

The Rev. C. L. MARSON has kindly contributed the following note

On the Coleridge Cottage, Clevedon.

As one who has lived many years at Clevedon, I wish to draw the attention of your society to the fact that the so-called "Coleridge Cottage" is quite a fraud.

The old people of 1871 used to tell us that the poet lived first in a little potting-shed in a garden just below the old church (on the left as you go up from the road), and secondly, "in East Clevedon."

I think there can be no doubt as to the latter, and by a chain of evidence difficult to traverse I feel convinced that the poet really lived in a cottage on the Walton Road, due east of All Saints Church, and next door to the north of the blacksmith's shop. There are two cottages in this enclosure, and the poet's was the one next to the road.

(1). The Rev. E. C. Greville was vicar of Clevedon when the poet was resident and used to visit him.

(2). He used constantly to talk of this to his daughter, Miss Francis Greville, who lived to an advanced age and was well-known to me as a very shrewd and clever woman.

(3). Miss Frances Greville lived with her grand-niece, Miss F. Ruddock, now of Elm Dale, Clevedon, and frequently noticed the fact to her that a wrong house has the credit of Coleridge's residence. Miss Greville often pointed out the east Clevedon house as the real one.

(4). This is confirmed by Miss F. Greville, niece of the Miss Frances Greville mentioned above.

(5). But there is no porch to this house of "The Glen." Not now ; but Mrs. Squires, an old lady who lived there for over thirty years, assures me that it had a stone-and-stick porch, which was taken away in her day, and which was covered with honeysuckle and roses.

If you would but take note of this just now it would help to stop the falsification of history on this small point.

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