

1846

1846 June 1st Glorious First - Weather most serene and splendid. On this Day, a new era in the History of Bⁿ. commenced by the formal opening of the Bⁿ. & Preston Railway Line. - The concourse of people witnessing the same was great, and it was truly gratifying to witness the splendid appearance of the line carriages &c - I went down to Farington,¹ with Mr Preble and was highly gratified with the Trip.

My first parcel by the above Railway, came on Tuesday the 2nd of June 1846.
[The diary, as bound, is out of sequence after this entry. This transcription restores the chronological order]

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Oct: 16th, I have lived to follow Mrs. Callis to her grave and to hear her will, as I expected she has left nothing to any but her own, and the selfishness of the whole Family has so provoked my disgust that tho' I had urged to leave some to wife under contingency & the two Miss Callis - but circumstances have so altered that in the presence of my Sister Anne I destroyed my will altogether.

I consider that my wife was poorly insulted in being left unnoticed altogether - No doubt Mr. C. Callis, & Mr Atkin have acted under the impression that I am very rich because I purchased the Houses in Mount St. forgetting that this was done with a view to find good Interest for my Brother's children's Money.

[October] 19th. My Mother released me from £20:0:0 which I owed her in lieu of any separate bequest in her will of furniture &c.

I consider the following my actual property

	£:s:d	worth
Six Gas Shares, nett £10:0:0	50:0:0	90:0:0
Five Bolton Shares, paid up	55:0:0	55:0:0
Thirteen Clithero & N.W.J.R.S. }		
paid £2:12:6 ^d share }	34:2:6	26:0:0
Three Houses @ Mount Street	550:0:0	550:0:0
	£ 699:2:6	720:0:0

Deduct Money owing on the above.

To Mother	35:0:0		
H K	100:0:0		
Misc.	200:0:0		
Bank	50:0:0	385:0:0	385:0:0
		£314:2:6	£335:0:0

Nov^r 17th 1846

This supposes that the Stock & Debt were paid for by 1847 which is not the case for my Mother claims £380 and Jan^y 1st the sum of £200:0:0 for which indeed I pay their interest. This leaves me in Debt £250:0:0.

¹ Farington is about 6 miles south of Preston.