



*Canon John Bamber,
1827-1866*



*James Bamber, 1824-1898.
Farmed Pale Farm.*

John, another son of James and Elizabeth, became a priest. He was ordained in December, 1854, became a Canon and worked for several years in Bermondsey, London. He died in 1866 in Brighton and left an inscribed gold watch to the first John Bamber to become 21 years old. Nearly 80 years later this distinction fell in 1945 to my brother. Sad to say, the watch was stolen in a burglary at my brother's house in Fulwood five or six years ago.

The last of the three memorable sons of James Bamber and Elizabeth Sumner is the most important to me because it is from him that I trace my own descent. This was James, born on 14th September, 1824. He farmed at Pale Farm and was married twice. In May, 1853, he married Agnes Walmsley who bore him three children and died aged 59 in March, 1890. Almost exactly twelve months later James married Mary Ann Salmon, who died in 1908, outliving him by ten years. James became well known in the district: he was the census enumerator for Little Bowland and Leagram in 1861 and for a number of years was bailiff of the Leagram estate.

James had three children, all from the first marriage.

The eldest was born in 1854 and was named James, like his father and grandfather. He married Jane Dewhurst, farmed at Higher Greystoneley and died in 1891. They had several daughters and three sons: John, who died as a boy; James, who in 1909 married his second cousin, Mary Ann Bamber of Birchen Lee, farmed like his father at Higher Greystoneley and died of tuberculosis in 1912. The third son was Robert, born in March, 1889, who farmed at Knott End, Greystoneley and at Rough Hey, Grimsargh. He married three times: to Alice Holden, Margaret Walmsley and Annie Wells. Both James and Robert still have descendants living in Chipping and Longridge.

The second child of James Bamber and Agnes Walmsley was Mary Agnes, born in February, 1863, who married John Keighley of Blackburn.

The third child was Richard, born in February, 1866. He followed his father in farming at the Pale; he became a Rural District Councillor for Little Bowland and Leagram and a member of the Board of Guardians for Clitheroe Poor Law Union. Like his father he, too, married twice. His first wife was Nancy Lupton, whom he married in October, 1892.



*Richard Bamber,
1866-1920
Farmed at the Pale.*

*Nancy Lupton,
1868-1898.
Richard's first wife.*

