

"In those days [c.1833] there were a great many weavers in Banbury and neighbourhood, and many lived in South Bar. They, and others, held their after-dinner Parliament, as it was called, round the Monument every day for half-an-hour, and all the topics of the day were warmly discussed. The man with the wooden leg, seen in the painting, was chairman of the meeting. His name was Clarke...

T.W. Boss, 'Reminiscences [1903]', reprinted in C&CH 16(2), p.74.

Detail from painting of South Bar, The Monument (demolished in 1845) and The Green, 1833, by Joseph Scarcebrook, in Banbury Museum, and reproduced in *Banbury Past through Artists' Eyes*, page 33.

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