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THE SECOND EXPLOSION AT THE OAKS COLLIERY, BARNSELEY, 1866, IN WHICH 334 LIVES WERE LOST

The Barnsley Museums & Heritage Trust has purchased this colourised drawing of the Oaks Disaster on behalf of Barnsley Archives and Local Studies. In December 1866 a series of explosions caused by firedamp ripped through the underground workings of the Oaks Colliery at Hoyle Mill, near Stairfoot in Barnsley, killing at least 361 miners and rescuers. At the time it was the worst mining disaster in the UK.

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EDITORIAL

It's spring! Although it is still very cold, the sun is shining on my garden and on the frost that also makes it look so beautiful. I was actually in Barnsley for five days and it was almost like summer.

I spent some time in the Archives where Katie and Paul were very helpful. Katie was especially patient when I needed a little help...

It was very fruitful as I not only found a missing baptism record. This was my two times great grandfather and, a bonus, I found a baptism record for a cousin of his whom I did not know existed. In addition, I found out that another great grandfather who appears to have come to Barnsley from Cornwall, following an explosion at a gunpowder factory, was not then involved in the Edmunds Main Colliery explosion, as some people who shall not be named, suspected. I need to do some more research and verify a few things from this visit before I can say more but at some point, I will tell all. I would recommend Barnsley Archives to anyone looking for any aspect of their Barnsley family history and to verify with records, all family comments, information from family trees, etc.

In this issue of Barnsley Roots, as well as all the usual, we have more members' articles, including ancestors recipes, which seems to be very popular, please keep them coming, I am going to attempt to bake/cook as many as possible, although I am certainly not going to be as successful as the person whose certificate is on page 28. We also have 'Indentured' by Janet Town and 'Going Backward in Order to Go Forward' by Janet Haigh and Lost, Found and Lost Again, by Jane Ainsworth, all very interesting articles. Margaret Williams has also provided us with some information on 'Wapentakes' and the 'Hearth Tax' and – something about MI5. We have this year's AGM and finance reports and information on a proposed forthcoming excursion to Quarry Bank Mill in Cheshire (page 12). There is also a very pretty picture and some more information on the back cover of this issue.

In forthcoming issues...

All the usual plus another article from Jane, more family recipes, a bit of fun and any of your articles you would like to see in the journal

Shirley Sura

SECRETARY'S UPDATE – MARCH 2025



Growing up in Halifax, now part of Calderdale, in the 1960s, this time of year was always skipping weather, whip and tops came out and games of marbles were eagerly contested. I loved chalking patterns on to my top then we had a competition as to whose was the best design when the top was spun around by the whip. (I wasn't very good at making my top spin!) I actually bought a Whip and Top Set at the Calderdale Museum, my granddaughters were not too impressed as they cannot make the top spin for any length of time either. I have been seen trying to further my skill level outside this year. Progress is being made...

Yes, these games were played mainly outdoors as longer days and slightly warmer weather meant we could all be outside, much to the relief of our families, I'm sure.

There is warmth now in the sun, just walking in the fresh air makes you feel good to be outside. It is, hopefully, a harbinger of better weather to come as this last winter has seemed so long and dreary.

Nature is beginning to change, new buds are on the trees and the birds are beginning to communicate with each other as nesting is just about to begin. Our part of the world is waking up. So it is with the Barnsley Family History Society, as our first meeting of 2025 was held on Thursday February 20th at Buckley Street Methodist Church Hall. We were treated to a really interesting talk on Nell Gwyn by Lizzie Jones – more about this later...

The attendance was smaller than had been the case before the Christmas Break, as the weather was very cold and quite icy, some members do not like venturing out on cold, dark winter nights, quite understandably. Although the BFHS is a smaller society, compared to the likes of Calderdale, Lancashire, North Yorkshire to name but three, we do attract new members on a regular basis which is good to report.

