

REFERENCES TO TANSLEY IN DERBYSHIRE TIMES - 1906  
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**Brevities.**  
**TANSLEY.**

For being drunk and disorderly at Tansley at 11.45 p.m. on December 23rd, George Booth, labourer, Tansley, had to appear at the Matlock Petty Sessions on Wednesday.- P.c. Burnett said defendant was going about like a madman, and threatened to do seven days for him. - Defendant, who bears several convictions, was fined 5s and 6s costs.

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**WHAT A CHIEF HEARS IN THE COUNTY.**

That two rival Tansley farmers came to blows at Matlock Cattle Market on Wednesday.

20 Jan 1906

**THE WEEK'S POLICE.**  
**BROTHERS FINED.**

**DISORDERLY SCENES AT TANSLEY.**

A Tansley labourer named John Booth was discharged on two summonses at Matlock Petty Sessions on Wednesday. He was summoned by George Barratt, landlord of the Gate Inn, Tansley, for refusing to quit his licensed premises on the 1st of January, and also by the police for being drunk and disorderly in Church Street on the same night.

Mr Barratt stated that the defendant threatened him and refused to leave his house.

He was fined 5s and 7s costs on the first summons, and was ordered to pay 7s costs for being drunk and disorderly.

His brother, George Booth, of the same village, was fined 10s and 7s costs for being drunk and disorderly on January 1st. P.c. Burnett proved the cases.

20 Jan 1906

**Brevities.**  
**TANSLEY.**

For being drunk and disorderly in Lime Trees Road, Matlock, on January 5th, John Berresford, a Tansley labourer, was at Matlock Petty Sessions on Wednesday fined 10s and costs. - P.c. Todd stated the facts.

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27 January 1906

**MATLOCK & DISTRICT LEAGUE.  
 JUNIOR DIVISION.**

	goals						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
TANSLEY	10	9	0	1	43	8	19
CRICH SCHOOLS	12	9	2	1	38	17	19
DARLEY DALE	11	6	3	2	27	24	14
LEA AMATEURS	11	4	5	2	25	31	10
MILLER'S GREEN	10	4	5	1	23	31	9
MIDDLETON	10	3	5	2	21	27	8
MATLOCK RES.	9	3	5	1	19	26	7
STARKHOLMES	11	2	8	1	24	36	5
CODDINGTON	10	1	8	1	15	35	3

Result: Tansley 2, Crich Schools 1.

Matlock & District League Junior Cup. Lea Amateurs v Tansley.- R.Limb

3 Feb 1906

**FOOTBALL FACTS AND FANCIES.  
 COMMENTS.**

Lea Amateurs had Tansley Amateurs for their visitors on Saturday in the Matlock Junior Cup competition. Play was fast and in favour of the visitors who scored in the first five minutes through J.Barber. A second quickly followed through an error on the part of Towle, J.Barber added a third, and Hopkinson a fourth. Upon resuming, Lea made a combined run, and scored their first through Wheatcroft. Ludlam gave a penalty, which was netted by H Ollerenshaw. Twigg for Tansley added their fifth. Result: Tansley 5, Lea Amateurs 2.

**MATLOCK & DISTRICT LEAGUE.  
 JUNIOR DIVISION.**

	goals						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
CRICH SCHOOLS	13	10	2	1	41	19	21
TANSLEY	10	9	0	1	43	8	19
DARLEY DALE	11	6	3	2	27	24	14
LEA AMATEURS	11	4	5	2	25	31	10
MILLER'S GREEN	10	4	5	1	23	31	9
MIDDLETON	10	3	5	2	21	27	8
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3 March 1906 6 **NEWS SUMMARY.**

A Tansley man, named John Smith (59), died from exposure, accelerated by an excess of alcohol, on the roadside between the Lord Nelson at Amber Lane and Tansley, between Sunday and Monday.

3 March 1906 7 **FATAL SLEEP ON ASHOVER "SLACK".**  
**Tansley Man Dies by the Roadside.**  
**Consequences of a Drinking Outing.**

A Darley labourer made a sad discovery on Monday morning on the roadside between Tansley and Amber Lane. He found, in a dying condition, a man to him unknown, but who turned out to be John Smith, a man of 59, married, and whose home was at Tansley. He, along with a friend, had, it appeared, walked on Sunday night to the Lord Nelson Inn at Amber Lane, by way of the Slack, and two or three hours were spent at the public-house. The two men started on the homeward journey together, but only one of them reached Tansley that night. The other, as we have remarked, was found the following morning, in a condition which gave not the slightest hope of his recovery. He shortly succumbed and the body was removed by the police and Samuel Redfern, who found the man, to the Lord Nelson Inn.

