



# Lobley Link 2007



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**Julia and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.**

2007 was another fascinating year for Lobley research, although as usual, work and other interests combine to take time away from genealogy.

As always, If you have any suggestions for improving the website or any other family related information or queries, please let me know.

Merry Christmas

*Phil and Julia*

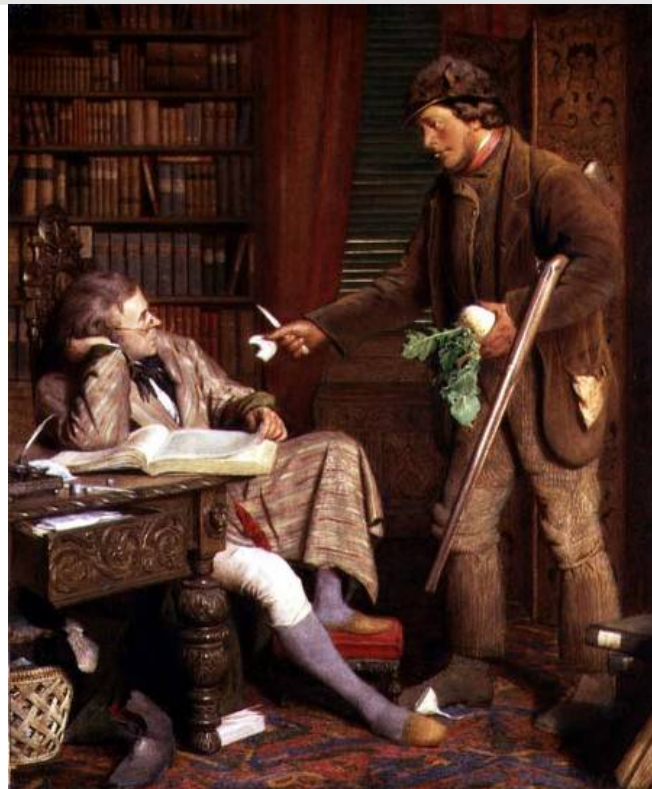
Lobley artists : James Lobley – Two more paintings

Another trawl through the internet has revealed more paintings by James Lobley (1828-1888).



*The Lacemaker*

I was alerted to one of these by one of my correspondents, John Lobley.



*The Squire and the Gamekeeper or The Demurrer*

You may find further information on it, and similar paintings, on the gallery websites at:

[www.artnet.com](http://www.artnet.com) and [www.art-prints-on-demand.com](http://www.art-prints-on-demand.com)

Census News

*More Census data available online*

In the UK, [ancestry.co.uk](http://ancestry.co.uk) have now added more databases to their extensive list. For an annual subscription, I can now access a name index and transcription (as well as the ability to download the original images) for the following censuses of England and Wales: 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901. Scottish Census transcriptions are also available but, as yet, not the original images.

The images are clear and the online software works well. As expected, the quality of the original images has affected the quality of the transcription. There are a few howlers, but it is well worth the money.

I invite anyone who would like to know where their (UK) ancestors lived from 1841-1901 to send me a

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letter or email and I will try my best to locate the relevant page.

The Times and Manchester Guardian archives online

In Loblely Link 2005, I gave an example of the information that can be obtained from newspaper archives. The London Times archive (from 1785) has been available online for a couple of years. In the UK, it is available free, via many public libraries. Images from The Guardian (formerly the Manchester Guardian) are now also available online (from 1821 onwards). Searching the index is free – images are available as a subscription service – at <http://archive.guardian.co.uk>

For a limited period, the service was offered free of charge, and I downloaded some fascinating Loblely stories. The Guardian tended to have a little more local colour in its stories than The Times. However, as these examples show, both have their moments!

#### The Guardian Jan 29, 1857

##### *Extensive Robberies of Tallow at Pudsey*

*At the West Riding Magistrates' Court, at Bradford, yesterday, Thomas Holmes, aged 50, a journeyman tallow chandler, and a well-dressed youth, named Benjamin Fowler, aged 18, an apprentice, were charged with stealing large quantities of tallow and other property, belonging to Mrs. Harriet Loblely, of Pudsey, between Leeds and Bradford. Mrs Loblely is a widow, carrying on an extensive wholesale and retail grocery and tallow chandlery business. For many months past large quantities of tallow (to the value of £150) have been missed from the premises, but no clue could be obtained to the thieves... On Monday morning, Mr Gratten (Mrs Loblely's son-in law, who assists in conducting the business) missed a large lump of tallow, which had been left safe on Saturday evening, the premises apparently having been entered by skeleton keys. On Tuesday morning, while on the platform of the railway station at Stanningley, Mr Gratten saw a bundle., which he found contained a large lump of tallow, and the prisoner Holmes was on the platform at the time, having taken a ticket for Bradford ....whither he was followed and apprehended. On searching the house of Holmes at Pudsey, several large bundles of tallow were found, two or three mould pipes and other things used in the trade, all the property of Mrs. Loblely. He said he had received them from her apprentice, Henry Fowler, who lives in her house. On Fowler being apprehended, he confessed that Holmes (who was discharged from her employ about a year ago, and has since led an idle life),*

*had induced him, by giving him money from time to time, to go on robbing his mistress. Holmes had made almost daily journeys to Bradford and Bowling, where he sold the tallow. Both prisoners were committed for trial.*

The Guardian followed up this report with a second article, two weeks later, detailing the committal of a William Rhodes, a tallow chandler at Bowling, Bradford, "*charged with receiving, knowing them to be stolen, a large number of chandling rods, the property of Mrs. Loblely, of Pudsey..... She had been robbed during the last twelve months of tallow, &c, to the amount of £300*".

I do not know the outcome of the trial – but I'm sure it is available in the West Yorkshire archives, somewhere!

Note: Harriet Prior married Ralph Loblely in 1840. They had 6 children and lived in Lowtown, Pudsey. Ralph died in 1848. Harriet died in 1879, leaving a will. At least one of their children – Ralph Stowe Loblely – continued in the tallow chandlery business.

In the 1851 census, William Gratten is living with the family, but I have been unable to track down the suspects in the case.

*The Times*, Thursday, Oct 14, 1824

**Police: Mansion House:** *John Pattison, once a corporal in the service of His Majesty George III.. was brought before the Lord Mayor, charged with having assaulted his landlord, Mr Loblely, of Thompson's court, in breach of the peace and in defiance of the articles of war. The Corporal, upon being put to the bar, presented a most woeful appearance ...*

*Mr Loblely said, that the corporal not having been regular in his payments of rent, it was found necessary to expostulate with him particularly, as he managed to give extensive entertainments. The military mode of disposing of his debt was adopted by the corporal: he thought it insolent in his landlord to make the demand, encouraged his company to indulge themselves with as much noise as possible, and finally struck and kicked the man in whose house he was sheltered.....*

Note: The Loblely referred to here was probably William James (or James William Loblely). He lived in Thompson's Court at that time. He was, variously, a gold lace weaver and undertaker. He married and had at least four children.