It was really good to hear that Elaine Jackson, our Membership Secretary, has provisionally booked a **BFHS Summer Day Trip to Quarry Bank Mill in Cheshire on Thursday July 24th 2025**, this is really something to look forward to. Entry to the Mill is £19.95 per person as part of a Group booking,

the cost of travel is still to be added. Elaine would like some idea of the number of people who would like to go before finalising costings. Do please get in touch with any member of the Committee if you are interested as soon as possible, (contact details are on the front inside cover of "Barnsley Roots".)

Lizzie Jones, who is an expert on the Stuart dynasty, especially the 17th century, prefaced her talk by saying how much she enjoys coming to the BFHS meetings as we make her feel so welcome.

Although this talk does not further our knowledge of Family History, it is a fascinating insight into a life and an era that has been subject to misguided information so I thought you may enjoy reading a little about Nell Gwyn.

The BFHS tries to give those members who do not live locally a sense of the meetings that we hold which is why this talk has been summarised for you. We always value your continued membership and want you to feel a true part of our genealogy community

NELL GWYN – from selling oranges to King's Mistress.



Courtesy of the Thomas family archive

Lizzie commenced by saying that many people know the name 'Nell Gwyn' even if they are not particularly interested in history. The problem is that she did so much more than sell oranges.

When Charles II came to the throne in 1660, the period of the Restoration, as his rule is known, wiped out all the Protectorate laws and ideas of Oliver Cromwell. Charles was completely selfish, devoting himself solely to his own pleasure. Although he was married to Catherine of Braganza, the shy Queen turned a blind eye to her husband's philandering. The marriage produced no children but Charles had over 11 illegitimate offspring by 14

mistresses as well as many brief affairs. It is fascinating to read Samuel Pepys' Diary on this subject, I can confirm what a good read it is!

Eleanor Gwyn was born in Hereford on February 2nd 1650. Her father was in a debtor's prison, later dying there, so Nell's first years were spent in abject poverty until her mother took her and her sister, Rose, to London in search of a better life. Nell spent her childhood serving drinks to the 'clients' of the brothel her mother had set up! Despite not having any shoes since her birth, Nell, once she reached puberty, had to find a job which was selling fish on the streets of London while Rose was employed selling oranges in one of the many Playhouses that were being established in the capital.

Charles II established The King's Theatre and, for his brother, later James II, The Duke's Theatre. Unlike in Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, The Pit of the new theatres was for the nobility, the Gallery was cheaper. Orange sellers

who sold refreshments did not sell to the Gallery. Oranges were sold for £1.00 each, (in today's money), these were often used as missiles when the audience was dissatisfied!

Living in a tavern, Nell, who was very tiny with a loud voice, could stand up for herself and stood no nonsense from anyone, be it customers or nobility.

Nell only had three lovers during her life, Charles One, Charles Two and Charles Three as she called them, remaining loyal to each during their time together. Loyalty was hugely important to Nell, who showed the same to all her family and people she had known.

Charles Harte (Charles One) was an extremely good actor and theatre manager who saw Nell, aged 15 and wanted to put her on the stage even though she could not read or write. Being a quick learner and very vivacious, Nell excelled in comic parts as she learned from spoken text. She was a very popular performer.

Charles Two was Charles Sackville, son of a Duke and a notorious libertine. Nell left the stage and went to live with him when her relationship with Harte had ended. This dalliance lasted six weeks and she went back to Charles at the theatre where she continued to perform on stage.

Charles Three was King Charles II who had seen Nell on stage several times. Charles had two main mistresses – Barbara Palmer (Castlemaine) who loved gambling, grand houses and expensive jewellery, which her lover funded and Louise de Kerouaille who saw herself as Queen and had no tolerance for anyone.

Captivated by Nell, Charles began a spasmodic relationship with her as, after six years on stage, she had left acting for good. There is plenty of evidence, (Pepys, again) that Nell fell in love with Charles, remaining loyal to him for the rest of her life.



Courtesy of the Thomas family archive

The relationship became permanent with Charles buying Nell a three-storey house overlooking Hyde Park where her family, including alcoholic mother and Rose, who had married a highwayman, allegedly, all came to live with her. (Not the 'highwayman', though. MW)

Nell never forgot her friends or family, she never asked Charles for anything, she was completely self-sufficient. She had two boys with Charles, they were never given titles although one boy did later become Duke of St Albans after her death.

