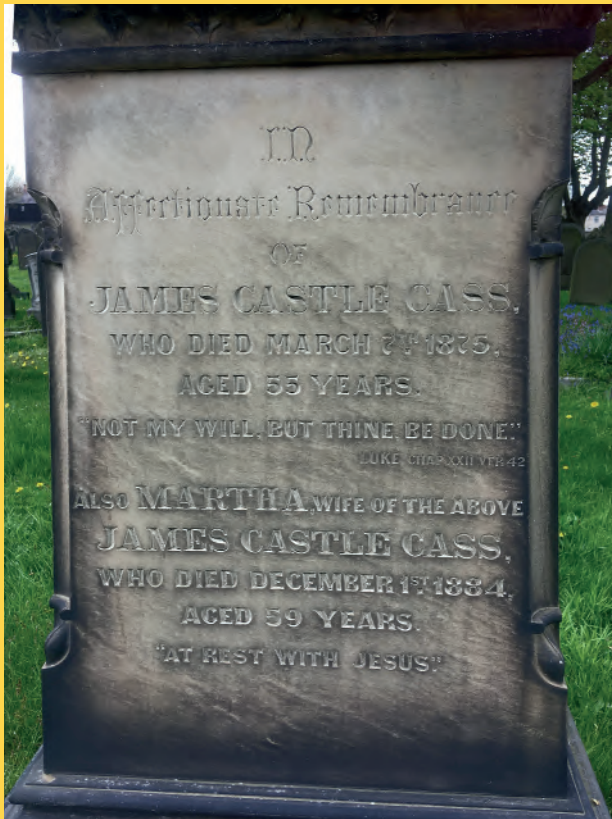


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James Castle Cass: Business Man of Barnsley.
His story starts on page 22.

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Every year to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (2018), I, as the Barnsley Family History Society Data Controller, have to maintain a current register of contact details including the current e-mail address of all members.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Elaine Jackson, Data Controller, Barnsley Family History Society.

EDITORIAL

Hello to all our valued members and to summer. When I started writing this it was still a little bit cool in the mornings and evenings but very hot during the day where I live in the Midlands, now, as I update it during the last week in June, It is VERY HOT, day and night, I wasn't complaining but now I could do with it being a degree or so cooler. I hope our lovely Yorkshire is having good weather and particularly Barnsley, where my roots are, (we could probably do with a drop of rain for those roots as well though!)

I haven't been to Barnsley since the AGM but, God willing, I will be there sometime during the summer and I'm going to come to the Arboretum in September and hope to meet more of you then.

Most of my research was initially online and through my Ancestry and DNA links. I now obtain a great deal of information from Barnsley Archives. I would never have known I had such a large and lovely family if I hadn't started a family tree when my now grown-up daughter asked me about our family history as part of her primary school homework. Nor would I have known so much about Barnsley and my many connections, because although I knew my Dad was born there, that is literally all I knew, being born in another part of Yorkshire.

Unfortunately, I don't have much more to tell you about my elusive great grandfather but am still working on the homes of my grandmother and great grandmother, both Mitchells.

In this issue we have an article about Monk Bretton Priory, more about our links with Barnsley St Mary's, another list of some of our library books and some very interesting articles about our members' ancestors. For these contributions I would like to say a big thank you to Liz Whitehouse, Ilma Cumming, Judy Hart and Dave Allen as well as all our more seasoned writers.

In forthcoming issues...

All the usual plus the return of Ancestral Homes and Birthplaces, further information about BFHS library, a bit of fun and any of your articles you would like to see in the journal

Apology

I would like to make an apology to Doreen Piper and any of our members who might have been misled by us putting in the Diary Dates for 2022 instead of 2023 in the Spring issue.

Shirley Sura

SECRETARY'S UPDATE – JUNE 2023



Hello there to you all, after the deluge that was April here, following a freezing cold March, then no rain at all, at least here in South Yorkshire, since May 12th, then sunshine and heat that would be testing in the Canary Islands, many people are actually wishing for rain again. I know my husband is, as the garden is in desperate need of water with the grass turning a delicate shade of beige. My duties as relief water hose operator are in demand.

I do not have much to update you on as I missed a couple of monthly meetings in April and May plus the May Committee meeting had a schedule clash. Never fear, I am back in business now.

BFHS MONTHLY MEETINGS

These have continued at Buckley Street Church Hall since my last update although Susan Whitwham cancelled her talk which was replaced by Richard Axe who came to the rescue with a very informative talk on "Wills and Probate", more about this later. The meeting in May became a Research Evening because of the lack of a speaker.

The monthly meetings are not very well attended, research evenings in particular, so it is a challenge to make these evenings accessible to more people. We are very happy to welcome non-members along too, so, if you live within reasonable travelling distance of Barnsley, we should love to see you. This is an issue the Committee are aiming to address with possible Zoom virtual meetings which would give every member access to the monthly meeting. Your ideas and thoughts would be appreciated, do get in touch with me, my contact details are printed on the inside front cover.

BFHS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There have been two meetings since the last "Barnsley Roots" reached you, March 30th and May 4th, both held at Elaine Jackson's apartment in the centre of Barnsley.

March 30th Committee meeting. This was attended by Doreen Piper, (Vice Chair/Treasurer), Elaine Jackson, (Membership Secretary), Lynn Smith, (Book Sales/Librarian), Margaret Williams, (Secretary/Search Officer), and a new 'volunteer' to the Committee, Janet Haigh. It was so good to welcome Janet on to the Committee, we desperately need more members to join us, especially if they have skills that may benefit the

Society. Apologies were received from Jeff Chambers, (Webmaster) and Suzanne Court-Oak who both live too far away to attend meetings.

The BFHS is in reasonable health financially; the membership has fallen somewhat although final numbers of paid members are not yet available. How to attract younger members is a challenge for all family history societies, not just us.

All post holders offered a report. After some discussion, Janet Haigh agreed to ease the load on Lynn Smith by offering to undertake the Librarian role; this was gratefully accepted. Jeff Chambers sent a very interesting report for February 10th 2023 – March 30th 2023 which listed visitors to the website at 1,064. The largest number of visitors, unsurprisingly, are from the UK with the USA, Australia and Canada providing the larger number of worldwide viewings.

Details were finalised for the **BFHS Visit to The National Memorial and Arboretum**, near Lichfield in Staffordshire on Thursday September 7th leaving at 09-00 and returning for around 18-00. A fare of £15-00 was suggested - with a donation of £100-00 being given by the society as a thank you to the Memorial Centre.

A suggestion was initially made by yours truly regarding providing **Zoom Coverage for the BFHS Speaker meetings** as many History Societies now offer this as a matter of course so that members anywhere in the world can be involved. Suzanne Court-Oak is willing to facilitate this with myself offering to operate the technology required at Buckley Street for the meeting. Again, members thoughts would be so appreciated, so do get in touch with any of the Committee.

As Search Officer, I offered the suggestion that **ALL Search Requests be offered free to members**, initially for a trial period, as one of the 'perks' of belonging to the BFHS. This was unanimously agreed.

May 4th Committee meeting. I was unable to attend this meeting so, at this moment in time, I have no update to give you.

BFHS Visit to The National Memorial and Arboretum, Thursday September 7th 2023. As I write this in the middle of June, bookings for this visit have not been as high as expected, which is surprising, as this visit was moved from 2022. There is inclusive access for everyone, for people of all levels of mobility on the site, transport aids are available for those requiring it. There is a flyer for this trip on page 11 in the Journal so, please, do think about joining us. Non-members are more than welcome. Entry to the site is free, the only cost per person is the coach fare, (plus any goodies/refreshments you choose to buy at the site on the day.)

You only need to contact Elaine Jackson or myself, we would love to have you on board!

Guess what? As I conclude this update we are having lightning, thunderstorms, torrential rain of which Noah would be proud. True British Summer weather! My very best wishes to you all wherever you may live.

Margaret E. Williams – General Secretary

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP NEWS SNIPPETS



FAMILY HISTORY FEDERATION- (was Federation of Family History Societies)

www.familyhistoryfederation.com

This site, administered by Debbie Bradley, (a genealogist and speaker, in her own right,) is a fantastic resource for family historians as it has a wealth of links to events and information of interest to family historians. It is a gem that appears to be hidden in plain sight or, to put it another way, not many researchers use it.

It is worth giving this site a try, you never know, it may help you get over one of the brick walls that block your research, it helped me when searching for members relatives.