**THE INQUEST.**

Dr. Green (coroner) held an inquest at the Lord Nelson Inn on Wednesday, when Samuel Smith, labourer, Tansley, stated that the deceased was his father, and was 59 years old. He last saw his father alive on Sunday about five o'clock in the afternoon. He was then in the house reading. He shortly afterwards left the house, and witness had no idea where he was going. He never saw him alive again.

The coroner: Was your father given to drink?

Witness: Well, at the week-ends; not at any other time.

Was he the worse for drink on Sunday evening? - No.

John Smith, stone-cutter, Tansley, stated he was with the deceased on Sunday evening from five to ten o'clock. They started out together from Tansley, and went to the Lord Nelson Inn, reaching there at about a quarter to seven. They remained there until about ten o'clock.

Coroner: How much beer had he to drink?

Witness: Well, I paid for about five pints.

Did he pay for any himself? - No, he had no money.

Had he a drink with any other person? - He might have had.

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Did he drink the five pints himself? - No, we joined.  
Was he the worse for drink when he left the house? – No  
Were you the worse for drink? – No.  
You left the public house together? – Yes.  
How far did you go? – We went over 400 yards onto the Slack Lane.  
Did you leave him? – He stopped behind a minute, and I said “Come on.” He replied “All right, I will come on.”  
Did you see him again? – Not until the next morning, when he was dead.  
You went home? – Yes, straight home.  
Samuel Redfern, farm labourer, Darley, said he found the deceased about 5.35 on Monday morning. This man was lying on his back, with his legs drawn up, and his hands crossed over his chest.  
The Coroner: Did he speak or move?  
Witness: No.  
Was he alive? – Yes, he was breathing slightly.  
Were there any marks of injury? – No.  
Did you send for assistance? – Yes, for the Police.  
Was the man removed to the Lord Nelson? – Yes.  
The Coroner: What was the distance from the spot where Smith left the deceased to where Redfern found him.  
A questioned Juror: About 50 yards.  
The Coroner: Then he walked a little after Smith left him. Had it been a cold night?  
Witness: Yes.  
Richard Limb, landlord of the Lord Nelson Inn, said the deceased came to his home on the Sunday night.  
The Coroner: The deceased was a heavy drinker?  
Witness: Not particularly, that I know of.  
Did you notice he was the worse for drink? - No.  
But the doctor will tell you he died from the effects of drink? – I do not know.  
Did he have spirits as well as beer? – No.  
His son says he got beer at the weekends? – Certainly.  
Doctor Benson, of Ashover, said he was called to the deceased about 8 o’clock on Monday morning, when the man was dead. The body was in good condition, and there were no marks of violence.  
The Coroner: There was nothing to account for death that you could see?  
Witness: No.  
In your post-mortem examination did you find anything externally? – No.  
What was there in the stomach? - Nearly one pint of beer and

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some small pieces of potato.

Any signs of injury to the brain? – No.

What, in your opinion, is the cause of death? – I should think he was under the influence of alcohol, and that he either slept or lost consciousness.

What would you say he died from? – From exposure to cold, accelerated by a previous excess of alcohol.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

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**Football Facts and Fancies  
 MATLOCK & DISTRICT LEAGUE.  
 JUNIOR DIVISION.**

	P.	W.	L.	D.	goals		P.
					F.	A.	
TANSLEY	13	10	1	2	54	14	22
CRICH SCHOOLS	13	11	2	0	55	21	22
DARLEY DALE	14	7	5	2	34	48	16
MILLER'S GREEN	13	5	6	2	35	45	12
MATLOCK RES.	12	4	6	2	28	40	10
LEA AMATEURS	11	4	5	2	25	31	10
MIDDLETON	13	3	7	3	31	37	9
STARKHOLMES	12	2	8	2	30	36	6
CODDINGTON	12	1	8	3	16	43	5

Matlock and District Junior Cup. – Final at Matlock today Saturday. Tansley v Crich Schools – J.M.Houseley.

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**Football Facts and Fancies  
 MATLOCK & DISTRICT LEAGUE.  
 JUNIOR DIVISION.**