Nell's relationships with the two main mistresses were completely different. She got on well with Barbara

but hated the French Louise, as did everybody else.

Charles valued Nell's input, they were friends, as well as lovers. Nell used to go to the races with Charles as well as going fishing with him! Nell was the person who persuaded Charles to build the Chelsea Hospital for Pensioners which remains to this day.

People loved Nell, she was one of them.

When Charles II died unexpectedly, the two mistresses inherited everything, Nell was truly heartbroken and just wasted away, dying on November 14th 1687 age only 36 years.

Her estate was left to her 17-year-old son, as the younger one had died. In typical fashion Nell left a large amount of money to Rose, she left money to her every one of her servants and people who had helped her, even leaving a large bequest to the Debtors' Prison.

Every contemporary account you read says that Nell was such a kind, friendly person who made people feel really happy.

What a great legacy to leave, Nell Gwyn was much more than just a seller of oranges.



The next meeting of the Barnsley FHS will be on Thursday April 17th at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Agnes Peterkin speaking about 'The Cunning Woman...'

Wherever you are in the UK, or the wider world, very best wishes from all of us at the BFHS in Barnsley.

Margaret Williams Search Officer / General Secretary

BARNSELY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING

A Committee Meeting was held on Thursday March 13th at 8 Regent Street Barnsley at 2.00pm, with Doreen Piper (Vice Chair/Treasurer,) Elaine Jackson (Membership Secretary,) Lynn Smith (Librarian,) and Margaret Williams (Secretary/Search Officer, present. There were apologies from Jeff Chambers (Webmaster/ejournals,) and Suzanne Court-Oak Committee Member.) The meeting was quorate.

The general business of everyday running of the BFHS was discussed.

There were two major items discussed which we should like to make members aware of.

1. BFHS Summer Trip To Quarry Bank Mill, Cheshire on Thursday, July 24th 2025.

Elaine Jackson is organising this on behalf of the BFHS. There are details about the visit on page 12 of this issue of the Journal. If you are interested either going from Barnsley, or making your own way to Quarry Bank Mill,

please contact Elaine, (membership@barnsleyfhs.co.uk) as she is currently in the throes of sourcing transport and would value some idea of numbers.

2. BFHS Library

In her role as Librarian, Lynn Smith informed the meeting that the Society has a very large amount of books in storage, including 2,000 in her garage which is far from ideal! There was a discussion as to what we do with all these items as storage in the Church Hall at Buckley Street is already full to bursting! Many of the books have never been opened, a large number are antique. The question is what to do with them all?

If any members have any ideas or are able to assist with sorting out the many boxes please let Lynn know. (library@barnsleyfhs.co.uk) (Polite answers on a postcard?)

These publications belong to all of us so, any input members may have to help solve this backlog would be so appreciated.

No date/time was set for the next Committee Meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 3.10pm.

Margaret E. Williams (Secretary)

THE FAMILY HISTORY FEDERATION REALLY USEFUL BULLETIN - Locating Wills and Probate pre-1858

I am a big fan of the Really Useful Bulletin and in the latest issue (55) there is a fascinating and *Really Useful* article (actually first noted by our Editor Roger de Mercado) **Locating Wills and Probate pre-1858 in England and Wales by Ian Waller.**

This article includes: Legislation affecting wills and inheritance; The ecclesiastical court system; A pre-1858 wills search strategy; Peculiar jurisdictions; Bank of England will extracts; Letters of administration, commonly referred to as admons; Admon with Will; Welsh wills pre-1858; The Commonwealth period 1642-1660; Guardianship; Appeals relating to disputes over wills and Post-1857 Wills and Admons. There is also a list of useful websites and a short but interesting list of further reading.

In addition to reading the bulletins I attend the online Family History Shows, also live in several places (see the bulletins). I found the one online in February this year particularly useful in starting to break down a brick wall. I asked a question and DNA expert Donna Rutherford replied giving excellent advice. I am following this up and will let all our readers know how I progress.

