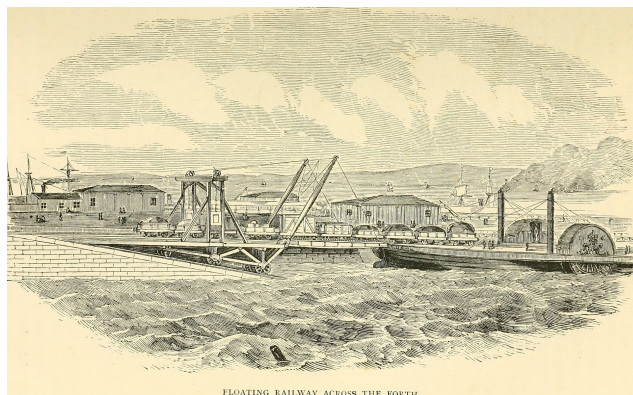
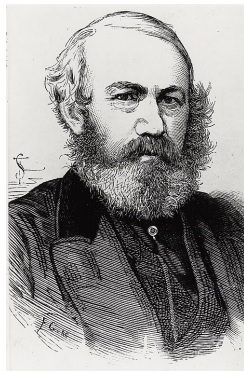


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Sir Thomas Bouch, Cumbria's Forgotten Engineering Genius (Kendal)

Designing Over 300 Miles of Railway

Hailing from Thursby, Sir Thomas Bouch was the mastermind behind the design of over 300 miles of railway and significant bridges across Scotland and northern England. In addition to exploring aspects of Bouch's life and era, John Mather will illustrate how many of his early projects in Cumbria were notably bold and innovative. However, Bouch has become the primary figure blamed for the Tay Bridge disaster, which claimed the lives of 75 individuals due to design, construction, and maintenance flaws. He passed away just 18 months after receiving his knighthood.



FLOATING RAILWAY ACROSS THE FORTH.

Above: An engraving of Sir Thomas Bouch published 1877 in Illustrated London News.

Above: Sir Thomas Bouch's pioneering Ferry Ramp

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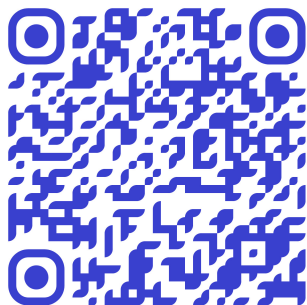
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