	P.	W.	L.	D.	goals		P.
					F.	A.	
TANSLEY	13	10	1	2	54	14	22
CRICH SCHOOLS	13	11	2	0	55	21	22
DARLEY DALE	14	7	5	2	44	48	16
LEA AMATEURS	11	4	5	2	25	31	10
MILLER'S GREEN	13	5	6	2	35	45	12
MATLOCK RES.	13	4	7	2	28	45	10
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28 April 1906	3	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Week's Police.</b> <b>TANSLEY MAN'S RECORD.</b> <b>ADVISED TO GIVE UP THE DRINK.</b></p> <p>Some good advice was given to John Smith, a Tansley labourer, by the magistrates at Matlock on Wednesday.</p> <p>Smith was summoned and registered his 11<sup>th</sup> [?] conviction for drunkenness.</p> <p>P.c.Burnett said on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April, at Matlock Cliffe, the defendant was very drunk and disorderly in his behaviour.</p> <p>The Bench urged the defendant to give up the drink, for if he came there again they would probably send him to gaol without the option of a fine.</p> <p>Fined 10s and 7s costs.</p>
9 June 1906	6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Week's Police.</b> <b>NO LOVE FOR TANSLEY.</b> <b>"RATHER BE BURIED IN MANCHESTER."</b></p> <p>In the case of Emma Reeves, who had summoned her husband, Henry Reeve, labourer, of Tansley, at Matlock Petty Sessions on Wednesday, for persistent cruelty, Mr Slack, solicitor, of Chesterfield and Clay Cross, said neither of the parties appeared, and from information received that morning, he believed the woman was somewhat mentally deranged. Some time ago Mrs Reeves left her husband for 5 weeks. She was a Manchester woman, and had often said she would rather be buried at Manchester than live in Tansley.</p> <p>Mr Potter (Magistrates' clerk), said Mrs Reeves had been found by the Police wandering about in Manchester, and he believed she had been detained.</p> <p>The Bench dismissed the case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brevities.</b> <b>TANSLEY.</b></p> <p>John Berresford, labourer, Tansley, pleaded guilty at Matlock Petty Capital sessions on Wednesday to being drunk and disorderly on the Derby Road, Cromford, on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. – P.c. Woodward, of Holloway, proved the case and defendant, who had been five times previously convicted, was fined £1 and 11s costs.</p>
9 June 1906	8	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gleanings in the Peak and West Derbyshire.</b></p> <p>The half-yearly audit of Major Heathcote's estate was held at the George and Dragon Inn, Tansley, on Wednesday. Dinner was provided by Host Taylor.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p>Since the Public Reading Room and Institute was opened at Tansley, rapid progress has been made. The membership now</p>

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- 23 June 1906 3 exceeds 60, and on Thursday a new skittle alley was opened. A bagatelle table has also been added to the already numerous attractions. The committee are to be congratulated on their enterprise.
- THE WEEK'S POLICE.  
TANSLEY AND MIDDLETON OBSTUCTORS.  
A DANGEROUS GAME.**
- John Berresford, of Tansley, was summoned at Wirksworth, on Tuesday, by Superintendent Richardson for obstructing the highway at Holmesford on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June.
- Mr Lewis Reeves, the landlord of the Holmesford Cottage, said the defendant came to him and asked to be supplied with some beer, witness refused to serve him as he was rather fresh, and some time after, while looking through his window, witness saw defendant deliberately throwing a large plank in front of a passing motor car, which had to swerve on one side to avoid it. Defendant had got a plank from some scaffolding that was across the road.
- Fined 10s and 16s 6d costs, or 7 days hard labour.
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- THE WEEK'S POLICE.  
"GOING LIKE A MOTOR"  
HOW A TANSLEY FARMER DRIVES.**
- At Matlock, on Wednesday, Benjamin Gregory, farmer, Tansley, was summoned for furiously driving a horse and trap at Matlock Green on the 30<sup>th</sup> ult.
- P.c.Smith said that 7 p.m. he saw defendant's horse coming "full gallop" down Matlock Cliffe and defendant was urging it on. It was, in his opinion, going at the rate of 14 miles an hour. Witness had to get off his bicycle to give him a wide berth. (Laughter.) It was going like a motor car and a Miss Briddon had had great difficulty getting out of the way of the trap. He found defendant later at the Railway Inn, Matlock, and told him he should report him. Defendant expressed regret and asked him to look over it.
- Miss Briddon said she was wheeling a perambulator and had the children not shouted to her she would have been run over.
- Defendant, who elected not to be sworn, said he was only driving about 9 miles per hour and a witness, named Else, who was in the trap at the time, declared the defendant was driving at 10 miles per hour. They had been to Alfreton show. The other occupant of the trap, George Mathern, was not present to give evidence.
- Fined 10s, and ordered to pay 12s 6d costs.

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**TANSLEY COMPANY'S NOTICE.**

**JUDGE LINDLEY RESERVES HIS DECISION.**

At Matlock County Court, on Monday, Messrs. J.H.Scholes, limited., smallware manufacturers, Tansley, Matlock, sued R.Whittaker, yarn merchants, Nottingham, for £5 10s 9d for goods sold and delivered.

Mr C.Granville Heny, of Matlock, who argued for the plaintiff company, explained the parties had done constant business since April 1903. In the year 1904, the plaintiffs appointed a Mr Goodwin as their agent in Nottingham, on the recommendation of the defendant he was forbidden to sell any of their goods for cash and on the statement was the following: "all accounts must be remitted to the firm." On the termination of Goodwin's engagement in February of this year, Mr Howard Taylor, secretary to the plaintiffs, found there was a deficiency of £5 10s.