Shirley Sura

VICE CHAIR ANNUAL REPORT TO THE 2025 AGM

Welcome to Barnsley FHS. Annual General Meeting.

Firstly, on behalf of the Committee I would like to thank you our members for your support throughout 2024.

If like myself you are wondering where 2024 went you must have been very busy like our present committee. Sadley Janet Haigh had to resign due to work commitments.

I would like to get back to my first post on the committee, projects coordinator which I had to put on hold to do more pressing assignments. However, I am determined to finish the work that was started and have it published. Probably we should have a couple of research evenings again, please let us have your thoughts on this.

Our excursion to Eyam last July was a great success. What could be better than a beautiful day surrounded by the English countryside, well worth the visit. Also, remembering the very poignant history of the village's inhabitants.

This year's excursion is planned to be Quarry Bank Mill, at Styal in Cheshire which brings to life memories of our ancestors working lives. Our last trip to Quarry Bank was quite a number of years ago so it will be interesting to see the Changes that have been made. Well worth a visit please see Elaine for information.

Last but not least please keep sending articles/stories to the Journal editors.

Keep using the society website and keep coming to our meetings.
A big thank you to Pauline for providing the refreshments at meetings.

Many thanks to Vicky for Auditing the Accounts, it's much appreciated.

I would personally like to thank my colleagues on the committee for their unstinting support.

In Closing – Barnsley FHS. would not be the society that it is without you our members.

Thank you one and all.

Doreen Piper. Vice -Chair, Barnsley FHS

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KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

Snippets from the Family History Community



DIGITAL WILLS – GOOD NEWS! You may remember that late in 2023, a public consultation opened in England regarding the 'Storage and retention of official Will Documents.' A possible move to a digital storage system had been proposed which could result in the possible destruction of some paper wills. 1,600 responses to this consultation were received.

The Government has now published its response stating it will “not pursue any reform that involves the destruction of original will documents”.

On the other hand, it seems that the current £1-50 cost to obtain a copy of a will might be increased in the future. (For the word 'might' substitute the words 'will definitely'.)

I am grateful to Norfolk Family History Society who have sent a link to all 36 pages of the full text at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations>

You click on Wills in the search box and the title 'Storage and retention of original will documents' comes up near the top. Apparently, it is very interesting, (I haven't bothered though!)

FAMILY SEARCH This site, run by the Mormon Church, just gets bigger every month. It has added over 49 new sources for researchers, as well as a couple of interesting gimmicks. The new additions are mainly global with few UK specific sites.

Very often, you can find records on Family Search which do not come up on other generic sites, it is one of my initial “go to” sites when searching for members.

You can also have fun trying to find which famous person you are most like. There are four questions to answer, so not an in-depth search, just a bit of fun! Apparently, I am most like Rosa Parks!

Artificial Intelligence (AI). There are courses available on the help AI may be able to offer family researchers.

Personalised Family Tree Once you sign in – it's free to join Family Search – you can pick a template for a “beautifully designed family tree”. There is a cost involved.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES I received this from the National Archives which may be of interest to a wider range of our members.

MI5: Official Secrets.



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From April 5th 2025 – September 28th 2025, the exhibition area of the National Archives at Kew, are hosting the MI 5's records.

Admission is free, the exhibition is suitable for anyone of 8 years +.

The Archives are closed Sunday and Monday.

The building and exhibition times are:

Tuesday and Thursday opening is 09-00 to 19-00;

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday is 09-00 to 17-00.

"Step inside the hidden world of MI5 and explore the extraordinary stories behind the security of a nation".

For the first time, MI5's history will go on display to the public in a major new exhibition, made possible through an unprecedented partnership between the Security Service and The National Archives.

Explore the ever-changing world of espionage and security threats through original case files, photographs and papers, alongside the real equipment used by spies and spy-catchers over MI5's 115-year history.

