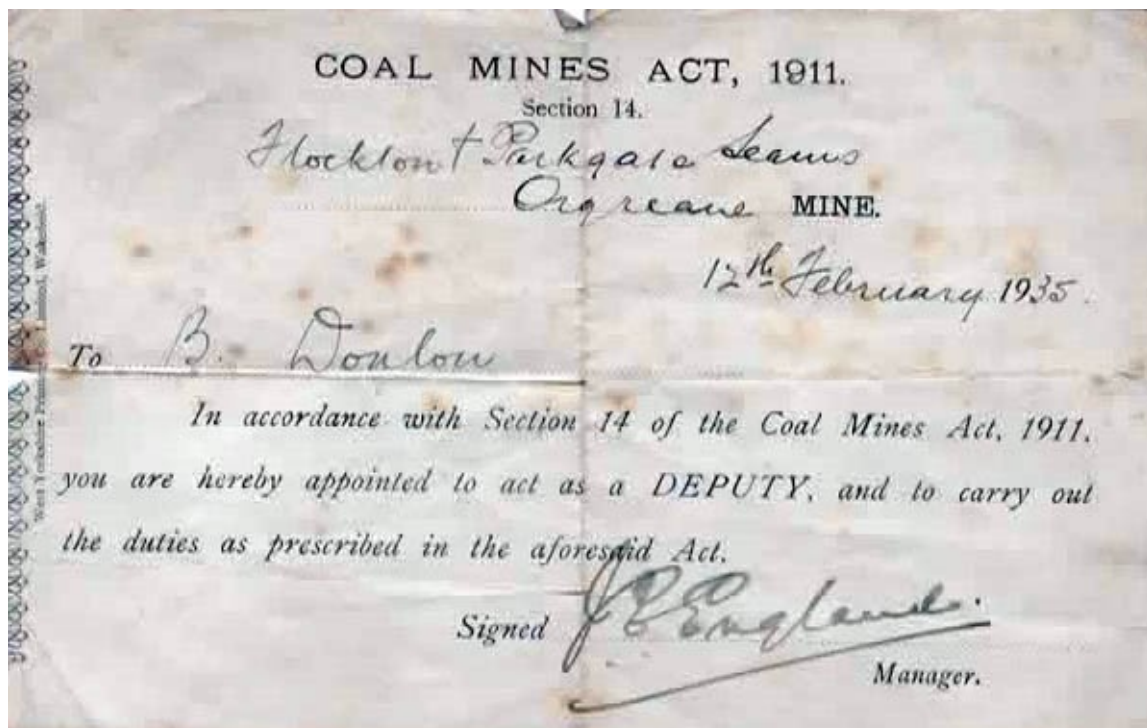
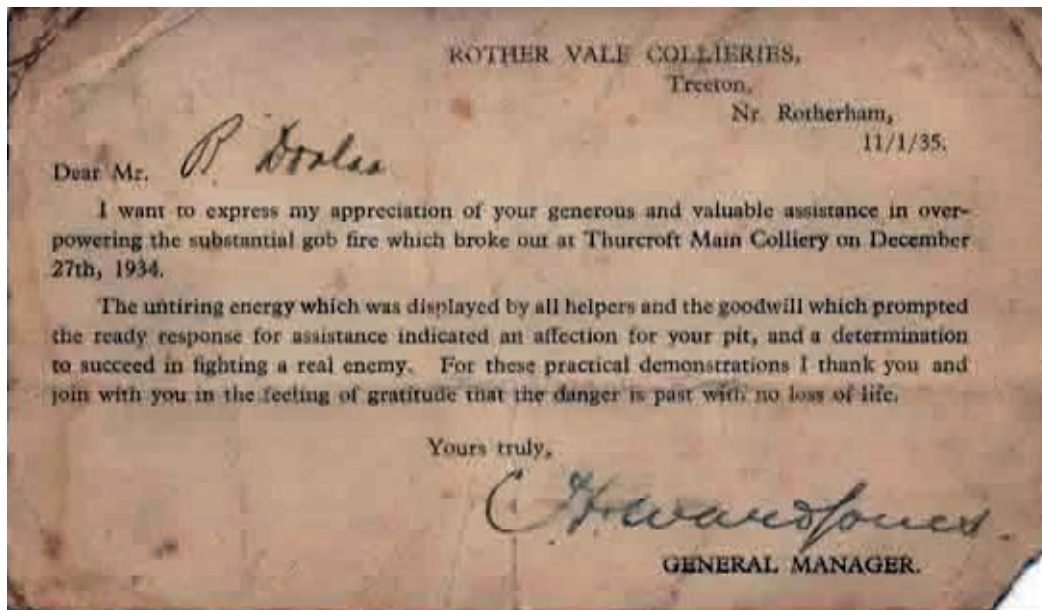


Bernard Patrick Donnellan
1909 – 1988



Bernard started work aged 15 at Orgreave Colliery. He attended Mining Classes for 8 years and obtained his Deputies Certificate aged 18. He was a member of the Orgreave Rescue Team and worked on the Gob Fire (a Gob fire was a fire involving spontaneous combustion of the tailings and timber left in a worked out area of the mine) at Thurcroft for 8 days from December 26th 1934.