Mr Taylor gave corroborative evidence.

Defendant (on oath) said he had not noticed the words on the statement that he must pay the firm for the goods. In the usual way Goodwin called on him for orders, and he chose two lots of tape among other goods, and he paid Goodwin altogether £5 10s 9d in cash.

By MrHeny: He got a little extra discount by paying Goodwin cash.

Mr Heny cited one or two cases, and his Honour reserved his decision.

18 Aug 1906

**Gleanings in The Peak and West Derbyshire**

Mr Edward Hall Garton, of Lumsdale, Matlock, Derby, formally in business as a bleacher, a member of the Bakewell Board of Guardians, of which body he occasionally acted as chairman, a prominent local Conservative and Church man, who died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May last, aged 73 years, left estate of the gross value of £20,560 5s 1d., of which the net personality has been sworn at £6,641 10s 3d. Probate of his will dated 15<sup>th</sup> September, 1904, has been granted to his sister, Miss Lucy Anne Garton, of Lumsdale, Matlock, and of his cousins, Mr Edward Hall, snr., of Horwich House, Waley Bridge, and Mr Edward Hall, junr., of the Dingle, Waley Bridge, bleachers. The testator bequeathed £10 each to Mr Joseph Turner, of Hopewell Terrace, Matlock Bank, assistant surveyor to the Matlock Urban District Council and to Ada Miriam Goodwin, of The Hurst Farm, Matlock, teacher at All Saints' School, and 2s 6d per week for life to each of his old servants, Joseph Hughes and William Knowles. The residue of his estate he left upon trust for his sister, Miss Lucy Anne Garton, for life, with remainder to his cousin Edward Hall, senior, or his issue.



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**The Week's Police  
TANSLEY FARM SERVANT  
ACCUSED.  
CASE DISMISSED.**

At a Special Court at Matlock on Saturday, Mr Tom Wright (chairman) and Mr Job Smith, c.c., sat for three hours hearing evidence in the case in which a respectably dressed middle-aged man, named Josiah Harrison, farm servant, employed at Sandiwood Farm, Tansley, belonging to Mr Benjamin Gregory, was charged with assaulting an orphan girl, under the age of 16, named Ellen Gregory Walker, who lived at the farm with her aunt and uncle.

Mrs Elizabeth Sarah Gregory, wife of Mr Benjamin Gregory, farmer, Tansley, said the girl in question came to live with her in December, 1899, the night of her mother's (Mrs Walker's) funeral. Ellen Gregory Walker was an illegitimate child. There were two children, but the other was sent to a home. They had never received any money for the girl's maintenance. The certificate (produced) showed that she was 15 years of age on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February last. She left school last September. The girl, since she left school, had assisted her generally, and had been a fairly good girl. She had not always been truthful and witness had had to keep her under strict supervision, because she was such a chatterbox.

From the information she received on Monday last week she questioned the girl on Wednesday and on her admission witness related the facts to her husband, and ultimately the girl was taken to the police station.

Prisoner came to the witness' house during the hay harvest and asked for work. He produced several excellent testimonials and her husband engaged him as a general labourer to live in. Prisoner slept in the same room as another labourer, named Robert Ashton, and the girl slept alone in the next room. Witness had learned from the prisoner that he had grown up children of his own.

Replying to prisoner, witness said she had never seen any familiarity between the girl and him, neither had she heard him use any bad language.

Ellen Gregory Walker said she was fourteen years of age and remembered little about her parents. She left Tansley school last September and afterwards worked with the last witness. Witness remembered prisoner coming to the farm at the end of March last. In further evidence she accused prisoner of behaving improperly with her on numerous occasions.

Dr. L'Estrange Orme, Matlock, gave medical evidence, which but partially corroborated the girl's story.

Robert Ashton (aged 19), said he had been employed by Mr Gregory as a labourer for twelve months. He had not been on

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friendly terms with Ellen Gregory Walker, because he did not like her.

“Did she make love to you?” asked the magistrate’s clerk, Mr Potter.

Witness: No.

Continuing his evidence, witness said he told Mrs Gregory that the girl followed him about, and he did not want to have anything to do with her.

The Chairman, after the Bench had deliberated privately, said: “The evidence in this case has not satisfied us that a jury would convict, therefore the prisoner will be discharged.”