From counter-espionage and daring double-agents during the world wars, to chilling Cold War confessions and the counter-terrorism of recent times, this historic exhibition will take you behind the scenes of one of Britain's most iconic institutions."

National Archives press release:

This does sound to be a fascinating one-off exhibition so, if you are around the area, why not give it a go?

Margaret E. Williams. (Secretary/Search Officer)

BFHS DAY TRIP

We are planning to visit Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, Cheshire on Thursday 24th July 2025.

Entrance to the Mill is £19.95, National Trust members Free.

The coach fare will be determined by the cost of a coach and the number of people interested.

Contact Elaine Jackson at membership@barnsleyfhs.co.uk

Quarry Bank is an extensive property with The Mill, Quarry Bank House, the Apprentice House and the gardens. You can also visit Styal Village which was built to house the mill workers. Further information can be found on the National Trust website.

Elaine Jackson

INDENTURED!

What did that mean in 1893? Fortunately for me, when my Great Grandfather William indentured George Ernest, his seventeen-year-old second son, he carefully saved the original legal document – and it was passed down through generations, so that today, I am able to read the terms of the indenture of my great uncle.

We know of apprenticeships today – but indentures in the past were a very different sort of agreement. Incredibly, rather than receiving a wage, the person indentured had to pay to become an apprentice. For George Town, the only recompense for four years work at a Druggist and Chemist (and Post Office!) was bed and board and knowledge of the trade. He was allowed two weeks off a year, and his father paid the chemist £60 (the equivalent of about £10,000 today) for the privilege.

This is an abridged version of a long legal document, which a solicitor charged one pound and five shillings to complete. It's lengthy, but an interesting read.

This indenture made the thirteenth day of March 1893 between William Town of Ingbirchworth near Penistone in the West Riding of the County of York, Waterworks Manager of the first part, George Ernest Town the son of the said William Town a minor of the second part, and George Botham of Levenshulme near Manchester in the County of Lancaster Chemist and Druggist and also Postmaster of the third part.

The said George Ernest Town of his own free will and desire and by and with the consent of his father William Town hath bound and placed himself apprentice to and with George Botham to learn the art, trade and business of a Chemist and Druggist and with him to continue for the full term of Four Years. And William Town doth hereby covenant with George Botham and assigns in manner following - that is to say that he, George Town shall and will during the whole of the term honestly diligently and faithfully and to the best of his skill and ability serve George Botham in the said art, trade or business of a Chemist and Druggist and shall also during the term attend to such of the duties of Postmaster as George Botham may require.

And shall at all times readily and cheerfully comply with and obey his lawful requests, directions and commands respecting such service, and shall to the best of his ability execute and perform all such work as George Botham in his business of a Chemist and Druggist or of Postmaster shall request him to do during the apprenticeship.

And shall not at any time during the term depart or absent himself from the service of his Master without his leave and permission on every occasion being first had and obtained.

And shall not at any time or times during the term or after the expiration thereof divulge, disclose, or make known any of the secrets, business, or connections of George Botham unto any person or persons whomsoever.

And shall not at any time or times during the term waste, mispend, embezzle, purloin, break or destroy any of the goods, moneys or effects of

Geroge Botham, nor suffer the same to be done by others, but shall well and faithfully account with and be answerable unto George Botham for every sum or sums of money, goods and other things that shall be received by or be entrusted to or otherwise come into the power, custody or possession of him, the apprentice.

And shall during the whole of the apprenticeship term seek to promote the profit and interest of his Master and conduct, behave and demean himself towards him, his family, customers, and others as an honest, faithful, industrious and well-disposed apprentice ought to do in all respects whatsoever. And that in case George Town shall act contrary to the last mentioned covenant or if George Botham shall sustain or suffer any loss or damage by the misbehavior, neglect, default or improper conduct of George Town whether through breakages, miscalculations, or otherwise howsoever then William Town shall and will indemnify George Botham and make good and reimburse him the amount or value thereof. And moreover, William Town will, during the whole of the term, at his cost duly find and provide for George Ernest Town good and sufficient clothes, wearing apparel, linen, aprons, pocket money and all other necessities (except as hereinafter mentioned) fit for a person in his station or condition of life.

