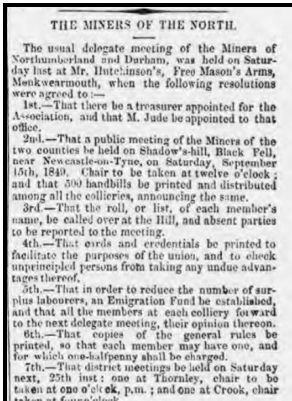


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The 'Pit Brow Lasses' of 19th

In the mines at that time the state of ventilation was frightful. In 1893 Major Alfred Wynne Corrie Esq D. In those areas where women did work underground, both men and women miners had reservations about the Act — the division of opinion was not between women and men so much as between areas where women worked underground and those where they did not.

Denton Colliery, Denton, Lancashire

I have heard of knocks or joults: I had my arm broken by a waggon; I had gotten all out of the road by my arm. In the West Riding of Yorkshire, the practice of employing females under- round is universal. They are often punished until they can scarcely stand.

Why 'pit brow lasses' were coal mining's unsung heroines

This tradition is probably strongest in the North-East, where women had long ceased to be employed at mines when the union took shape in the 1840s. I worked one week in the day time and the next at night, the same as the drawers did.

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