New York Inn Farm

One of the couple of dozen farms in Bramham, but the only one owned independently, not by either of the large estates. Its fields comprised about 50 acres, down to the old stone huts still standing along I legate. This land has been retained to this day.

Bought by the Banner family from John Smith 's of Tadcaster in 1895, the farm doubled as a beerhouse, though it did not have a spirit licence. The nearest hostelry to the airfield, this is where the airmen repaired to slake their thirst. Walter Locke, a joiner originally, used to walk from Aberford on a Sunday to take a drink. Walter, a Bramham character for much of the C20, married his cousin, and came to live at the Windmill House. In old age, he owned Harland House in The Square, where the front room was turned into the village bank once a week until the 1970 / 80 's [it later operated in the building opposite the woodyard]. Before the medical practice came to Bramham, this was also the Aberford doctor 's weekly surgery.



High St. formely billside. See book page 53.