And should George Town by reason of sickness or accident be unable to attend to the business of his said Master, William Town will remove him from the premises of George Botham to the place of abode of him, William Town and provide the apprentice with meat, drink, washing and lodging, and also medical attendance and advice, medicine, and nursing.

And this Indenture also witnesseth that in consideration of the promises and also of the sum of Sixty pounds sterling to be paid to George Botham by William Town in manner following – namely the sum of Thirty pounds being one moiety thereof upon the execution hereof (the receipt whereof the said George Botham doth hereby acknowledge) and the remaining moiety thereof on the thirteenth day of March One thousand eight hundred and Ninety four such last mentioned sum being secured to be paid to George Botham by the promissory note of William Town bearing even date herewith.

The said George Botham doth hereby covenant with William Town and also with George Town that he will at all times during the term (except during such sickness or accident as aforesaid) find and provide at his own cost George Town with good and sufficient meat, drink, lodging and washing and treat George Ernest Town as one of the family during the whole of the term.

And also will instruct and teach or procure to be instructed and taught George Town the art, trade or business of a Chemist and Druggist in the best way and manner he is able and as the capacities and abilities of the said George Town will admit of and for that purpose will amongst other necessary things teach and instruct the said George Town so much of the Latin language as may be requisite to understand and carry on the art, trade or business of a Chemist and Druggist.

In case the said George Town shall at any time or times during the said term be sick and unwell he will allow him to be and remain absent from the

premises and service during such sickness. And also will allow George Town the liberty and permission to be absent from his said service for fourteen days in every year, namely one week at Midsummer and one week at Christmas.

Provided always that if George Town shall at any time during the said term grow disorderly or frequent bad company after admonition given to him to the contrary by George Botham or shall refuse to do or designedly leave undone any of the reasonable commands of George Botham or absent himself without leave or lawful excuse or shall not perform or observe the covenants herein before contained then and in the cases aforesaid it shall be lawful for George Botham to discharge George Ernest Town from his service and employment and immediately upon such discharge these presents and every clause and thing herein contained shall cease, and become void except the covenant by William Town that George Town shall account and pay as aforesaid and for the indemnity of George Botham as aforesaid. In witness whereof the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first before written.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered.....in the presence of Fred Thompson, clerk to Mr J Grundy, Solicitor, Stockport

The original seven page hand written document, together with its original envelope, is now safely preserved in the Barnsley Archives.



The envelope containing the Indenture and related documents.

Dated 13th March 1893

Mr William Town &
George Ernest Town his son
to

Mr George Botham

Indenture of Apprenticeship
for the term of 4 years to the
business of a Chemist and Druggist

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The Indenture Cover Page

And in case you're wondering - George is in the 1911 census as a 'Pharmacist, Dispenser' in Hammersmith, London, he served in the Army Medical Corps 1914 - 1920 and in the 1939 register is back in Hammersmith London working as a 'Hospital Pharmacist'.

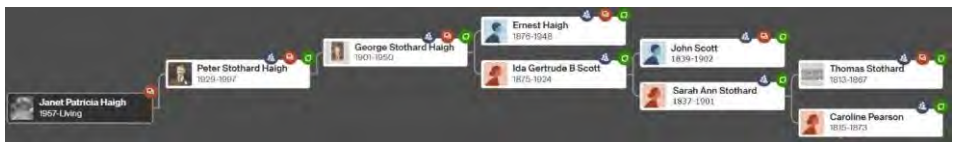
Janet Town

GOING BACKWARD IN ORDER TO GO FORWARD

Surname Search

I always wondered where my father's middle name of Stothard came from and whilst researching my family tree the search took me along some interesting pathways including the usual brick walls. My father was called Peter Stothard Haigh. I was aware that his father had that middle name too, George Stothard Haigh. My father was not a family man at all and never talked about his family. George Stothard Haigh died at the age of 50 before my mother and father were married so there was no-one to help with my father's side of the family. This investigation led me to an outing in Lincolnshire and a visit to the site of an old Church Yard in Ranby.

