

The Dancing Career of Robert Tunaley

Some Newspaper Notices.

Robert died 11th August 1820.

(by P.H. Tunaley with information sourced by J.E. Holmes)

Notice in Derby Mercury, Friday 11 April 1777.

Re. Robert Tunaley's dancing school:

"Derby April 2, 1777

DANCING

Mr. Tunaley begs Leave to return his most sincere thanks to his Friends both in Town and Countru, for the Favors already conferred on him, and humbly solicits a Continuance of the same; and informs them that he will open his SCHOOL, at the Old Assembly Room, on Monday the 21st of this instant,- Attendance, as usual, 3 days every other Week.

N.B. Those ladies and gentlemen who please to honor Mr. Tunaley with their commands, will oblige him by a speedy Communication of such their Intention."

Notice in Derby Mercury, Thursday 6 October 1785.

"Derby Oct 10th 1785

Mr. Tunaleys' Annual BALL at CHESTERFIELD is fix'd for Friday 21st inst. at the Assembly-Room -- Doors to be open'd at Half past Five; -- to begin at Six o'Clock.

N.B. Tickets to be had at the CASTLE INN at 2s 6d each"

Notice in Derby Mercury, March 27th 1800.

Robert Tunaley in partnership with Mr Fritche An advertisement for the dancing school taken from the Derby Mercury March 27 1800.

"Derby March 24th, 1800.

DANCING

MESSRS. TUNALEY & FRITCHE respectfully inform their friends and the Public, that their next Quarter will commence at Chesterfield on Thursday the 27th instant , at Duffield, Edge Hill, and Wirksworth, on

Friday the 28th , at Burton-Upon-Trent on Thursday the 3rd of April, at Kegworth on Friday the 4th, at Longford on Saturday the 5th, at Mansfield on Monday the 7th, at Sutton on Tuesday the 8th, at Heath, and at Derby, on Wednesday the 9th.”

Nottingham Journal
Mar 2, 1805

“The partnership of Tunaley & Fritche, dancing teachers, is to cease from Mar 25, and the business will be continued by Tunaley with Mr Keys, their former assistant. Reopens at Mansfield, Apr 1 (also at Sutton in Ashfield, Nottingham & Kegworth).”

N.B. 1805 was the year Robert's daughter Mary married Francis Boott Jnr. and the year Robert made out his will.

Nottingham Gazette, and Political, Literary, Agricultural & Commercial Register for the Midland Counties.

27 January 1813

“DANCING.

MESSRS. TUNALEY and KEYS respectfully inform their Friends and the Public, they propose OPENING their SCHOOL at the usual place, Nottingham, on Wednesday next the 1st of February.”

Nottingham Gazette, and Political, Literary, Agricultural & Commercial Register for the Midland Counties.

29 July 1814

“DANCING.

MESSRS. TUNALEY and KEYS respectfully inform their Friends and the Public they propose opening their School at MANSFIELD, Monday the 1st of August next and at the usual place NOTTINGHAM, on Wednesday the 3rd.”

Notice in Derby Mercury Wednesday 16 August 1820

Re: death of Robert Tunaley d. 11 August 1820 (incomplete):

“On Friday last, in the 76th year of his age, Mr. Tunaley. . . (of this place?)”

Notice in Derby Mercury, dated August 15th 1820.

From widow Constantia to announce that Thomas Snape Tunaley is continuing the dancing school with his late father's partner Mr Keys.

“Dancing

CONSTANTIA TUNALEY, (widow of the late Robert Tunaley) returns her most grateful acknowledgements to the friends of her late Husband for the many favors conferred upon him, and respectfully informs them that her son THOMAS TUNALEY, who has been under the tuition of the first masters in London, will, jointly with her late husband's partner MR. KEYS, continue the business as usual, in whose behalf she solicits a continuance of their kind patronage.

Cont:

Derby, Full Street, August 15, 1820".

Footnote: In 18th century England, the spelling of words "honor" and "honour" were both acceptable as were "favor" and "favour". Subsequently, "honor" and "favor" became the accepted spelling in America and "honour" and "favour" the accepted spelling in England.

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