The FHF Really Useful Family History Show is on November 17 – 18 2023

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Every month, the BFHS receives updates from The National Archives in Kew, it is worth subscribing to their database, I have found.

The emphasis over the last couple of months has been the 75th Anniversary of the **Windrush Generation** with photos, conversations and books all available.

The major exhibition over the Summer into Autumn, May 27th – October 29th 2023, is "**Spirit of Invention**". This is showcasing creativity from the past to the present with the emphasis from the Victorian era to the present day.

FORCES WAR RECORDS

I have been receiving notices from the Forces War Records.

For those of you researching ancestors who may have been in the forces, the site **<https://forceswarrecords.com>** (now part of Ancestry) may be helpful. This is a pay to use site although, over the last few weeks, they have been offering a 50% discount to join. The cost is £8.95 monthly to view over 600 million records.

FAMILY SEARCH

Although not always the easiest site to negotiate, this boasts of being the largest family history database in the world – I have not verified this statement! In the last three months, it had added 25 million new records, mostly in South America as well as Roman Catholic archives. Family Search has a network of Learning Centres throughout the world which welcome researchers to visit. The nearest one for local researchers is at Grenoside,

Sheffield, details of which are in the review I have written of Richard Axe's latest talk for the BFHS (Page 27). Joining, searches and visiting the Learning Centre are all free and people are on hand to help you, just give them a call first.

Huddersfield Family History Society

This a very accessible society. They are holding their **Huddersfield Family History Fair on Saturday , October 14th 10am until 4pm.** at Cathedral House, St Thomas Road, Huddersfield HD1 3LG

Entry is £3-00 for adults with children under 16 years free. The site has a large free Car Park with a number of disabled spaces. A cafe is open all day for snacks and drinks.

North Yorkshire Records

I have saved what I consider to be, probably, the best news snippet until last.

Many members of BFHS frequently find ancestors in North Yorkshire, so I registered myself to receive their updates. There are over 4 million records detailing births, marriages, deaths and burials from the 16th century which have now been released online as part of their partnership with Ancestry and the Records Office. Fully searchable transcripts are now available on the Ancestry website alongside scanned images of the original registers.

A recent post I received from North Yorkshire, relating to their Census Records, made me chuckle so I thought I would conclude with some of the more unusual gems they sent.

- ❖ At Kirby Wiske in 1791, Richard Sturdy and John Cartman were "poisoned by neglect of a servant girl in making a pudding".
- ❖ In 1695, Robert Wigg of Windermere died in Thornton in Lonsdale "whilst going on a journey to the spa at Knaresborough for the recovery of his health".
- ❖ We have all found unusual names in census records. Awater Hootswittel, Triphena Crumbleholme and Theodocia Gildersleeves were listed in North Yorkshire.

There is nothing more to say!

Margaret E. Williams (Secretary and Search Officer, BFHS)

MONK BRETTON PRIORY

Founded by Adam Fitz-Swaine in 1153 – 54
Grade 1 listed Heritage Site



The Gatehouse

I have lived in Barnsley since 1972, although it wasn't until 2009 that I finally visited the site of Monk Bretton Priory when I was involved with two weeks of outdoor performances of the English Mystery Plays. How many of us live in a place for years without visiting local landmarks that other people travel distances to see? A query regarding the Priory, from a member in Calderdale, prompted me to revisit the site in May 2023, feeling ashamed that I knew little about its history. Our editor felt that our BFHS members may be interested in knowing more, so here we are...

"A Priory in the wood of Lund, situated about one and three quarters of a mile from Barnsley, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. The site was chosen as it was situated in the wooded covered valley of the River Dearne in a remote and peaceful location." (1)

The monastery ruins are now surrounded by housing developments and industrial units, it is close to the very busy junction of the A633 Rotherham Road and the A628 Pontefract Road, not so quiet and peaceful? You would be surprised if you visit!

The Founding of Monk Bretton Priory.

Adam FitzSwaine was the grandson of Alric, a wealthy Saxon landowner in possession of Cawthorne with its three berewicks of Silkstone, Hoylandswaine and Clayton as well as five other manors to the south of Barnsley, during the time of Edward the Confessor (1003 AD–January 5th 1066.) With his inherited wealth, Adam founded a monastery for Cluniac monks; it was dedicated to St Mary Magdalene and was under the 'guidance' of the rich Cluniac Priory at Pontefract. There were thirteen monks, plus the Prior when the order was created by FitzSwaine at Monk

Bretton. The founder and his wife probably lived elsewhere for some of the time as they were a secular couple.

Adam FitzSwaine died in the summer of 1159; he was interred in an ancient stone coffin within the Priory Church, as was his wife Matilda.

Parting of the Ways with the Cluniac Order.

Relations with the Cluniac priors in Pontefract became increasingly difficult as the larger Priory in Pontefract wanted more influence over the new foundation at Monk Bretton. This dispute came to a head in 1269 when the new Priory decreed it wanted to be free of the Pontefract rule in order to give Monk Bretton the ability to elect its own prior, run its own administration and manage all local affairs.

How many arguments and wars have happened under a religious belief? Some things never seem to change.

The dispute was finally resolved when, on January 4th 1280 (or 1281), the Archbishop of York, William Wickwane, visited and the whole monastic community pledged their canonical obedience to the Benedictine order.

The Benedictine Priory becomes part of a wider community.

The following centuries until November 1538 were relatively calm and peaceful with the Priory owning properties across the southern West Riding, now known as South Yorkshire, with interests in ironstone mining, mills, manors, farms and moorland. The monks were active in the community managing properties, woods and pastures; they had 360 sheep in Notton Moor alone in 1480!



The 13th Century Administrative Building

The Mill of the Black Monks, across the road from the Priory, offered the brewing of ale for the community as well as a place of rest for travellers. Was brewing ale something every Abbey and Priory did? It does seem so.

The End of the Road, courtesy of Henry VIII.

All the population of England were part of the Roman Catholic Church, every monastic order gave their loyalty to Papal rules until Henry VIII wanted to divorce Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Anne Boleyn. Divorce was forbidden by law so Henry decreed that all England broke from the church and became Protestant, this meant he was free to do as he liked. (We all know how well that turned out for Catherine, who was kept in lifelong house arrest and Anne, who was beheaded.)

The Roman Church was all rich and powerful so Henry decided that all religious monasteries, some properties and all laws belonging to the Roman Catholic Church be abolished and dissolved. The Dissolution of the Monasteries meant that all priories were destroyed, their wealth going to the state. Henry VIII sent the (in)famous Thomas Cromwell to oversee the destruction at Monk Bretton; he was accompanied by a William Blythman who bought the site and lived there, repurposing some of the buildings.

From its foundation to its dissolution, Monk Bretton Priory had 22 priors. The last of these was William Browne, who went to Worsbrough in November 1538, taking the thirteen monks with him, the same number of priests who were there at its foundation although not the same monks!

All over England today are the remains of abbeys and priories which were ruined by royal decree. In Yorkshire we have many, such as Fountains Abbey, Rievaulx, Whitby Abbey, Jervaulx, Byland Abbey and, of course, Monk Bretton Priory.

After 1538, the sites were plundered by locals for their stone although Monk Bretton fared a little better as the site was bought in 1589 by William Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury and he converted the west cloister of the priory church into a home for his son, Henry.

Various people and organisations have owned the site since the sixteenth century; it finally passed into state ownership in 1932. The Grade 1 Heritage Listed site is now run by English Heritage so what might you see if you visit...?

Monk Bretton Priory today.

When I visited, I was amazed how calm and peaceful the site was even though it is the middle of a built-up area – I just wished I had brought a picnic!

You can enter through the gateway into the outer courtyard with the 13th century Administrative building on your left which was where the monks collected rents and tithes as well as distributing alms to the needy.

English Heritage has information boards by every part of the ruins so you can imagine what life was like, (it is just a shame some people have vandalised a few.)

The heart of the Priory is the Church, which was begun soon after the foundation, probably in the late 1150s although it was not completed until the 14th century. It stood about 60 metres long; even the ruins give the visitor a sense of its size and grandeur. You can easily follow the route the monks would have taken round the cloister.



The Nave and Transept of the Priory Church



The West Window Wall with the Cloister Path on the right.

The remains of the kitchen lie in the southwest corner of the site by the side of the refectory and date from the late 13th century. The drainage and sluices, which emptied into the River Dearne, are very clearly visible.

