

Bethlehem of the Bronte world

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The humble property at 72-74 Market Street, Thornton, where Charlotte and her famous literary sisters Emily and Anne were born and spent their formative years, is up for sale at £250,000.

The Rev Patrick Brontë and his wife, Maria, moved to the modest house in 1815 and lived there for five years. Charlotte was born there in 1816, followed by brother Branwell a year later, Emily in 1818 and Anne in 1820. The grade two listed house, built in 1802, has changed hands many times and was used as a restaurant for three years.

Writers Bernard Mayston and his friend, Barbara Whitehead, describe the house they bought in 1997 as the "Bethlehem of the Brontë world".

Brontë birthplace goes up for sale, Telegraph & Argus, 1er mars 2002

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