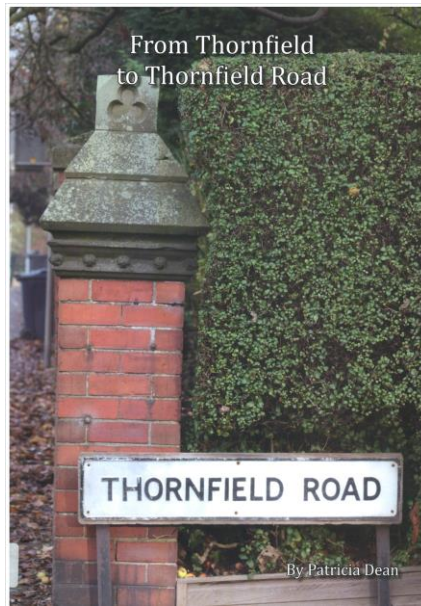


## From Thornfield to Thornfield Road by Patricia Dean



This book will appeal to anyone interested in prominent Darlington people and hidden Darlington buildings as well as readers and researchers just interested in the history of Darlington generally. The book is very readable and may inspire you to trace the history of your house or a building in your area that you have an interest in. The types of resources the author uses are available in the Centre for Local Studies and the Durham County Record Office.

Thornfield was a substantial brick and stone house set in seven acres, on land off Carmel Road. John Marley, a mining and civil engineer and colliery owner had Thornfield built in 1859. He lived there with his family and the author traces them through the census returns and Register of Electors until 1903, when the author follows other occupiers and later describes the development of Thornfield Road.

The development of the house and surrounding land is shown through maps and plans, building a picture up of what happened to the house over the decades.

The book is well illustrated with photographs such as Thornfield while it was occupied by the Marley family, the Marley family photograph of 1874 and this lovely snowy painting from the Local Studies collection by Alfred Longley.



The book ends with a list of sources which would be helpful for anyone wanting to research the subject themselves, and of course staff in the Centre for Local Studies at Darlington Library can help anyone wanting to research similar topics.