If you live locally, you will not be disappointed by a visit to the site. There is a large car park on Abbey Lane, just off Grange Lane. It is worth having a look at the English Heritage website if you live further afield although the information is rather brief: www.english-heritage.org.uk

Two charities, **The Friends of Monk Bretton Priory** and **Jolly Good Communities**, are looking at ways of revitalising the site and turning it into a true community asset; a café in the Administrative building is a proposal. The two groups arrange medieval events open to everyone The

last one was in May 2023; it was a fantastic day out for all ages with many activities and displays that would have been familiar to people during the Priory's heyday on offer.

Monk Bretton Priory had an effect on every person's life during the time it was in existence; our ancestors would have been very familiar with its influence on their daily lives.

Please contact me on search@barnsleyfhs.co.uk if you want any further information or copies of some of the photos, there is no copyright, you are more than welcome.

As always, I am indebted to Barnsley Archives, especially the ever-patient Katy, also The Yorkshire Archaeological Society (1924) pamphlet and a booklet, "Historical Notes" by John E Baker 1939 where the initial quotation (1) is taken from.

Margaret E. Williams (BFHS Secretary/Search Officer)

VISIT TO THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM

Barnsley

Family History

Society

EXCURSION TO THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM

ON

Thursday 7th September 2023

Coach will leave at 9 am from the Age Concern – Eldon Street Barnsley

Return Coach departs the National Arboretum at 4 pm with estimated time of arrival at Eldon Street Barnsley at 6 pm

Cost of excursion per person - £15.00. Non-members welcome

To book and for more information please contact:

Elaine Jackson - Phone 07891660469 –

Email: membership@barnsleyfhs.co.uk

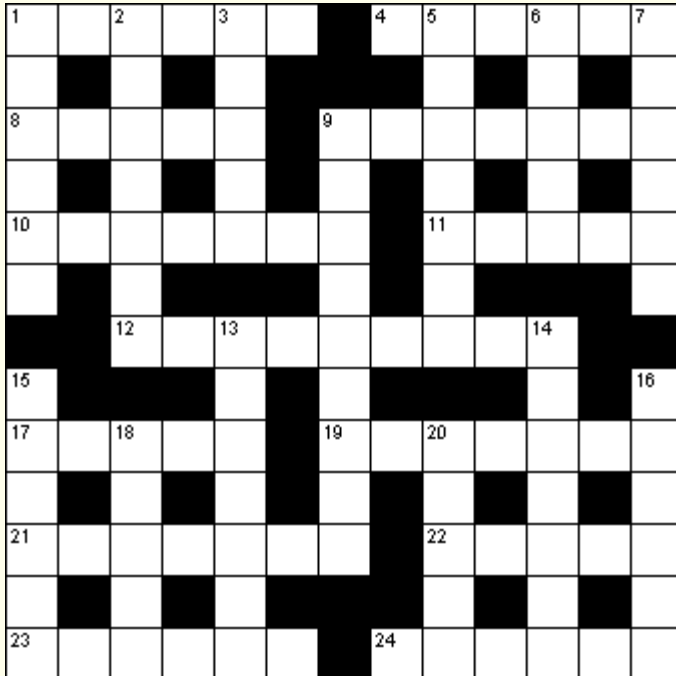
Or

Margaret Williams - Phone 07450381993

Email: secretary@barnsleyfhs.co.uk

SUMMER CROSSWORD

A glass of something cool, comfy outdoor seating, you are all set to go...



Across

- 1** Frightened (6)
4 Language of the Middle East (6)
8 Move smoothly (5)
9 Endanger (7)
10 Cowboy's hat (7)
11 Trap (5)
12 Policeman's club (9)
17 Confess (5)
19 Eminent (7)
21 Real (7)
22 New England state (5)
23 Brought up (6)
24 Rider in horse-race (6)

Down

- 1** Summer month (6)
2 Clothing (7)
3 Thoughts (5)
5 Retort (7)
6 Asian country (5)
7 Pacified (6)
9 Freedom from guilt (9)
13 Disentangle (7)
14 Golf club (7)
15 Exploding firework (6)
16 Cure (6)
18 Miraculous food (5)
20 Musical speed (5)

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Answers on page 35**BFHS COMMITTEE MEETING 28 JUNE 2023**

I had been investigating the cost of coaches for the visit to the National Memorial Arboretum in September. It was decided that a smaller coach would be booked, if one is available, as bookings have been slow and not at the level anticipated. The possibility of offering 'Zoom' to transmit members' talks at meetings may not be possible as Buckley Street Church Hall does not support WiFi.

18 members attended the last Members' meeting on 15th June, a reasonable number, bearing in mind it is the holiday season. Eric Jackson had to cancel the May talk as he was involved in a car accident

Membership is 180 which, despite the BFHS gaining 10 new members, is 18 down on last year.

A new member placed an order on Genfair for over £100, which was appreciated. There has been little further activity of note. Ancestral File remains a best seller (two have recently been purchased) so more will need to be printed; the sale of these increases as the darker evenings approach and people turn to ancestral searches.

There are transcribed project files ready to be printed and turned into booklet form. Computer and printing difficulties have delayed this, although it is hoped these are now being resolved so that they will be ready for publication for the Autumn/Winter months.

Requests for searches and help with records are coming in at about two per month, which is normal for this time of year.

Margaret Williams, General Secretary

THE EKIN FAMILY

I only started to seriously research my family history last year, and so far have concentrated on the male side of my family, but am coming up against some brick walls, particularly between 1861 and 1881 when the whole family seems to have disappeared until the 1881 census. Consequently, I've not made as much progress as perhaps I would have liked.

My Gran Ida was born in Q4 1895, as far as I can tell at 39, Commercial Street, Barnsley, with her mother Sarah's maiden name recorded as Thomas.

In the 1901 Census, she and her parents were still living at number 39, along with her siblings, all born in Barnsley. Confusingly, her father's Christian name is shown as Thomas, and his wife as Sarah. (My Great Grandparents). Thomas (Ekin) is shown as having been born in 1854 in Worksop and was working as a blacksmith. Sarah (maiden name Thomas), his wife, is again shown as being born in 1854 in Retford. Her (Ida's) siblings at this time were:

Harriett born 1884, working as a domestic waitress; John, born 1886 no occupation; Alice born 1891 no occupation; Lucy born 1893 no occupation and finally Ida my Gran born in 1895 no occupation.

By the time of the 1911 census, all Ida's siblings appear to have flown the coop, leaving her living at home with her parents. However, by this time they appear to have moved house to 15, Longdale Road Barnsley with Thomas her dad, still working as a Blacksmith. More importantly, it shows his wife as Elizabeth, which suggests that Sarah had died between 1901 and 1911, and Thomas had remarried. Ida's occupation is shown as Servant day girl.

Between 1911 and 1915, she had moved to Brighthouse. My Aunt Joy (Ida's daughter and my Godmother) told me that she had moved to Brighthouse to go into service. In 1915, she married my Grandad George Henry Allen at St Mathews Church Lightcliffe, and they initially went to live with George's parents at Broad Oak Cottages, Hove Edge. It is interesting to note that from the records I've seen, no member of her family appears to have signed the records of their marriage, which I think suggests something unusual or untoward?

Ida was a lovely lady and I loved her as much as my own Mum. Unfortunately, she contracted cancer in about 1959 when I was only about 5/6 years old and was cared for by my mum and Aunt Joy at her home in Lane Head until her death in I think about 1961.

I still have a lot of research to do, particularly with regard to Thomas and Sarah's background, and what happened between the 1901 and 1911 censuses.

I'm also particularly interested in finding out more about their son John. As far as I know, he enlisted in the army before 1914, and survived service throughout the war, and stayed enlisted after the Armistice. I've seen a hint that suggests he was mobilised to the Northwest Frontier with Afghanistan, after the war, and died c1919, in northern India. This is particularly

poignant, as one of Ida's Brothers In law was also called John, Grandad George's brother (Allen, one of my great uncles) who was killed at Passchendaele in 1917. This meant that she had lost two 'brothers' called John in the service of their country.

My own mum and dad were married in 1943. Because of Dad's war service and natural reasons, by the time 1954 came, they had thought that it was meant to be that they couldn't have children. But then, joy of joys, Mum fell pregnant with me and I was born in September 1954.

In all innocence, Mum wanted to call me John.

Gran Ida, was naturally disturbed by this when she was told, and asked (pleaded?) with my mum to choose another name, saying 'there's been too many Johns', and so Mum and Dad decided on David.

