

Dean Darby of Chester

recalls his uncles.

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Letter

The Deanery, Chester.  
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Dear Sir

You were right in supposing that John Nelson Darby & William Henry Darby were my uncles. W. H. was the eldest surviving son of John Darby, my grandfather, and inherited Leap Castle and the estate now held by W. H.'s grandson. J. N. was in Holy Orders, he was ordained by the Archbishop of Dublin about the year 1818. He was singularly agreeable and had a voice most melodious, & he was eloquent; his head was rather turned by the admiration of devout ladies. His work as a clergyman lay in Wicklow. He and his brother Horatio were both godsons of Nelson who was a great friend of my grandfathers.

Their uncle, Sir Henry d'Esterre Darby, as Captain commanded the Bellerophon in the battle of the Nile - but having become an Admiral the Bellerophon was commanded by Capt. Maitland when she bore Napoleon to S. Helena.

I remain Yours faithfully

John L. Darby.

P.S.

It may further interest you to know that I have a piece of the deck of the Bellerophon.