

Charles Turner - additional information

In Newsletter No. 42, on the back page, there was an account of Charles Turner's life. He was a leading Methodist and a druggist with a business in the centre of Tickhill. He had to sell up and leave Tickhill in what seemed to be mysterious circumstances, even though his good name and reputation were never in doubt. It looks as though Charles had tried to help Elizabeth Rickard, a widow who was a tea dealer and grocer living in Northgate, Tickhill. Elizabeth's husband, Robert, a wheelwright, had died aged 43 in 1846, leaving her, aged 39, with a 10 year old son, George, and two daughters, Susannah aged 5 and Mary Ann aged 4. George died in 1853. Unfortunately Elizabeth died aged 48 on 11 May 1855 leaving debts. A case was heard in the High Court of Chancery on behalf of Charles and another person against Mary Ann Rickard. Creditors of Elizabeth were asked to prove their debts at the Chambers of the Vice Chancellor Kindersley at No. 3 Stone buildings, Lincoln's Inn, on or before 12 March 1859. An adjudication about the claims was scheduled for 16 March 1859. This hearing was advertised in the *York Herald* on 12, 19 and 26 February 1859. If Charles had been a guarantor for Elizabeth's debts, he could well have had to sell his business and home to honour the debts and pay the substantial legal fees incurred.