The coincidence doesn't end there though, as during my research so far, the name John has cropped up a couple of more times going back into Great Great etc Grandparents. Whether Gran Ida knew about them or not, I obviously don't know, but it is all a bit sanguine.

I'm sorry if you think the above is a bit long winded and drawn out, but I hope you found it of interest. Obviously, I've still got a lot of research to do, particularly with regard to Thomas and Sarah's background, and what happened between the 1901 and 1911 censuses.

David Allen

There is certainly a good amount of information about the Ekin family, and a lot more to discover. I certainly found it interesting. This prompted Roger de Mercado and me to do a bit more research, as you can see below. (Hope you don't mind David).

Shirley Sura

Intrigued by David Allen's interesting notes, I had a look for the Ekin family in 1871. Despite using all the 'tricks of the trade', I have to agree that most of the family do seem to have disappeared in 1871. None of those listed in 1861 have been found with the possible exception of Thomas (see below). No Nottinghamshire returns are listed as missing, and the only nearby missing records are a very few in Lincolnshire. Perhaps the Ekins were somehow missed by the enumerator or were not entered on the official return.

Thomas might well be the Thomas Ekin in the household of Samuel, a shoeing smith, and Ann Dawson in 1871. He is described as 'nephew' and is an apprentice. Thomas' mother was Elizabeth Dawson before she married Francis Ekin. I thought there was a chance that Samuel and Elizabeth were brother and sister. Their approximate birth dates are 1835 and 1820, well separated, but not that unusual back then. However, their marriages certificates give different fathers, so that theory does not hold water. Relationships then were not as well-defined as now; if Samuel and Elizabeth were cousins, for example, Thomas would have been Samuel's 'first cousin once removed' in our current definition, but in 1871 'nephew' would have been near enough.

I found the marriage register entries for Samuel and Elizabeth on Ancestry. His father is given as Charles Dawson, blacksmith. Her father is given as John Dawson, labourer. Perhaps more research would find a link between them. In the 1861 census a John Dawson, widower and daughter Maria are only five entries away from that of Francis Ekin and family; this might be Elizabeth's father.

Thomas' age in the censuses varies, as is quite common: 1861 3, 1871 13, 1881 23, 1891 34, 1901 49 or 47, 1911 53. In all cases his birthplace is given as Worksop. The birth of a Thomas Ekin, mother's maiden name Dawson, was registered in the second quarter of 1857 at Worksop, thus the ages ending in a 3 look correct. People were not always sure and sometime gave the enumerator a wrong answer, or the enumerator got it wrong when transcribing from his notes to the official return. The age in 1901 is clearly wrong. (There are sufficient correlations of family members to be sure we are looking at the right man).

I hope this helps David at least a little bit! Below, in two portions, is the 1871 entry for Laneham Street, Rampton, Notts, RG10/3453 Folio 22

1	Samuel Dawson	Head	Mar.	36
	Ann Do	Wife	Do	35
	Thomas Ekin	Nephew	Unm.	15
	Fredrick Pitchfork	lodger	Do	18

Shoering Smith	Do Retford
Do Wife	Do Dunham
Apprentice	Do Worksop
Drum	Do Gringley

Image reproduction above courtesy of The National Archives

Jan: 25	Ida	Thomas & Sarah	Ekin	Henshall St	Black- - Smith	John L. Brerton
No. 266.	Jan. 4					

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of S. Peter, Barnsley
in the County of York. in the Year 1896

This record could be the Baptism of Ida Ekin

Roger de Mercado

UNRAVELLING A FOUR-GENERATION PHOTOGRAPH

I joined the Barnsley Family History Society in 2019, and it just so happened that I was sent all the editions of *Domus Historiae* for 2018, in my membership pack. As I read the *Memories of a Victorian Girlhood* written by Amy Clegg in the July and October issues for 2018, and submitted by Anne-Marie Clegg, I recognised in the notes the name of the birthplace of James Taylor, Amy's grandfather, which was Bolton-upon-Dearne, as my great, great grandfather John Taylor was also born there. Was this a coincidence, or was there a link in my family to the Taylors described in the article? I started to investigate.

My family history research began after the death of my mother, (Annie) Mary Reynolds (1912-2004), when my brother and I looked at a four-generation photograph and realised we knew little about my mother's family history. She had been very proud of this photograph, taken in 1913 and featuring her as baby Annie Mary Bibbing.



She was born in December 1912 at 42 Barnsley Road, Wombwell, and, being the first child, was named after her paternal grandmother Mary Bibbing, nee Taylor, who is holding her in the photograph. The story was told that the name Mary was previously agreed between Arthur and Ada, but on the way to the registry office to register her birth, Arthur made the unilateral decision to add Annie to his baby's name as he didn't think Mary was sufficient! However, she was always called Mary, and the addition of 'Annie' remained an irritation throughout my mother's life, as people always assumed her

first name, Annie, was the one she used. Ada had an older sister called Annie, but whether this was relevant we will never know.

I inherited another picture of my mother as a baby, taken around the same time, sitting on a donkey at Scarborough beach. It is printed on a postcard (*right*), which includes the details 'From Robt. Harrison, Photographic Artist, Lincoln House, 69 Westboro', Scarboro'. It is 93 miles from Wombwell to Scarborough using current roads, so I imagine the family must have stayed there on holiday, as it would have been too far for a round trip in those far off days. In Amy Taylor's memoir, (*Memories of a Victorian Girlhood*) she mentioned several trips to Scarborough or Bridlington with her Grandmother Lydia, so it must not have been very unusual.



Mary's father Arthur Bibbing (1887-1969) is the young man standing in the picture. He was born in Barnsley and the family later moved to Wombwell. He worked as a stonemason and was especially skilled in the construction of fireplaces and chimneys. He married Ada Whitlam (1889-1959) at the Parish Church in Wombwell on 22 February 1912. At that time he was living



at 43 High Street Wombwell. Their marriage was witnessed by Arthur's father, Henry Bibbing, who was a grocer's manager at Brady Webster & Son in Wombwell (*see photo left*), and his older sister Edith Mary. Arthur and Ada went on to have four other children after Annie Mary, Norah Edith (1915-1962), John (1921-1973), Mollie (1924-1927) and Joan (1927-2019). In 1927 the family were living at 26 Main Street, Wombwell. In March 1927, three-year-old Mollie died of complications following pneumonia, for which there was no effective treatment in those pre antibiotic days. Later that year the fifth child, Joan, was born, but work seems to have dried up for Arthur in Wombwell. In the winter of 1927/8 the family left Yorkshire for the West Country, where Arthur's younger brother William had already moved and found better employment prospects. A later family picture

shows Arthur and Ada with their grandchildren in 1952, and here I am the baby in the photograph!



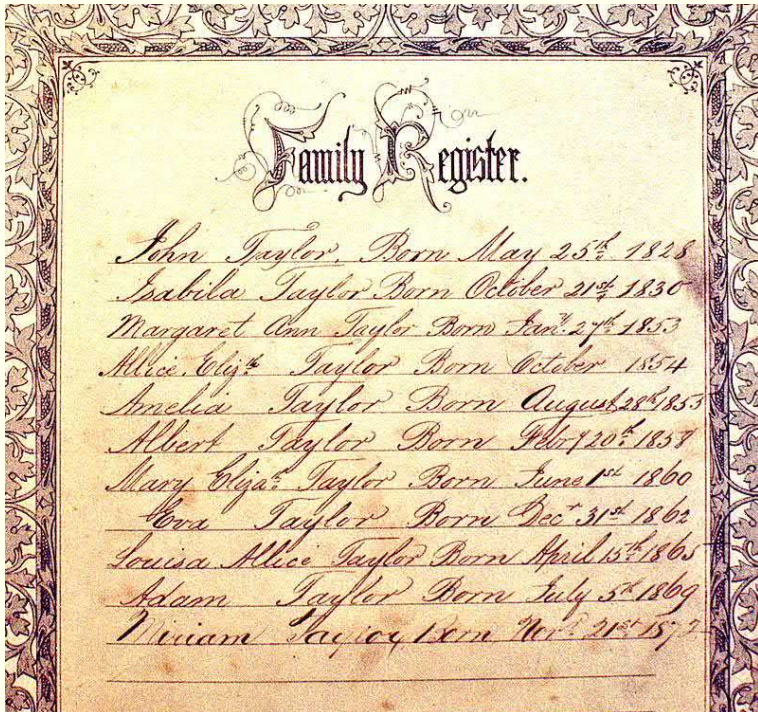
The lady in the four generations photograph is Mary's grandmother Mary Elizabeth Bibbing (nee Taylor). She was born in Worsbrough Dale in 1860. She was the fifth of nine siblings, although two older sisters, and a brother had died before she was born, making her the second living daughter in the growing family. Her older sister was Margaret Ann, born in 1853. In 1861 the family were living at Chapel Yard, Worsbrough. Ten years later in 1871 they had moved to 51 Park Road, Barnsley, and younger siblings Eva, Louisa, and Adam had joined the family. Interestingly, in Amy Taylor's memoir, her family lived at 50 Park Road, and her grandparents James and Lydia at number 52 as recorded in the 1881 census. I wonder if the families were living in close proximity for any length of time. By the time Mary Elizabeth was 20, in 1881, she was working as a milliner, still living with the family, but now at 194 Doncaster Road in Barnsley. She married Henry Bibbing later that year on 26th December at Silkstone. Henry had been born at Hoyle Mill, and both he and his father William Bibbing were grocers. As well as Arthur, Henry and Mary Elizabeth had a daughter Edith Mary in 1885, and three sons, William in 1891, John in 1898 and Thomas Henry in 1904. William was born in Barnsley, but the family seem to have moved to High Street, Wombwell by the time John and Thomas Henry were born. Mary Elizabeth died in 1922, aged 62.

