financial assistance in old age to girls and women who had attended the Grey Coat School.

Alicia Lloyd is just one of the many women of Sewerby Hall who could have been chosen to celebrate International Women's Day. Amy Johnson, Mary Henderson, Monica Wilkin, Mary Boynton, later Cunliffe-Lister, and Alicia's own daughter, also called Alicia, to name a few. But there are many, many more both known and unknown who have contributed, and still do contribute, so much to the rich history of Sewerby Hall and Gardens.



Lloyd family burial site, Holy Trinity Church, Stockton on the Forest.

**Connecting Stockton with Mayfield, Ohio, USA**  
**Correspondence provided by Elizabeth Wilson of Holtby Manor:**

The following is a copy of a letter from William Silburne to his Grandparents (William and Ann Milner who lived at Westside House, Stockton on the Forest in 1850):

*Mayfield, Ohio : April 1850*

*Dear Grandfather and Grandmother,*

*I take up my pen to write to you a few lines hoping they will find you all in good health as it leaves us at present.*

*As for Mothers health, it is better than it was when we wrote to you before. As for not writing sooner, we kept putting it off as Mother had been so sick. She thought not be best to write to you. It would make you feel bad.*

*Mother often thinks she is all alone for Uncle John will pass by the house and never call. The last time I was there all well.*

*My twin Edward is going on the lake again as you wanted to know how Aunt Harriet and her children are doing. They have got debts settled and fifty acres of land left, one cow and a few sheep. There is no house on it or barn. Robert, William, Mary and Sarah Jane they are called and are very healthy and fear nothing.*

*Father has got seventy five acres of land under good cultivation, a good span of horses, two yolk of three year old steers, three cows, six to year old cattle, thirty sheep and barn and a new house with a good cellar down, chambers, pantry and two bedrooms and a kitchen and a buttery, up chambers to bedrooms, kitchen and a clothes press, sizes twenty five by thrity feet.*

*Thirteen miles to market from where we live. My sisters are as follows - Martha-Ann, Hannah Elizabeth, Harriet. Martha-Ann don't grow much. Elizabeth is as tall as she is. Hannah grows fast. She went to school this last winter and learns fast. Harriet-Alice is eight months old and she grows fast.*

*My brothers names are as follows - James and John and Peter. They are all at home. Land is worth from sixteen to twenty dollars an acre. Good horse is worth eighty dollars. A good yolk of cattle is worth from seventy to eighty dollars Good cows are worth from twenty to twenty five a piece.*

*We have had a hard winter, but it has turned off fine. I am not working at home. I work five miles from home. I have been ploughing for oats.*

*I send my best respects to my Uncles and Aunts and Cousins and I hope you will write me a letter as soon as possible.*

*I hope you will excuse my blunders and mistakes seeing it is the first letter I ever wrote.*

*Respectfully yours,  
William Silburne.*

Elizabeth Wilson has donated copies of the original letters to the History Group. One didn't even have a postage stamp; just a wax seal. Another from a John Milner to his Sister, Brother and Mother, tells them that he and his Wife had a baby boy "named Lincoln after our President of the United States, which was assassinated the 14 day of April/65 by the Rebels."

We are very grateful to Elizabeth Wilson for this donation.

**Aerial Photographs:**

Can you identify the properties in this photo provided by R. Nurse, D. Gabbitas and prepared by M. Phythian?



A rare photograph of one of the most grand properties:



Do you recognise these homes?



How about these?



## **MEETINGS:**

Please put the following dates in your diaries for 2021 and let us all hope that we can meet as planned:

**Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm**  
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Our meetings are held in the Long Room of the Village Hall and involve a short formal part, usually followed by a guest speaker, then refreshments and general discussion/sharing of items of interest which are often brought in by the members themselves.

We welcome everyone to our meetings and have various on-going projects which include launching a website of archives, a time capsule, village history board, restoration of the railway weighbridge, finding our Roman Road.... And many more!

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

We have been fortunate to receive donations for our archives from many people over the years and one of our long standing members has collated a huge amount of information which is currently being put onto a website.

We welcome any information you may have about the village, whether it be family history, school memories, or even unanswered questions you would like us to investigate. Should you wish to contribute in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We welcome everyone to our meetings and whilst you may not be able to attend in person, your interest in the History of our village is a shared interest and therefore we invite you to join us.

This newsletter is being distributed to our members and copies are available for all villagers - please get in touch if you require more copies.

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