

- 1774 A date stone from Thorn Farm/House, the residence of the Lord Family. The building was recorded in 1810 as Further Tonge, having 24 acres of land and owned by a James Lord, by 1834 it was described as a Mansion House & warehouse, occupied by the above James Lord. The 1851 Census gives: Jane Lord, Widow, aged 85, Landed proprietor, Thorne and Betsey Lord aged 54, unmarried. By 1881, Betsey had become Betty Lord aged 84, better known as Miss Lord of Thorne, she died at the age of 91 in 1888 and was buried at St. Johns, Bacup. The house was demolished on the 6th. March 1946. The position of the house was on the site of no: 49 & 51 Pennine Road, Bacup, or thereabouts.<sup>18. 37. 38</sup>, (1888 B&R. News 4-2-88) (BT. 1946)
- 1779 John Wesley preached in Bacup for the third time.<sup>50</sup>
- 1788 The first St. Johns church built in Bacup. Said to contain the old church bell, dated 1787, inscribed: Exaudiunt Clangorem Beatus est Populus Qui. The steeple was erected by public subscription in 1798. A clock was also subscribed by the public 1833.<sup>39. 40</sup>
- 1789 Todmorden to Haslingden turnpike trust road built.<sup>16</sup>
- 1798 Water powered scribbling mill on Mill Moor, Cowpe.<sup>15</sup>. Said to be the first woollen mill in Rossendale.
- 1799 Bacup's first large cotton mill erected.<sup>15</sup>
- 1799 The first steam engine to run the above mill recorded.<sup>15</sup>
- 1800 Bank House mentioned, at that date occupied by Edmund Whitaker of the above mill. (Bank House Lane; demolished)<sup>15. 41</sup>
- 1807 Mount Pleasant Wesleyan Chapel built. Demolished 1977. ~~X~~ (BT. 29-6-1907)
- 1810 At least 8 coal pits in Bacup.<sup>32</sup>
- 1812 Ebenezer Baptist Chapel built.<sup>35a</sup>
- 1815-1824 The building of Forest House, Bank Side, Bacup.<sup>49</sup>
- 1815-1830 Hand loom weaving was at its peak.<sup>42</sup>