The gentleman with the fabulous beard is John Taylor, Mary Bibbing's father, who would have been 75 years old in this picture. He was christened at Bolton upon Dearne on 25 May 1828, the second of six children born to Richard Taylor (1802-1867) and Anne nee Hollingsworth (1806 - 1879). John's father Richard was born in Mapplewell and baptised at All Saints Darton. Richard worked as a stonemason throughout his life. His mother Anne was born in Doncaster and was christened with her twin sister Prudence in Bolton upon Dearne. Anne's father Lawrence Hollingsworth was also a stonemason. Richard and Anne were married on 11 April 1825 in

Darfield, and had Charles (1826), John (1828), George (1830), Richard (1833), James (1835) and Elizabeth (1838). Charles was christened at Worsbrough, but the rest of the family were christened at Bolton upon Dearne. The only daughter Elizabeth, died in 1841, aged 3, and has a memorial inscription at St Marys Worsbrough.

This is where my story meets up with Amy's memoir, because her grandfather James and my great great grandfather John were brothers, both christened at Bolton upon Dearne. They both followed their father Richard into the building trade, as did their other brothers.

John Taylor married Isabella Abbott (1830-1893) on 15 March 1852 in Manchester, and they lived at first in Silk Street, Salford. Isabella's father was a watchmaker from Widnes in Lancashire. John and Isabella's first child Margaret Ann was born in Lancashire in 1853, and then the family moved to Chapel Yard, Worsbrough where another daughter Alice Elizabeth was born in 1854, but died in infancy. She was followed by Amelia in 1855, who lived a short life and died in 1859. Their first son Albert was born in 1858, but also died aged two years. Mary Elizabeth was born in 1860, followed by Eva in 1863, Louisa Alice in 1865 and Adam in 1869. The last baby, Miriam, was born in 1872, and died the following year. They were all christened at St Thomas, Worsbrough, except Adam, who was christened at St John the Baptist, Barnsley. The first page of the family bible (*below*) shows the birth dates of all the family.



By 1871 the family had moved to Park Road Barnsley, and I guess this is where John Taylor acquired the nickname of Drill Hall John, as in 1896 he



was responsible for building the Volunteer Drill Hall (*above*) for the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment on Eastgate in Barnsley. The panel at the top of the building (*right*) shows a tiger beneath a Yorkshire rose. The tiger is the regimental crest of the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment. To either side are the letters 'Y' and 'L', for the two counties. Above the panel is the date 1896. Isabella would not have lived to see this wonderful building, as she died in 1893.

The elaborate gravestone (*shown on the back cover*) was erected in Barnsley cemetery following John's death in 1915, and includes mention of his wife Isabella, details of the children who died in infancy, and of Louisa who died aged 55 years.

Starting with one photograph of four generations of my family, I have been able to discover a huge amount of interesting family history, much more than I have described here. Finding a link to my Taylor ancestors in *Memories of a Victorian Girlhood*, in the first Barnsley family history journal I ever read, was a great surprise, and also a great encouragement to keep on researching.



Judy Hart

The 1901 census records John's occupation as Master Mason – RdeM.

THE CASS FAMILY LINEN MANUFACTURERS AND OUTFITTERS

Since returning to the Barnsley area following my 12-year sojourn in North Yorkshire I have, together with my sister Susan, become involved in volunteering with Barnsley Museums. At present we are working with the textile and costume collection and this has led me to research into the Cass family, who were linen weavers and, later, clothing manufacturers mainly concentrating on workwear.

The following family history is based on available local and online information. As it's not my family I am not inclined to spend money on buying lots or birth, marriage and death certificates! However, I thought that BFHS members might be interested as the family became quite prominent members of society in late 19th and early 20th century Barnsley.

John Cass (the elder) was born in Marske (NRY) in about 1784. He was living in Stokesley (NRY) with his wife Villetta and working as a weaver when his two sons were baptised: John on 5 November 1817 and James Castle on 31 March, 1820.

By the time of the 1841 census, John had moved to Barnsley and was living in Gawber, Barnsley, with his two sons, John (23) and James (21) and Bethatina Cass, aged 15. Only the head of the household's occupation was given in this census, and John was listed as 'Linen Weaver'.

In 1851, John Cass (67 and a widower) is living in Mount Terrace, Barnsley. John is listed as 'Linen Manufacturer'. With him are James Cass (31), also listed as 'Linen Manufacturer', and his wife Annie (26), born in Bootle, Lancashire. They have a servant, Elizabeth Hopwood (21) and a visitor, Jane (surname illegible).

At this point John (the younger) had moved to live in Castleford with his wife Margaret (29), and their children Violetta (7, born in Gawber), Isabella (5), William (3) and Hannah (8 months). The youngest children were all born in Castleford. Also present is Margaret's mother, Margaret Atherston (68), born in Lancashire. John is listed as a 'Linen Draper'.

The Cass family linen weaving business was now large enough to begin appearing in trade directories. In 1852 there is a listing for John Cass and Son, linen manufacturer, in Pitt Street and in 1860, 'James Cass, frock maker, Old Mill Lane'.

You may think from this entry that James had branched out into making ladies' clothing, but in the 1800s a 'frock maker' would be making what we would now call workmen's smocks. These were the full, long-sleeved smocks which we nowadays think of as being worn by agricultural labourers, but were, in fact, everyday workwear for most manual labourers. They were referred to variously as frocks, slops or smocks. As a linen manufacturer, James would make more profit by manufacturing clothing with his own linen.

John (the elder) was staying with his son John in Castleford at the time of the 1861 census. In Barnsley, James (41) was now head of his own household with his wife now Martha (36). Also in the household on Old Mill

Lane are son John (7) and daughters Emily (5) and Eliza (3). All children born in Barnsley. I have yet to find out what happened to James' first wife, Annie.

It appears that John Cass the elder died in the July quarter of 1861.

By the 1871 census the Cass family had moved to Westfield Villa, 6 Westfield Road, just off Gawber Road in Barnsley, where the family would stay for the next 70 years. This house and street is referred to by different



names between 1871 and 1939: Well Fields Villa in James's will, 8 Jordan Hill in the 1881 census; Wellfield Villa, Wellfield Road in the 1891 census; 6 Wellfield Road in the 1901, later censuses and 1939 Register. In the 1904 Ordnance Survey map, the street is marked as Wellfield Road and the area as 'Jordan Hill'.

Present in 1871 are James Castle Cass (51), Wholesale Manufacturing Outfitter, with Martha (51) plus son, John Cass (17), Assistant Clerk; daughters Emily A. (15) and Eliza (13), both scholars and Emma Jenkinson (19), a general servant.

6 Wellfield Road as it is today, courtesy of Liz Whitehouse

Sadly, only four years later, on 7 March, 1875, James died aged 55. There is an impressive obelisk memorial to the Cass family in Barnsley Cemetery with many of the family remembered on the four faces of the plinth. The obelisk is shown on the front cover of this issue.