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**AMONG THE TANSLEY  
HILLS.**

Clay Cross C.L.B.  
(Specially Contributed)

The Clay Cross company of the Church Lads Brigade are once again to be congratulated on the success of their annual summer camp which was pitched on the hills above Tansley. The site was the same as that occupied in previous years near Blakelow Hill, is almost an ideal place for camping out, affording a splendid view down into the Matlock and Tansley valleys, and of the surrounding hills and woods and wide stretches of high moorland. Nearly every camp requisite is found on the spot, including plenty of good water and firewood. Bilberries were gathered in abundance and eaten raw or made into jam.

The air at Tansley itself is fresh and bracing, but up at the camp, a mile above Tansley, it is still more keen and exhilarating.

The ground is dry and sandy and the position sufficiently sheltered by trees. Altogether it would be difficult to find a place more convenient from a practical point of view, more healthy with its fir scented air and moorland breezes and more delightful from the beauty of its views. If only fine weather could be secured camp life there would be perfect. Some quarries which are close at hand make a splendid playground for the boys who are always on good terms with the quarrymen.

[8 paragraphs follow] then:

On Friday the annual examinations and competitions took place in the morning and very good papers were done. After work was over on Friday a “sing-song” was held to which the Tansley friends had been invited, and a very pleasant and well attended concert it was. Not a little of the pleasure of the camp was owing to the friendliness of the Tansley people.

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1 Sep 1906 12 **FOOTBALL 1906-7**  
**DERBYSHIRE CLUBS AND THEIR PLAYERS.**  
**Complete and Exclusive Information.**  
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 Matlock Parish Church.  
 [Part of the report on Matlock Parish Church Football Team]  
 The following have been signed on: .... H.Ludlam  
 (Tansley).....

The club has made two good captures from Tansley (now defunct), viz., Harry Ludlam, a fine full back or centre-half, and Albert Johnson, a very good left wing man.

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**CORRESPONDENCE.**  
**GOOD SAMARITANS AT TANSLEY.**

**To the Editor.**

Sir,- On Friday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, while walking towards Matlock at about 9.30 p.m., I was murderously attacked by two ruffians near Tansley woods, who demanded money of me. One of them knocked me down and while on the ground bleeding and almost senseless, a horse and trap in which were a lady and a gentleman, suddenly appeared, and, seeing my position, the two occupants lifted me up and conveyed me towards Matlock Green. As I do not know the name of the lady and gentleman, may I ask you to permit me to express my heartfelt thanks to them, through the columns of your paper, which will surely reach them. – Respectfully yours

H.LEVI

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Matlock, Sept. 11, 1906.

**FARMERS' GOOD YEAR.**  
**AGRICULTURE IN DERBYSHIRE.**  
**SPECIAL REPORTS ON THE CROPS.**  
**What the Fine Summer has meant to the Land.**

[SPECIAL.]

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**TANSLEY.**

**“Never a fairer prospect.”**

A practical farmer writes - The farmers are very pleased with your thoughtfulness in taking the trouble to annually record the crops of corn and roots in Derbyshire. Had the latter part of the growing season been as good as the first, I should, without hesitation, have said that the production of the crops would have beaten all recent years. Until the middle of June I never saw a fairer prospect for all our crops. Then there came the dry, burning weather, which helps the whole of our other crops with the exception of pasture land. Grass became scarcer and scarcer, until for many weeks past we have had to give our milk beasts almost as much corn and cake as we do in the middle-winter. Our principal crop is hay. This has been more than for several years past, the

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quantity and quality being above the average, and the gathering costing little for labour, the weather being so good. Oats are a grand crop, and much above the average. Wheat and barley are not so much grown, but what has been, are above the average. Turnips and mangolds are looking very well, and we are hoping that should the showery weather continue, that these crops will be satisfactory. Potatoes are a variable crop. Whilst I have seen some very good roots forked out, I have seen others that are unsatisfactory. Owing to the dryness of the weather during the developing stage, I do not think the yield will be an average one.

29 Sept 1906

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**WEDDINGS.**

**TANSLEY.**

**Preece – Poyser.**

At Holy Trinity Church, Tansley, the marriage was solemnized on Wednesday week, by the Rev. H.Pattison, Curate of Matlock Parish Church, of Mr. Leonard Preece, assistant schoolmaster of Tansley National Schools, and organist at the Church, and Miss Anne Elizabeth Poyser, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Poyser, of West View, Tansley. The bride, who was given away by her father was prettily attired in pale green alpaca, trimmed with spotted white net and silk embroidery.

She was attended by her two sisters as bridesmaids, Miss Maggie Poyser and Miss Gertrude Poyser who were tastefully dressed in spotted muslin trimmed with pink ribbon and Valenciennes lace. They also wore muslin hats to match, and carried bouquets of choice flowers, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride's bouquet was composed of white exquisite flowers, also the gift of the bridegroom. Mr Charles W. Preece, the brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man.

