Dolly Peel

A statue to commemorate the memory of Dolly Peel (1783-1857) overlooking the River Tyne. She was known as a fish wife, but was also a smuggler, poet and story teller and served in the Napoleonic wars. She lived in Shadwell Street in South Shields and on numerous occasions hid her husband from press gangs.



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Here's the tender comin', Full of men of war. They will ship you foreign, That is what it means, Here's the tender comin' Full of red marines So hide me canny Geordie, Hide yorsel away, Wait until the frigate makes for Druridge Bay, If they tyke yer Geordie Whes te' win wor breed? Me and little Jacky would better off be deed Oh dear hinny, what shall we dee then? Here's the tender comin, Off Shields Bar

Tyneside song 'Tender' = (small boat) 'Bar' = (entrance to the harbour)

A Raid on North Shields in 1796 took 250 men. One of the ships involved in the press gang was called the 'Peggy'. This is remembered in 'Peggy's Hole' by the river Tyne, near the Fish Quay at North Shields.