James had recently moved to York (an early retirement due to ill health?) and his address was given as Heslington Road, Gate Fulford, York. His will was proven on 7 July 1875, valued at under £6,000 (about £560,000 at today's value). Executors were John Cass of Castleford, woollen draper, Martha Rogerson, Well Field Villa, Jordan Hill, Barnsley, spinster, and John Cass of Barnsley, outfitter.

The executors are, of course, his brother John, son James and his wife, Martha; but Martha **Rogerson? Spinster?** There was no option but to order a copy of James' will!

After settling his debts and funeral expenses, James says that he does:

"Bequeath unto my housekeeper Martha Rogerson who has been living with me at Barnsley as my wife and who now resides at Well Fields Villa at

Jordanshill in the parish of Barnsley aforesaid all my household furniture china glass plate

So, for over 20 years, the respectable Barnsley businessman has been 'living in sin' with Martha!

Why would he and Martha do that? If James and his first wife, Annie, wanted to split up there was no way in the early 1850s that they could get divorced. James and Martha could not marry if Annie were still alive. So the only option was to live together as man and wife – nobody was going to ask to see their marriage certificate.

The 1881 census records Martha Cass (56) still living in Wellfield Villa with her two daughters, Emily (25) and Eliza (23). None of them have occupations shown, so it would appear that they are living on the proceeds of the business, now being run by Martha's son John.

In the meantime John had got married and was living just round the corner at 66 Sackville Street with his wife Emily (30, born in Barnsley) and one servant, Bertha Lax (25). John is listed as Wholesale Clothier employing 26 people.

Martha died in December 1884, aged only 59, and is buried with James. Her name, clearly carved on the memorial "Martha, wife of the above James Castle Cass"

During the 1870s and 1880s, John's business appears in trade directories, now no longer weaving linen but purely "Clothing manufacturer and wholesale outfitter" at 4 - 6 Eastgate. There are adverts in the Barnsley Chronicle seeking machine hands, trouser finishers and, as late as 1886, "smock frock makers".

John appears to have treated his workforce well by the standards of the period. An article in the Barnsley Chronicle, July, 1875, records a huge outing by train to Scarborough for over 1,000 staff from a number of Barnsley businesses. The Cass workers were given "a substantial knife and fork tea, which was served up in good style at Watson's Commercial Hotel, Scarborough", courtesy of Mr John Cass.

By 1889 John and his family had moved into the Cass family home at Wellfield Villa (recorded in Kelly's Directory) and the family are listed there in the 1891 census: John Cass (37), Wholesale Clothier, with Emily, his wife (40) and children James (9), William (8), Dorothy (7), Muriel E. (4) and Bernard (2). Also present were servants Ada Thresh (25), general domestic servant and Alice Thresh (14) "Nurse domestic".

John was heavily involved with the Congregational Church which stood on Regent Street, at one time being President of the Young Men's Association. In the 1901 census, a Congregational Minister was staying with the family at 6 Wellfield Road:

John, clothing manufacturer/tailor, is listed with Emily and all their surviving children: James (19), clothiers' cutter/tailor, William L (18), clothiers' cutter assistant, Dorothy (17), Muriel E. (14), and Edith A. (9). Selby A. Gray (33), Congregational Minister is a visitor. The family had a live-in general servant, Jane Christmas (25).

Kelly's Directory records John's business address in 1889 as "St. Mary's Place". Gerald Alliot, in his book 'Linen in Barnsley 1744 to 1957' says that the Cass business was in Eastgate until 1884, when the building became a Masonic Lodge. In 1883 the Cass business took over the warehouse in St. Mary's Place and remained there until 1930.

The family continue to be recorded at Wellfield Villa in the 1911 and 1921 census. Emily died on 19 December, 1929 and John on 26 June, 1935.

My last listing of the family is in the 1939 Register, which finds four unmarried Cass children, now middle-aged, living together at Wellfield Villa: James S. Cass (born 18/07/1881), William L. Cass (born 10/11/1882) Tailor's trimming Merchant Travelling, Muriel E. Cass (born 9/10/1886) Assistant School of Art teacher and Edith A. Cass (born 3/03/1892). James and Edith are both described as "Partner in firm of Wholesale Clothiers (overall trade)" so it seems that the fourth generation of the Cass family was still making workwear in 1939.

Are you descended from the Cass family?

I hope you have found the Cass family as interesting as I have. Are you descended from the Cass family? Although James, William, Muriel and Edith didn't marry, there are other branches that I have not followed, including that of John Cass who moved to Castleford. I know that his oldest daughter Violetta married an American, William M. Fields, in Pennsylvania in 1866.

If you are descended from the Cass family, I would love to hear from you – particularly if you have any photographs of the people mentioned in this article. You can email me at lizj.whitehouse@gmail.com

Sources:

- UK Census returns and 1939 Register access via Find My Past
- Stokesley Parish Church Baptisms
- 1852 trade Directory for "Sheffield and 20 miles around", 1860 Melville & Co. Directory of Sheffield, 1879 White's Sheffield Directory, 1889 Kelly's Directory
- Barnsley Cemetery Burial Index
- Cass memorial in Barnsley Cemetery
- Barnsley Chronicle, many copies, accessed at Barnsley Archives
- Probate Index accessed via Find My Past
- John Cass's will
- 'Linen in Barnsley' by Gerald Alliot

Would you like to volunteer with Barnsley Museums?

Barnsley Museums welcome volunteers and at present are looking for people who would like to volunteer inside Cannon Hall. They are looking for people who are passionate about telling the story of the house, its family and its exhibitions and who are happy chatting to visitors to the house.

There are a range of times and days available. Anyone interested can email museumvolunteering@barnsley.gov.uk leaving their contact details, or call 01226 772002, leave a telephone number and a message and someone will get back to you.

Liz Whitehouse

NATIONAL BURIAL GROUNDS PROJECT

Anounced in 2021, the National Burial Grounds Survey (NBGS) is a seven-year project to survey and accurately map all Church of England (CoE) churchyards, in England, diocese by diocese, churchyard by churchyard. Churches of other denominations and cemeteries are excluded from the project, even if they are attached to CoE premises. So far, only a few hundred churchyards have been surveyed and there seems to be no list of those that have. Have any members been involved in any way or have more knowledge of the project? At present the Diocese of Leeds is believed not to have signed up. Jane is making enquiries.

Roger de Mercado/Jane Ainsworth

DO YOUR ANCESTORS HAVE A CONNECTION WITH BARNSELY ST MARY'S ?

Following our recent request for information about members' connections with Barnsley St Mary's, one of our members, Ilma Cumming, sent in some not only historical but also more recent connections with St Mary's.

I was christened there [Barnsley St Mary's] in 1967, and my mum and dad would have got married there in 1963 if they hadn't come across a snooty verger who said "no" because my dad was Roman Catholic. Mum was really upset about it and the vicar was beside himself when he discovered what had happened, but they finished up getting married at St Lukes (up t'common) They've just celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary, and Mum still goes to church at St Mary when she can, as she lives nearby.

My grandmother Mary Taylor (formerly Coe) grew up in High Street with her parents Edwin and Florence Coe (formerly Pankhurst). Edwin was born and raised in the area but Florrie came from St Pancras, London. However she was confirmed there in the early 1900s and married there and most of her children also married there.

19 <u>13</u> . Marriage solemnized at <u>St Mary's Church</u> in the Parish							
of <u>Barnsley</u> in the County of <u>York</u>							
Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.
107	Dec: 90	Edwin Coe	28	Bachelor	Carter	16 Berry Road Barnsley	John Coe
	19 <u>13</u>	Florence Pankhurst	26	Spinster	-	6 High Street Barnsley	William Pankhurst
Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by <u>Albert Bushinshaw</u> or after <u>James</u> by me,							
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>Edwin Coe</u>		in the Presence of us, <u>Ellen Pankhurst</u>		<u>P. A. Howell</u>			

And here's an earlier one - my 5x great grandparents George Birkinshaw and Rebecca Hargreave married there on 30th August 1785! George was

from Notton and Rebecca was from Royston parish. I'm still fleshing out that part of my tree so am not sure why they married there, but their daughter Rebecca was christened there so maybe they lived there for a while after they married.

