

ACT ONE

Scene 13 : The men are joined by their families

(ENTER JOHN TODD WITH LUGGAGE BARROW. HIS WIFE THROWS FAMILY BUNDLES TO HIM FROM THE TRAIN.)

TODD: My name is John Todd. I was born in West Auckland, Durham. I've been working here at the works in Wolverton for two years. Today my wife and family are able to join me. This is my wife getting off the train now. She's 35. She was born in Bascoe, Lancashire. My eldest daughter and son are fifteen and fourteen. They were born in West Derby, Lancashire. This boy is thirteen. And this girl and boy nine and eight were born at Warrington, Lancashire. And this one of two, at Capwell, Cheshire. The baby was born at Earl's Barton, Northamptonshire. I shall have another daughter, who will be born at Bradwell. And another son who will be born at Wolverton. We will live in one of forty cottages, with a yard twelve foot by twelve foot, an outdoor privy and a boundary brick wall at a rent of one shilling and sixpence per week...