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[accessed 20 Oct. 2004]. In turn, the bradiord banking co. acted as the model for

- establishing the York City & County Bank during spring 1830 (Bailey, 2003: p. 24).
- 3. For the promotion of the Bradford and Huddersfield banks, see Crick & Wadsworth (1958: p. 204) and Hartley (1975); for the Cumberland Union, Crick & Wadsworth (1958: p. 115); for the Halifax, Sayers (1957: p. 17) and Roth (1914); for the Barnsley, Crick & Wadsworth (1958: p. 215); for the Liverpool, Chandler (1964: pp. 236–239); and for the Westmorland, Crick & Wadsworth (1958: p. 134).
- 4. HSBCGA: H 24, Huddersfield Banking Co., Share register and transfer book, 1827–1890s.
- 5. HSBCGA: H41/18, Huddersfield Banking Co., Prospectus (9 March 1827).

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- 6. RBSGA: 574, Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Banking Co., Board of Directors, Minute Books [hereafter BDM], 8 Nov. 1833; LTSBGA: Liverpool Union Banking Co., book no. 93, BDM, AGM, 3 Jan. 1836; and, for the prospectus of the North Wilts Banking Co., March 1836.
- 7. For the promotion of Coventry & Warwickshire, see Sayers (1957: p. 19); for Liverpool Union, see Sayers (1957: pp. 20, 51, 281); for Birmingham & Midland, see Crick & Wadsworth (1958: p. 55) and Holmes & Green (1986: pp. 15–22); for County of Gloucestershire, see Sayers (1957: pp. 18, 280); for Coventry Union, see Crick &

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17) and p. 279); for North & Hallams 33); and for Sheffield 8. These xamination ound that of wop wom stock in 1720 an gst these shareho 9. Holdir vely skewed

- 11. BBGA: 38/5557, Bank of Liverpool, BDM, vol. 1, 17 Mar. 1831.
- 12. HSBCGA: AB3, Coventry Union Banking Co., BDM, 13 May 1836. In the case of the Halifax & Huddersfield Union Bank, its deed of settlement laid down that '5,000 shares were to be reserved for the further distribution at which premium the directors might decide and for the general benefit of the said company' LTSBGA: file no. 7013, deed of settlement, 1 Jul. 1836.
- 13. See, for example, HSBCGA: B6, Bradford Banking Co., BDM, 25 May 1846 with respect to William Turley's attempt to sell ten shares to William Wilkinson. The directors wanted to be assured about the 'circumstances and character' of the proposed purchaser.
- 14. As was the occasional explicit bias against women.
- 15. Inter-regional capital flows occurred in other types of companies. Capital flowed from Lancashire to Sheffield iron and steel firms in the second half of the nineteenth century due to the activities of the company promoter David Chadwick (Newton, forthcoming ch. 6).

16. LTSBGA: Wilts & Dorset Banking Co., Book number 3177, shareholders' register, 1835–1853. The majority of all shareholders, including women, tended to come from

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18. Although bank officers were clearly aware of the legal status of wives' property, many did not realise the almost insuperable problems caused for their respective institution should a member of the clergy be one of its shareholders (Thomas, 1934: pp. 240–241). As the result of an Act passed in 1817 (75 Geo. III, c. 99), a joint-stock bank that had a clergyman among its shareholders could not legally recover any of its debts, while the whole of its equity was forfeit, half to the Crown and half to the individual who sued it under the legislation. Although the York City & County Banking Co. declined a share application from the Vicar of Tadcaster, this was solely because its share issue had been oversubscribed (Bailey, 2003: p. 92).

- 19. HSBCGA: B42/3, Bradford Banking Co., Prospectus, 22 March 1827, clause 8.
- 20. HSBCGA: C12, Bank of Westmorland, share ledger, 1833-1880.
- 21. BBGA: Bank of Liverpool, deed of settlement, 1831, 25/624(1).
- 22. For Birmingham & Midland, see also Holmes & Green (1986: p. 327, Appendix 3).
- 23. As when the banks in our sample were being established, holdings by value, whether overall or solely those of women, continued to be positively skewed in their distributions for nearly all banks, the respective median values being less than those of the averages. The one exception is female shareholdings in the Huddersfield Banking

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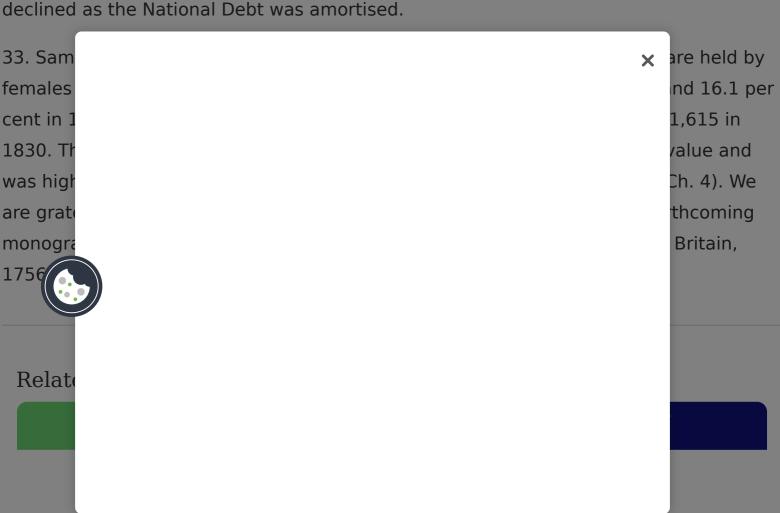
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- percentage of women's investment = 0.19; and between the number of shareholders per bank and the percentage of women's investment = -0.32.
- 27. HSBCGA: J29, Hull Banking Co., proprietors' ledger no. 1.
- 28. Conversely, the York City & County Banking Co., far more successful in its early years, had only one female shareholder when it was formed in spring 1830 but thereafter they became more numerous (Bailey, 2003: p. 22).
- 29. Unfortunately the share price index complied by Gayer et al. does not include provincial joint-stock banks. Its banking component comprises initially: Provincial Bank of Ireland, National Bank of Ireland and Royal Bank of Scotland, to which is subsequently added: National Provincial Bank of England, London & Westminster Bank and London Joint Stock Bank (Gayer et al., 1953: pp. 439–450).
- 30. For the experience of provincial share markets see Thomas (1973, Ch. 2).
- 31. The female 'rentier' investor was an individual that looked for safe investment opportunities, as identified in the nineteenth century discourse.
- 32. Annuity rates followed the movement of the yield on Consols which secularly declined as the National Debt was amortised.



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