Geo: Barkinshaw of Notton in of the Parish of Royston in the
County of York (Blacksmith and Rebeccah Hargreave of
the Town and Parish of Barnsley (Springer) were
Married in this Church by Licen^d in
this Thirtieth Day of August in the Year One Thousand
Seven Hundred & Eighty Five by me J^r: Menzies Minister
This Marriage was solemnized between Us { George Barkinshaw
Rebeccah Hargreave her Mark +
In the Presence of Nicky Jolly
J^r: Barkinshaw

Ilma Cumming

BARNSELY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY TALK

WILLS and PROBATE (including Parishes around Barnsley)

RICHARD AXE

JUNE 15TH 2023

The BFHS was pleased to welcome Richard to our June monthly meeting when there were eighteen members present. Richard has visited the Society on many occasions; his talks are always full of interesting, relevant information.

Richard started by saying that his talk is mainly about Wills and Probate pre 1801; he also introduced three books which are helpful for researchers in this area:-

- Wills and Probate, Karen Grannum/Nigel Taylor
- Tracing Your Ancestors through Death Records, (The aptly named) Celia Heritage
- Ancestral Trails, Mark Herbert (BFHS Library has a copy of this.)

Barnsley in 1801 had a population of around 3,000 people, which increased noticeably as the Industrial Revolution progressed in the 19th century. In comparison, at this time, Mexborough had a population of 450 souls.

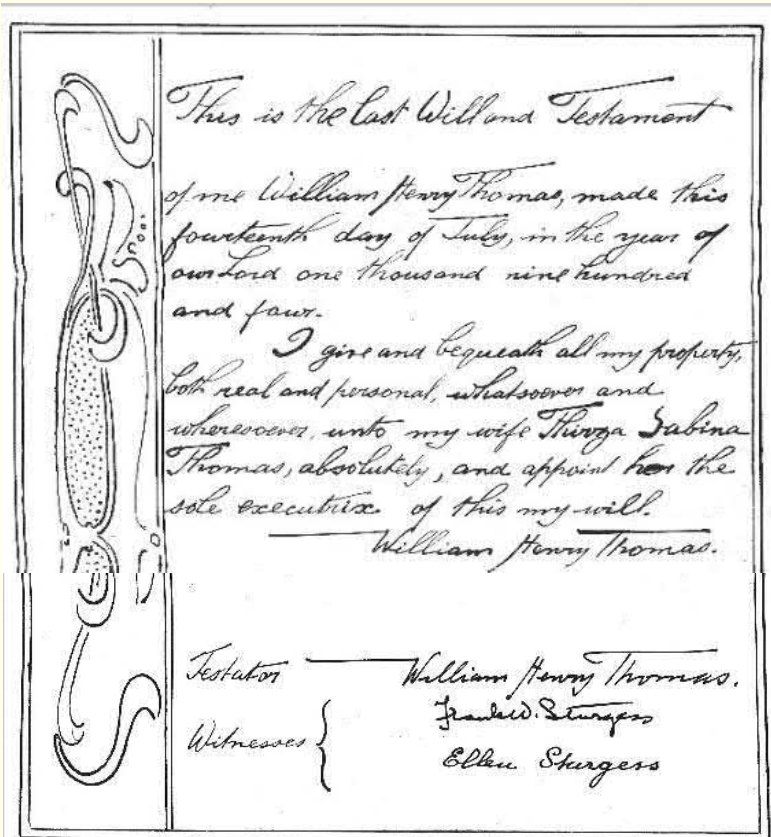
Very few people made wills, only about 10% of the population; the vast majority of these were men as very few women made wills.

The talk concentrated on using five families as examples – Sanderson/Saunderson, Crook/Crooke and Ludlam/Ladlam. Yes, that does appear to be only three families, but Richard referred to five families; they were inter-related using the same three surnames. As researchers know, there can be many weird and wonderful spellings of names; the Sanderson name illustrated had at least seven different variations.

Wills exist from the early 1500s with most of them handwritten in English (although a few people still requested a will written in Latin.)

Richard stressed that researchers need to look at wills and probate records to make family connections pre 1801; Parish Records are not enough on their own. The chances are your ancestor will be named in a will somewhere. The talk was illustrated with samples of wills and probate, family trees, family links of the five families listed.

1904 Will of William Henry Thomas, Art Lecturer, Halifax School of Art.



(This may be a century later than the 1801 focus of the talk but it illustrates the points being made.)

Where to look

- **Jackson's History of Barnsley** is one source that I, Search Officer for the BFHS, had never heard of! (My only excuse is that my family roots are not in the South Yorkshire area.) This offers a pedigree of the families listed in it.

- **The Borthwick Institute for Archives** - is the specialist archive service of the University of York. It is one of the largest repositories outside London. It is a good source of Court Rolls, Newspapers, especially the legal challenges to wills which were reported, as well as original wills and abstracts from wills. This is a very accessible organisation, the staff are very helpful whether you visit, 'phone or email them. It is a good idea to contact them before a visit on 01904 321166 or by email at borthwick-institute@york.ac.uk
- **West Yorkshire Archives Service (WYAS)**, based in Kirkgate, Wakefield has a large collection of property deeds from 1704, there is an index of wills linked to property. Many entries are under the title of the **West Riding Registry of Deeds**
- **Family Search**, is the huge international database managed by the Mormon Church. Once you have registered – this is free – you have access to a treasure trove of information. There are many locally based **Family Search Centres**, the nearest one for our members is in Grenoside, just contact them first ahead of any visit – 0114 2453124 address LDS Chapel, Wheel Lane, Grenoside, Sheffield S35 8RL Their services are free although a donation is really appreciated.
- **Burial Records and Monumental Inscriptions (MIs)** offer a great record to be used with all the other sources researchers use to verify their work.

For the second half of the talk, Richard illustrated the points he had been making with reference to the five families from the Barnsley area which he had introduced at the start, this offered a very good understanding of the use of all the sources that he had been used. Richard concluded by saying that using wills, probate, family trees, burial records combined with Parish will offer a reasonably accurate result for our ancestors pre 1801.

Margaret E. Williams (Secretary/Search Officer)



BARNSELY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY LIBRARY

As you will have read in the April Journal, Lynn Smith, who was librarian at the time, provided us with a list of all the books available in our BFHS.

Here are just a few more that you can borrow or request a look-up from, if you are not able to visit in person. This time we are looking at the 'Tracing Your...' series that we hold.

You will see from the list of Officers and Committee Members that Janet Haigh is our new librarian.

Tracing Your Ancestors - D.M Field

Tracing Your Ancestors in the Public Records Office - Jane Cox & Timothy Padfield

Tracing Your Family Tree – Kathy Chater

Tracing Your Family Tree- Jean Cole & Michael Armstrong

Tracing Your First World War ancestors – Simon Fowler

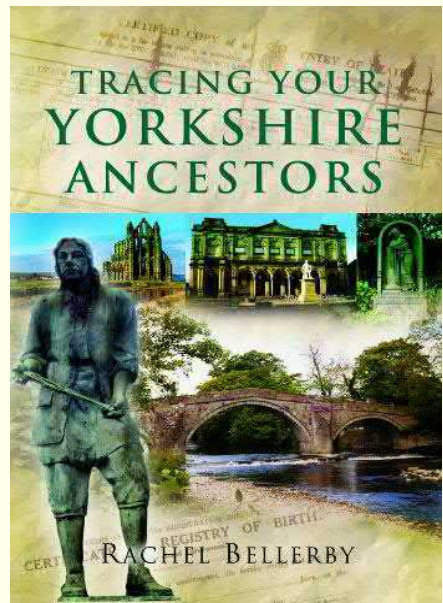
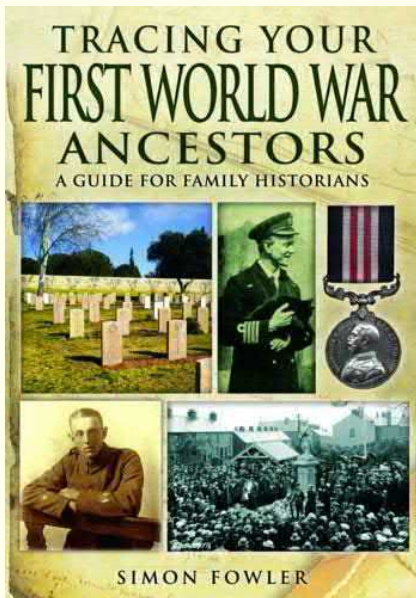
Tracing Your German Ancestors – Peter Towey

Tracing Your Irish Family History – Anthony Adolf

Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors – Scottish Records Office

Tracing Your Yorkshire Ancestors – Rachel Bellerby

Here are two I use and can say are very useful.