29 Sept

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**GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK.**

**AND WEST DERBYSHIRE.**

To the deep regret of the residents of Tansley, Miss Newton, who for many years has resided at Heather House, left the village on Monday for Handsworth, near Sheffield, so as to be near her friends. Miss Newton was a most generous supporter of the various local institutions in Tansley, and deeply interested herself in all that tended to improve the condition and recreation of the village, whilst to the extent of her private and unostentatious benefactions can only be appreciated by the grateful recipients. She manifested a great interest in the beautiful old church, and her considerate and practical sympathy will be held in grateful remembrance by many villagers.

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6 Oct 1906		<p><b>GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK AND WEST DERBYSHIRE.</b></p> <p>At a meeting of the Tansley Institute Committee, held on Monday, councillor W. Clarke –Taylor presiding, it was unanimously agreed to purchase a billiard table as soon as the necessary money could be raised. Hope was expressed that the table would be procured by Christmas.</p>
27 Oct 1906	5	<p><b>Brevities.</b>  <b>TANSLEY.</b></p> <p>Samuel Knowles, labourer, Thacker’s Row, Tansley, was at Matlock on Wednesday summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Matlock Green on the 13<sup>th</sup> October.- Defendant did not appear, and the case was adjourned until next Court.</p>
1 December 1906	6	<p><b>NEWS SUMMARY.</b></p> <p>At Tansley, on Monday, the fourteen year old son of Mr. Fredk. White Shaw, of Ashover, leaped from a dray which was proceeding to Matlock, and was instantly killed by a motor car, which was being driven by the owner, Captain Kayser, of Buxton, towards Matlock.</p>
1 December 1906	12	<p><b>ASHOVER BOY’S FATAL JUMP.</b>  <b>Alights in front of Motor Car.</b>  <b>Shocking Accident at Tansley.</b></p> <p>A distressing fatality took place at Tansley on Monday, when the victim was Frederick White Shaw, the fourteen year old son of Mr Frederick Shaw, of Ashover. He was riding on a dray along with Mr Isaac Carter, who was taking plants from Messrs. Smiths Nurseries, Tansley, to Matlock, and when opposite the George and Dragon Inn, Tansley, the youth jumped off the dray, and was immediately run over and killed by a motor car, which was being driven by the owner, Catain Kayser, of 5, Rochester Terrace, Buxton. The other occupants of the car were Mr Gerald Lewis, of the Austin Motor Company, Birmingham, and Miss Brown, sister in-law to Capt. Kayser. With promptitude P.c. Webster, the village constable, along with P.c. Laidlaw, Matlock, were on the scene and removed the body to the George and Dragon. Doctor A. L’Estrange Orme, of Matlock, was fetched by Capt. Kayser in his motor although it seemed quite clear Shaw was dead. Deceased was in the employ of Messrs Smith, nurserymen, Tansley.</p> <p>The car was not proceeding at anything beyond a proper rate of speed, and no blame seems to be attached to the owner.</p> <p><b>THE INQUEST.</b></p> <p>Searching enquiry was made into the accident on Tuesday by the Coroner for West Derbyshire (Mr Sidney Taylor). The inquest was held at the George and Dragon Inn, Tansley, and the jury sworn</p>

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were:- Messrs Sidney Smith (foreman), Thomas Taylor, Thos. McMunn, Charles Gregory, James Briddon, William Mycock, Joseph Arrow Smith, James Bunting, Samuel Smith, Herbert Strange, Matthew Marriott, Benjamin Taylor, and Jno. Wilkinson. Supt. Richardson, of Matlock, was also present.

Evidence of identification was given by deceased's father, Mr Frdk. White Shaw, a carter, of Ashover. He said his son would have been 14 years of age next January.

The Coroner: Can you tell me what time he left home yesterday?

Witness: a little before seven.

What business had he with the lurry at Tansley?- He was in the employ of Mr James Smith, nurseryman, of Scotland House, Tansley, and he was on the lurry going to Matlock.

Have you got anyone here on your behalf? – No.

Was it part of your son's work to go out with this lurry?- No. That was the first time he had gone out with it.

Isaac Carter, of Matlock Moor, a carter in the employ of Mr James Smith, who was driving the lurry at the time the accident happened, said he left Scotland nurseries at ten minutes to three and was taking a load of plants to Matlock Station, with a lurry and two horses. The load of trees, which was a high one, weighed about a ton and the deceased was with him, to help to unload at Matlock Station.

The Corner: Whereabouts did the accident happen? – In front of the George and Dragon.

Were you sitting on the lurry? – No. I had hold of the horse's head.

Where was Shaw?- I don't know whereabouts but he was on the dray.

Where had the deceased been the first part of the journey?- Sitting on the shaft.

Did you notice him on the shaft during the first five or ten minutes before you got to the public house?- I noticed him 100 yards before I got there.

