

Major Announcement

For immediate release:

TheGenealogist launches over 1.3 million Parish Records for Northumberland

[TheGenealogist](#) has expanded its UK **Parish Records collection** with the release of over 1,363,000 new records for **Northumberland**. These records make it easier to find your ancestors' baptisms, marriages and burials in these **fully searchable** records that cover the ancient parishes of the northernmost county of England. Some of the records can take you as far back as **1560**.

In this release you can find the records of:

903,314 individuals in Baptisms, 157,329 individuals in Marriages and 302,378 individuals in Burials

Use these records to find the names of ancestors, parents' forenames (in the case of baptisms), father's occupation (where given), abode or parish, parish that the event took place in, the date of the event, in the case of marriage records, the bride's maiden name and the witnesses' names.



In these records you can find **Grace Horsley Darling**, the famous lighthouse keeper's daughter who saved the crew from a shipwrecked paddle steamer. She was born on 24th November 1815, at her grandfather's cottage in Bamburgh in Northumberland and was baptised the following month.

Grace was the daughter of William and Thomasine Darling who, when only a few weeks old, was taken to live in a small cottage attached to the lighthouse on Brownsman Island, one of the Farne Islands off the coast of Northumberland.

Her father ran the lighthouse there and she is famed for participating in the rescue of survivors from the shipwrecked paddle steamer *Forfarshire* in 1838.

It was carrying sixty two people when it foundered on the rocks, split in two, the survivors managed to clamber onto Big Harcar a rocky island and were spotted by Grace looking from an upstairs window. She and her father rowed out in a four man boat for a distance of about a mile and between them rescued the nine survivors.

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*Baptism Record For Grace Horsley Darling
In the Parish of Bamburgh*

Name	Grace Horsley Darling		
Father's Name	William Darling	Mother's Name	Thomasine Darling
Father's Profession	Lighthouse Keeper		
Date of Baptism	17th December 1815		
Abode	Outer Lighthouse		
Place of Event	Bamburgh, Northumberland		
Event	Baptism		

Baptism record for Grace Horsley Darling on TheGenealogist

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Credits:- Grace Darling rowing out to sea, to save sailors from a shipwreck, in a furious storm. Colour wood engraving by E. Evans after C.J. Staniland - Wellcome Library, London

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