



Lobley Link 2008



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

In 2008, the amount of time I spent on family history research has probably been less than ever. Work continues to get in the way of my leisure pursuits! However, I have uncovered a few items of interest and hope that you too will spend more time in future on this fascinating hobby.

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

Old Newspapers

Over the last few years, more archives have been digitising their newspaper, magazine and periodical collections. Some of these are now available online – mostly via a subscription route. I have access to some via Ancestry.co.uk and others via a local library. However, many are only available to students at colleges and universities which subscribe to the 'Gale' online archive. http://www.gale.cengage.com/title_lists/.

Occasionally Gale offers free access to all users and I have picked up many interesting snippets.

I'll give you a flavour of some of these fascinating stories. You never know – one of them might be your ancestor!

Invered of Daughter.

A few Days ago was married, Mr. Lobley, Attorney at Law at Bingley, to Miss Cockcroft, of Hildray; with a Fortune of 10,000l.

On Thursday last was married, Mr. John Colt, Wine Merchant, and one of the present Sheriffs of this City, to Miss Bacon,

"The Public Advertiser" 6 June 1774

John Lobley was the son of John & Dorothy Lobley of Skipton.

Mr. Godfrey Outram, aged ninety-six, was on Thursday supported to the Hymeneal altar, at Louth; by the blooming Miss P. Lobley, just entered into her sixteenth year.

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Observer (London), Sunday, August 4, 1799

Chelmsford, April 7. Last Monday Daniel Lobley, was conveyed to Stratford, to stand on the Pillory there (for an Attempt to commit Sodomy) according to his Sentence at last Assizes, but before he had stood half the Time appointed, he was killed by the Mob. The Coroner's Inquest brought in their Verdict Wilful Murder, and one Person is now in Custody, and Warrants are issued out against several others.

"The Public Advertiser" 12th April 1763

This could have been one of 3 possible Daniel Loblays. Dare I attempt to investigate further?

SAMUEL LOBLEY, SWINDLER!

DETECTIVES ARREST A LONG- SOUGHT OPERATOR.

SOME OF THE TRANSACTIONS IN WHICH HE AND HIS ACCOMPLICE SECURED MUCH VALUABLE BOOTY.

In a cell at Police Headquarters there was confined yesterday a man who, by his boldness and shrewdness, has swindled many jewelers and other tradesmen in this and other cities, and for whom detectives all over the country have been looking. He calls himself Samuel Lobley. He is about thirty-five years old and is married. He is very well educated, dresses well, and has the manner of a gentleman.

He was arrested on Sunday night for a crime committed over nine years ago. Since the commission of the crime he has been in prison, and there are enough complaints for swindling registered against him now to keep him in prison for the remainder of his days. His father was a horse thief and belonged to the notorious Briggs and Pickels gang, which was broken up pretty effectually in 1874, when its headquarters in East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street was raided by the police and twenty-five stolen horses were recovered.

"New York Times" 12th November 1889

The case runs over several paragraphs (and over several editions). Samuel appears to have both British and Canadian connections. I will dig deeper.

James Lobley

In Malcolm Hardman's article in [Notes and Queries](#) (June 1995), he notes that it was believed that the model for James Lobley's painting of Little Nell was his daughter Helen Lister Lobley. I mentioned this in my Lobleylink Newsletter of 1999. I have found a colour copy of that painting and reproduce it below. Helen married William Isaacson in 1891. By 1901 they had moved to South London where they brought up two sons. Helen (Nellie) died in 1935. Her husband was born in Germany, and became naturalised in 1904.



In the same article, it is suggested that James Lobley's father - also named James, "a good-looking old man with splendid whiskers" - is portrayed in 'The Dole, Stow Church' (see below). He was born about 1799 in Hull and died in 1880. He and his wife Ann Jennings had 6 children, James being the third child. The smartly dressed girl leaving the church is thought to be either James' eldest daughter Ann, or Amy, the daughter of his patron Alfred Harris

junior who purchased the painting after its showing at the Royal Academy.



Northamptonshire Lobleys?

Eye, Eye!

Whilst undertaking some research for another family, I chanced upon a transcription of some parish register entries for Eye in Northamptonshire, near Peterborough. Within a long list of entries were 4 baptisms, 3 marriages and 7 burials of Lobleys between 1728 and 1776.

The curious thing is that I have not found a single Lobley family in Northamptonshire before now. It could well be that the entries have been mis-transcribed from 'Cobley' or a similar name. Like any self-respecting family historian, I cannot leave this stone unturned and I hope to visit the Northamptonshire Record Office in early 2009 to investigate this anomaly.

Theatrical Lobleys

Finally, a snippet from a little known London paper. Further research needed into this family!

UNLICENSED THEATRES AGAIN.—Richard Wilson, the keeper of a beer-shop, designated "The Victoria Saloon," in Church-street, Bethnal-green, was charged with having permitted dramatic entertainments to be performed in his house. *William and Margaret Lobley, Diana Boucher, Jemima Ball, Elizabeth Nicholls, Frederick Harris, Richard Barton, Mark Wilson, and George Wynne*, the theatrical corps, together with upwards of a dozen miserable looking beings, who had formed a portion of the audience, were also charged. Mr. Pierse, the superintendent

Upon the arrival of Mr. Pierse, witness made his way to the stage, and secured Mrs. Lobley, who had ensconced herself beneath the piano.—Sergeant Power, police-constable Rowland, and several other witnesses gave corroborative evidence.—Mr. Heritage, a solicitor, who attended for the prisoners,

The Era, Sunday, December 8, 1839