On what side was he?- He was on the right hand shaft.

You would be then at the horse's head at the left side?- Yes.

What was the first you saw or heard of the motor car?- When I saw the motor it was the top side of the saw shed.

Is that close to the place where the fatality happened?- Yes.

Did you here the motor horn?- Yes.

Did it sound more than once?- No, only once.

Did you see anything then?- No. When I heard the motor I had to be at the horse's head because they are on you in a "jiff."

Were you on your right side?- I was well on my own side.

The motor horn was not sounded for you to get out of the

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motorist's way?- Oh, no.

Did you draw more to the left when you heard it?- No, because I was well on my own side.

Did you see the motor?- Yes, I saw it pull up.

How far did it get past you before it was pulled up?- Ten or 12 yards.

It was pulled up quickly then?- Yes, it was.

When it pulled up did you notice anything had happened?- Yes, because I heard a creak and a funny noise, and I pulled up my horses.

What was the first you saw or heard of the boy after that?- I looked round and saw he was injured.

Where was he?- In the middle of the road.

Who went to his help?- I did as soon as possible.

Did you think he was living?- No, he was perfectly dead when I went to him.

How far was he away from the lurry?- About a yard.

Do you think he must have heard the motor horn?- I am sure I don't know.

When he was sitting on the shafts would he be hidden by the load from anyone seeing him from behind?- I don't think so. The dray is a very wide one.

What was done to the boy after this?- I don't know. The police arrived on the scene and I went to my horses as I was blocking the road up.

You didn't see the motor until he actually overtook you?- No.

I should like to ask you whether you think he was going too fast?- I did not see him before he pulled up, therefore I don't know. The motor was on us in a "jiff."

The Foreman: I am inclined to think the boy could not see the approach of the motor car.

Supt.Richardson: Do you know whether the boy was at all deaf?

Witness: No. That was the first time he had been with me.

Annie Watts, who lives at the George and Dragon, Tansley, said she observed the car approaching. She did not hear the motor horn, but the next thing she noticed was one of the wheels going over the boy.

The Coroner: Can you tell me which wheel?- The near back wheel.

Then you didn't really see the boy on his feet?- No, I only saw the wheel go over him.

You really saw it a bit too late for our purposes. Did the car seem to have any difficulty in passing the lurry?- I could not say, I didn't stop to see any more.

Supt.Richardson: Was the car travelling fast?

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Witness: It was going middling fast.

Can you say how fast?-No.

As fast as an ordinary horse and trap?- I could not say.

Captain Frank Keyser, of 5, Rochester Terrace, Buxton, the owner and driver of the car, stated that he was driving the motor at the time of the accident. There were three people inside.

The Coroner: Will you tell us exactly in your own words what happened as you passed this house?- I was going down the hill and saw a lurry in front of me, so I started blowing my horn when within 400 yards of it. The engine was shut off. I sounded the horn right up to the dray.

Immediately before passing the cart was it in its proper position in the road? – The cart had just passed over onto its proper side, so I had plenty of room.

Do you think it was pulled over in consequence of you sounding your horn?- Yes.

Had the dray been on the wrong side of the road?- No. It was in the middle and the driver pulled over to his proper side.

Before reaching the dray did you see anybody? – The road was perfectly clear, I could see right in front of me.

Did you see anyone on the lurry or dray?- No. It seemed covered over with straw.

They were taking plants to Matlock station. What was the first you saw of the boy?- The boy jumped from the dray right in front of the car. That was the first I saw of him.

Could you say if the boy jumped off the shafts of the cart?- I thought he jumped from the body of it.

Can you describe in what manner he jumped off?- The boy had part of an unlighted cigarette in his hand and he looked as if he jumped off to get a light. He was not jumping off to go to the horse's head because he jumped as though he was making for the other side of the road.

Did he look your way at all?- I don't know but it was almost impossible for him not to have heard the motor horn. I continually sounded it.

What part of your car struck him?- The front part.

Did the car go over him?- No, not at all. The boy dropped just on the front of the car and I pulled up immediately.

The Coroner then read over the evidence of Annie Watts, which was to the effect she saw the car pass over the boy, but witness said it was not correct, and the Coroner expressed himself of the opinion she must have been mistaken.

The Coroner: Was deceased quite dead when you went to him?- Yes, but I went in the motor to fetch the police and a doctor.

After the accident did you immediately pull up your car?- Yes, I



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pulled up within six feet. The policeman measured it.

Supt. Richardson: I understood you to say you shut your engine down and you were running down the gradient, so your car would be running silently?- It made a slight noise. I wanted to cool the engine and to get a better control over the car.

The deceased must have practically dropped on the front of your car?- Yes.

