

One of his entries in the Baptism Register is somewhat unusual. On the 10th April, 1799, he records the Baptism of John Wright, son of James Wright and Mary Johnson: and he adds: "This Mary Johnson was sold by her husband at Formby Cross and purchased by James Wright for 15 shillings & a crown bowl of Punch." His last entry in the Formby Register was Oct 10th 1805. Leaving Formby, he went to assist his uncle, the Rev. James Carter, alias Hawtley, at Newhouse, near Preston, his first entry in the Newhouse Register being Oct. 18th 1805. Here he showed great energy, for it was mainly through his exertions, that a new chapel was built near the old site, in the year 1806, the old title of St. Laurence being changed to that of St. Mary, to prevent any ill-feeling on the part of the Protestants, whose neighbouring chapel of Scartho bore the name of St. Laurence, the old patron of the district. With the erection of the new chapel a burial ground was opened, to the great ire of the curate of Goosnargh, the Rev. Joshua Southward, who demanded the interment fees, and in 1810 threatened Dr. Carter with the penalties of the law, closing his letter thus: "All I want is burial fees."