John Hugh Burland (1819 – 1885)

Burland was born in Barnsley and educated at Barnsley National School and Mr. A.A. Ross’s School. He went on to become an early member of Barnsley Mechanics’ Institute and Literary Society. He joined the Chartist movement but was forced to leave Barnsley when a warrant for his arrest was issued.

Burland qualified at Ripon Diocesan Training School, York, as a national schoolmaster. He was headmaster at Staindrop School, Durham, 1847 – 50; and he was at Stainborough Township School 1850 – 1857.

Later, after some years following various business pursuits, he was appointed warden of Hoyland Nether School Board in 1876. In later life he lived at Prospect Place, Hoyland.

He devoted a lot of his time to local history. His unpublished Annals of Barnsley and its Environs, is an important source for the history of Chartism in south Yorkshire, can be consulted in Barnsley Archives and Local Studies (see Experience Barnsley below). Work is underway to transcribe it and meanwhile an index to the ‘Annals’ is available on their website.

In 2014 a plaque commemorating John Hugh Burland was unveiled by two of his descendents on the outer wall of the Premier Hotel, Sackville Street, Barnsley.

In addition to Burland’s Poems he published Poems on Various Subjects, printed in Barnsley by John Elliott, 1865.

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