Shirley Sura

MEMBERS SECTION

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined the Society. I hope that you will find your membership useful, enjoyable, rewarding and above all productive.

1966 Ms Theresa Stewart

1967 Ms Jenny Dewhirst

1968 Ms Julie Mitchell

1969 Mr Phillip Watson

1970 Mr Kenneth Turner

1971 Dr Frances Brightman

Elaine Jackson

MEMBERS INTERESTS JULY 2023

Mem. No.	1965	David Allen		
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Allen	Brighouse	WRY	ENG	All
Ekin	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	All
Ekin	Worksop	NTT	ENG	All
Thomas	Retford	NTT	ENG	All

Notes:

Please see the article on page 14 for David Allen's Ekin family notes and our input.

Mem. No.	1966	Theresa Stewart		
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Armitage	Huddersfield	WRY	ENG	c.1834
Deacon	Leeds	WRY	ENG	1800-1937
Faulkner	Dundee	ANS	SCT	c.1820
Turner	Leeds	WRY	ENG	1795-1911
Walker	Leeds	WRY	ENG	1822-1911

Notes:

Faulkner Mary Dundee c. 1820

Armitage Fanny Huddersfield c. 1834

Mem. No.	1967	Jenny Dewhirst		
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Dewhirst	Wombwell	WRY	ENG	1800-1950
Dewhirst	Wombwell	WRY	ENG	1800-1950
Dewhirst	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1800-1950
Dewhirst	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1800-1950
Silverwood	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1800-1950

Notes:

I can't find **John Dewhirst** (b 1832) after the 1871 census (married to Rebecca). Their daughter Mary had a son **Frederick Dewhirst** in 1876 whose father is unknown (**Thomas Silverwood** was his stepfather)
There are issues with spelling Dewhirst, I think (still happens today!)
Anything about the family would be great!

Mem. No.	1968	Julie Mitchell		
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Mitchell	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1854-1993

Notes:

I am very interested in the family history of my father, **Frank Maurice Mitchell**. I believe that the family lived in Hawthorne Street, and maybe Dodworth Road, Barnsley.

My grandfather **James Mitchell** worked for Needhams, a Barnsley engineering firm, possibly as a clerk, and organised a day trip to Morecombe for the firm? I wonder how he made the transition from, maybe, a miner to a clerk?

Some of his brothers worked in coal mining, but **John Mitchell**, the eldest son, became a bookmaker. He may have started before betting became legalised, another avenue which I would like to explore.

My grandmother, **Mary Jane Clapham**, had a child, Elizabeth (Libby) before marrying my grandfather. As a child I remember Libby, who was loved by all her brothers and sisters. I have seen **Elizabeth Avill** recorded, but I don't know if this was her maiden or married name, yet another line to follow.

It has proved difficult to go further back than my great grandfather, **John Mitchell**, although I believe my grandmother's lineage goes further back. There is a tentative connection with Haddon Hall, Derbyshire; it is mentioned in Chancery.

I grew up in Huddersfield, and although we did see my father's family my main links are with my mother's family in Ireland. My Barnsley side of the tree needs more work.

Another query: my uncle John married on Christmas Day, 1924; was this common practice?

I wonder if these reminiscences ring a bell with your research. If so, I would love to hear from you.

Mem. No.	1969	Phillip Watson		
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Crabtree	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1700
Crowley	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1900
Crowley	Polesworth	WOR	ENG	1800
Malin	Bainbridge	DOW	ENG	1750
Schofield	Barnsley			1700
Silverwood	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1800
Watson	Barnsley			1900
Watson	Brotherton	WRY	ENG	1800
Watson	Doncaster	WRY	ENG	1950
Watson	Durham	DUR	ENG	1900

Notes:

I have been doing my family tree for a few years and have got a few members of mine and my wife's families details, some good, some a little sparse. The main people are as follows:

Kathleen Watson nee Crabtree (my mum);

Albert Crabtree (grandfather) 1893 – 1960. I am mainly looking for his occupation etc. I know he worked for the Barnsley Corporation water works as a yard boss, but that's about all. His father was born in 39 Waltham Street, in Barnsley and his mother, Mary Malin, was born in Banbridge in County Down Ireland;

My grandma Caroline Crabtree (nee Crowley), born 1892 in Oxford Street, Barnsley, died 1962, mostly living in Waltham street, Barnsley before moving to Kendray when they pulled her house down. Her parents came from Polesworth in Worcestershire.

Arthur Watson (my father) 1928–1992 was born in Lambert Road, Kendray, Barnsley, but his parents came from Durham and moved to Doncaster. His parents are buried in Doncaster. His family I have followed back from Durham area down to West Riding to a place called Brotherton, near Pontefract.

Lots of my family were baptised in the Parish Church of St Peter on Doncaster Road, Barnsley, which was at the bottom of Waltham street.

I hope this information will help and start something new in my family tree.

Mem. No.	1971	Dr. Frances Brightman		Period
Surname	Location	County	Country	
Goodison	Any	WRY	ENG	Before 1900
Hague	or Penistone	WRY	ENG	All
Haigh	or Silkstone	WRY	ENG	All
Haigh	or Thurlstone	WRY	ENG	All
Haigh	or Upper Denby	WRY	ENG	All
Morton	Any	WRY	ENG	Before 1900
Parkin	Any	WRY	ENG	Before 1900
Proctor	Any	WRY	ENG	Before 1900
Ridall	Any	WRY	ENG	All

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I am more than willing to help our newer members, especially if they are hitting the proverbial "Brick Walls" which we have all encountered. Just email me on search@barnsleyfhs.co.uk

Margaret Williams

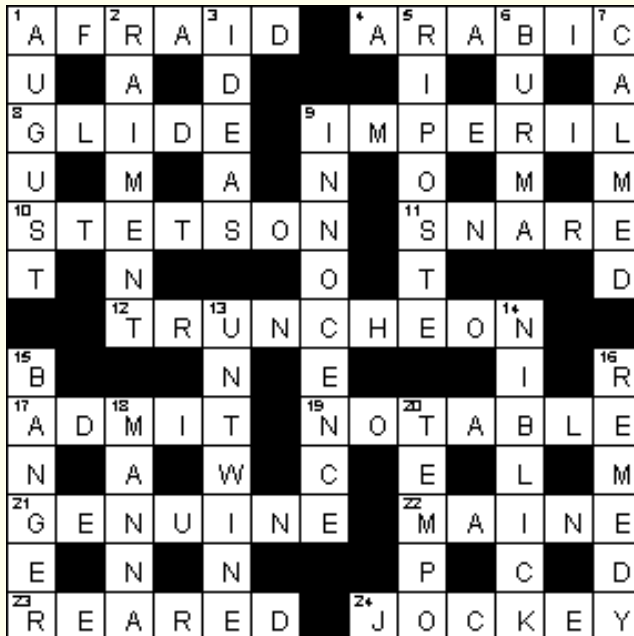
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Methodist New Connexion	1862-1973
Barnsley St. George	1832-1844
Barnsley St. Mary	1813-1837
Barnsley Wesleyan	1839-1910
Bretton Chapelry	1813-1841
Cawthorne All Saints	1800-1844
Darton All Saints	1813-1822
Royston St. John	1813-1831
Silkstone All Saints	1813-1840
Wentworth Wesleyan	1849-1980
Wortley St. Leonard	1813-1856

National Probate Calendars / Wills Index 1858 to 1943

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England & Wales. Please give full name, year-range and county if known.

Soldiers who died in the Great War

Please give full name and age if known.

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1891 Census, Barnsley

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Barnsley St. Mary	1800-1837
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Darton All Saints	1813-1822
Penistone St. John	1800-1837
Royston St. John	1799-1837
Silkstone All Saints	1800-1837

Burials

Barnsley St. George	1832-1850
Barnsley St. Mary	1800-1840
Bretton Chapelry	1800-1840
Cawthorne All Saints	1800-1845
Darton All Saints	1800-1845
Denby Chapelry	1800-1856
Dodworth St. John	1848-1934
Hoyland Nether St. Peter	1813-1861
Penistone St. John	1800-1856
Royston St. John	1800-1837
Silkstone All Saints	1800-1840
Tankersley St. Peter	1813-1858
Worsbrough St. Thomas	1859-1903
Wortley St. Leonard	1800-1854

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16 th November	Richard Axe Yorkshire Diocese Cause Papers held at the Borthwick, with focus on BFHS families and parishes. Plus Social Evening.
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