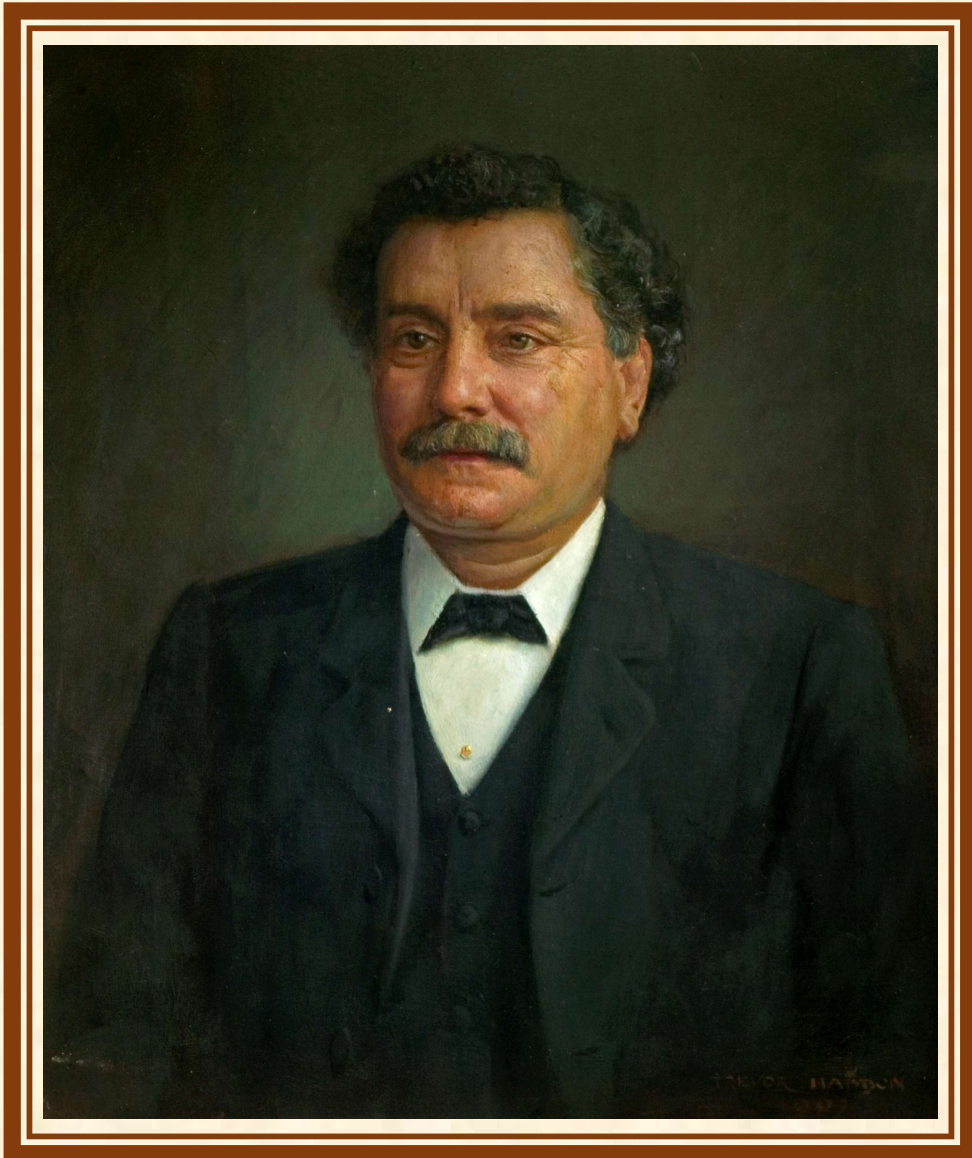


JAMES HASLAM (1842-1913)



Born in Clay Cross in 1842, James Haslam began work at the local pit at the age of ten.

Alongside William Harvey, in 1880 Haslam became a founding member of the Derbyshire Miners' Association (DMA). Haslam was Secretary of the DMA from 1881-1913 and continued in the role following his election to parliament as MP for Chesterfield in 1910 as a Liberal candidate. Haslam was returned to parliament again in 1910, this time as a Labour MP for Chesterfield.

On his death in 1913, the funeral cortege made its way through the town centre and was attended by much of the local mining community as well as representatives from the wider mining and political world. A letter of condolence was received from Ramsey MacDonald, at that time Chairman of Labour MPs and later Prime Minister.