Can you give any idea of the mileage you were travelling?- Not above six miles an hour.

By only travelling six miles an hour do you think your car could do the damage it did?- Yes. Deceased fell with his head onto the bonnet of the car and his leg got caught. Something turned him right round.

P.c. Webster (Tansley) said he received the alarm from a man named Bunting, and found the boy lying in the middle of the road. He assisted him to take him into the George and Dragon. He was quite dead. He had been unable to find anybody who had actually seen the accident except the people in the car.

Dr. A. L'Estrange Orme of Matlock Common, who at the request of the Coroner made a minute examination of the body, while the inquest was proceeding, stated that deceased had received injuries to his head which would account for death. He could not say how deep the injuries were, but he believed the skull was fractured. Deceased's left side was also injured.

Mr Gerald Vivian Lewis of Yockleton Hall, Shrewsbury, who was with Capt. Keyser in the motor car at the time of the accident, said he first noticed the dray when about 100 yards from it. They blew the horn before they caught it up.

The Corner: Did you see anyone on the cart?- No. I only saw a man attending to the horses.

What was the first you saw of the boy?- When the boy jumped onto the car.

From what part of the cart did he come?- From the shafts.

Did he come as though he had fallen off the cart?- No, he jumped off because he was well on his feet. Then he was struck by the corner of the car.

Supt. Richardson: What was the distance from the side of the car to the lurry?- Six feet.

How fast was the car travelling?- At the most from eight to 10 miles an hour.

By Captain Keyser: The car did not pass over the boy.

Mr Lewis said he had frequently travelled with Captain Keyser in his motor car and he would like to testify to Mr Keyser's exceptionally careful driving.

Miss Brown, sister-in-law to Capt. Keyser, said she had heard

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the evidence of the last witness which was true.

The Coroner: Then I need not trouble you further.

In summing up the Coroner remarked that had Mr Keyser been in any way to blame they would certainly have heard something of it from Carter, who was certainly not interested in clearing the motorist. Proper notice was given of the approach of the car and it was not going at an excessive speed. Deceased must have heard the horn and forgotten all about it when he took his fatal leap off the lurry.

After a few minutes consultation, the jury found that deceased was killed by being accidentally struck on the head by a motor car and that no blame was attached to the driver of the car.

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**DEATH OF A CRIMEAN HERO.**

**Nursed by Miss Florence  
Nightingale.**

Half-a-dozen members of "small pay" Company, Matlock Volunteers, together with a handful of mourners, stood on Thursday in the deep snow with bowed heads by the humble graveside in Tansley Parish Churchyard of Mr. Samuel Twigg aged 78 years, once private in the Royal Engineers, and one of the now rapidly dwindling little band of Crimean heroes.

Twigg served his country well. He passed through the horrors of the trenches before Sebastapol during the winter of 1854-55. He saw wounds and mutilations of every terrible kind and form, disease in all its terrible variety, agony mental and physical. He nibbled his two hard biscuits daily and gnawed his meagre chunk of raw, salt beef - eaten raw because there was no fire to cook it.

He stood knee deep in icy mud the day through; slept in it by night. Around him his comrades died worse deaths than come from shot and shell - they died from the twin visitants, starvation and cholera. And Twigg, as a member of a burying party, dug the graves of many of his friends.

In the Barrack Hospital at Scutari, where he was taken after he was wounded in the trenches at Sebastapol, he came in contact a great deal with Miss Florence Nightingale. Though Twigg would never consent to give an account of his life, he once told our Matlock representative that Miss Nightingale, with her staff of forty-five nurses, arrived at Scutari in the early part of November, 1854, before the battle of Inkerman, and in a single day there were admitted to the hospital no fewer than 600 men, and the sickness in camp was so great that in the course of two months (October and November) the number of patients rose from a few hundreds to 3000, and on the 10<sup>th</sup> January, 1855, nearly 10,000 sick men were scattered over the hospitals on the Bosphorus. Deceased whilst in hospital received special attention at the hands of Miss

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Nightingale; he was a native of a village (Tansley) close to Lea Hurst, where she resided for some years. When he had recovered he embarked for home, but decided to stay at Gibraltar, where he kept the Oddfellows' Arms, and having in a few years having made a competency he returned to England to spend his latter days in retirement at his native village. His wife died at Gibraltar, leaving no family. He seemed to feel his loneliness for the first time when his wife died. Up to then he had been a wonderful man, and during the fifteen years he had lived in retirement with Mr and Mrs Keeling at Tansley, he was a notable figure in the village. He had property in Tansley and Darley Dale

**Gleanings in the Peak**

Tansley has lost one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants by the death of Mrs Johnson, which occurred on Christmas day. Deceased was 87 years of age, but until the last was of active habits. The funeral was arranged for Friday.