He gained his Undermanager's Certificate in November 1934 and was appointed a Deputy at Orgreave in February 1935. On March 13th 1943 he was appointed Undermanager at Orgreave.

He was transferred to Thurcroft on 1st September 1949. On Jan 16th 1950, after 15 months of travelling on a daily basis, he moved into 8 Colliery Villas for a few months before moving into number 10.

In 1967, he transferred to Handsworth to supervise the closing of the colliery and the pumping and salvage operation. This he did until November 1970. After a short spell at Treeton, Bernard took early retirement after being offered the tenancy of the property.

Agreed with Coal Board to rent the property 10 New Orchard Villas (Colliery Villas) on 31st March 1971 at £2.35p per week

Received a coal allowance of 6 tonnes per year.

February 1981 expressed an intention to buy the property. Valuation survey was ordered by the Coal Board and the house was offered at £7000. However, on March 27th 1981, this was re-evaluated to £11,200

In early May 1981, Bernard appealed against the second valuation and by early June it had been reversed.

Bernard did little driving and spent most of his driving hours between the house and pub in the village of Thurcroft. However, he did have one slight altercation before his retirement, in Brampton-en-le-Morthen with another driver which resulted with them both being fined £5 as both pleaded not guilty to driving without due care and attention.

Bernard passed away on 21st July 1988

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22nd March, 1971.

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B. P. Donlon, Esq.,
10 The Villas,
Thurcroft,
Rotherham.

Dear Mr. Donlon,

1. I am writing formally to tell you that your employment with the Board will be terminated on the 31st March, 1971 when you will receive salary in lieu of notice, amounting to £715-00.
2. You will receive immediate benefits from the Staff Superannuation Scheme, and, in view of your early retirement, the Board will make a payment into the Scheme to improve the benefits that would otherwise be payable. On the basis that your last day of service is the 31st March, 1971, the benefits, as so increased, will be as follows:-

	£	
(i) Pension:	1072-08	per annum
(ii) Lump Sum:	3215-07	tax free under present legislation
(iii) Widow's Pension:	N/A	
(iv) Terminal Charge:	68-04	to be recovered by deductions of £22-60 from each of the first three monthly instalments of pension

3. Your benefits, before being increased by the additional payment made by the Board into the Scheme, will be based on 31 years of Contributing Service, although your actual Contributing Service in the Scheme at the date of retirement will be only 30 years 5 months. The deduction referred to at (iv) above is the charge, equal to member's contributions only, for converting the final fraction of 5 months into a whole year.
4. The pension will be payable with effect from the 1st April, 1971 for your lifetime with a guarantee of 5 years' payments. So that in the unhappy event of your death within 5 years following the date of retirement, your Estate would receive as a lump sum the residual payments to complete payment of pension for 5 years from the date of retirement.
5. Annual increases are paid to pensions under the Staff Superannuation Scheme to meet rises in the cost of living, subject to the Actuary being satisfied that this can be done at any time, without creating a deficiency in the Scheme's Fund. The first increase will be credited to your pension as from 1st April, 1972.

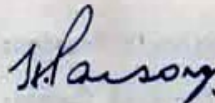
6. Under the terms of the Redundancy Payments Act, 1965, you will have an entitlement to a payment of £1200-00. In view of your early retirement, the Board will make you an ex gratia payment of £1660-00 in addition to the payment under the Act. Together with the £715-00 salary in lieu of notice, the total of these terminal payments will amount to £3575-00.
7. Under present tax regulations, the Superannuation Lump Sum is tax free. The ex gratia payment, the Redundancy Act benefits and salary in lieu of notice are also exempt from tax, by virtue of Section 38 of the Finance Act, 1960, and should not, therefore, be included in your personal income tax return.
8. So far as coal in retirement is concerned, you will be entitled to receive, whilst you remain a bona fide householder, 6 tons of coal per annum, free of charge, delivered free, under the Customary Practice of Rothervale Collieries Limited. An application form for this allowance is enclosed.

I enclose a Superannuation Claim Form SS.37, which you should complete and return to this Department, and a Form GIF.256 which also requires your signature.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing, on behalf of the Board, their appreciation of your service to the Industry and of sending you their and my own good wishes for the future.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



for Staff Manager/Secretary

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