I knew that George Stothard Haigh married Mary Mackie, My grandmother in October 1928 at St Edward the Confessor in Barnsley. George was born in 1901 in Chesterfield and Ernest, his father, was an Iron Moulder at that time. His father was Ernest Haigh, Billiard Hall Proprietor at the time of George's marriage to Mary Mackie, and I could not detect that the name came down that line. Ernest was born in 1876. He married Ida Gertrude Brenda Scott, who was born in 1895 in Barnsley. (It's interesting that on any official records Ida always used her very full name!)



Ida was born at 43 Summer Street, at the Public House, which I know as the Moulders Arms. John Scott was her father, and he was Joiner and Builder and by now Landlord. His wife was Sarah Ann aged 42 in the 1881 Census. This was when I needed to be a better detective.

Certificates and Church Records - John and Sarah's marriage record stated that they were married in June 1865 at St George's Church when John was 26 and he was noted as a Journeyman Joiner. He married Sarah Ann Stothard who was 25. By then she was living in Dodworth Road Barnsley and her father was named as Thomas Stothard, a farmer.

It was difficult then to go backwards to find Sarah Ann Stothard. I could estimate her birth year as around 1840 but she was never living at home with her parents.

When I eventually tracked her, she was recorded in 1841 Sarah Stothard was aged 4 living with Joseph Pearson (aged 60) and Sarah Pearson (aged 60) at Ranby, and he (Joseph) was the Miller. This was her mother's mother and father and therefore Sarah's Grandparents

In the 1851 Census she was very difficult to find because of the transcription of her name which looks like "Hothard" on the census written record. Only close inspection could identify her as Sarah Ann Stothard aged 13 – granddaughter living with Joseph Pearson and Sarah his wife. Joseph

(her grandfather) was Master Miller at that time with 30 acres employing one man and living at number 3 Ranby, Lincolnshire.

In the 1861 Sarah Ann Stothard was aged 24 and a cook/domestic servant working at Ranby House for the Vicar of Ranby, Francis Otter and the rest of the Otter family. Ranby House was easily located and also some Otter family graves in the Church Yard. Much more interestingly there was a small old cemetery which used to belong to an older church in the village which had been demolished.

The graves had been catalogued and a plan was attached to the post by the old gate. There we found the head stones of three of my would have been great aunts. Mary Jane Stothard born 1837, died 1838 and Elizabeth Stothard born 1840 died 1844. Elizabeth Campion Stothard was born in 1850 died 1851. This brings home infant mortality at that time.



Sarah Ann must have had a tough start in life. She probably spent more time with her grandparents than her parents. She was at Ranby Hall in 1861, probably in service with the Otter family and learning the skills which would eventually help her in future, as Landlady of the Moulders Arms pub Summer Street, in Barnsley.

I wonder if she met John Scott who was a Joiner Journeyman by this time, when he came to do work at the village of Ranby or was he working for the Otter family restoring or building the house or Hall? Sarah Ann and John were married at St George's Church on the 13th of June 1865. He was living at Summer Street and she was living at Dodworth Road. Her father Thomas was still living and was a farmer. John Scott's father whose name he shared was noted as being an Inn Keeper. Both of my Ancestors here signed their name. Maybe Sarah Ann was taught by the Otter family in her time there.

Newspaper Report - Using old maps, a record from an old newspaper and finding out that there had been an Inquest, which was held at the Mill House Ranby, into the death of Thomas Stothard (Sarah Ann's father).

(The Louth and North Lincolnshire Advertiser – Saturday May 4th 1867)
Find My Past

An inquest was held by Dr. Sharpley on Monday last, at the Mill house, Ranby, on the body of Thos. Stothard, miller, aged 54, who was found dead in his mill dam on the preceding afternoon. It appeared in evidence deceased left East's public-house at Goulceby on Saturday evening at 11.30 somewhat the worse for drink. He called at the cottage of a man named Sylvester on his way home and wished him to see him safe there (no uncommon event) ! On looking out of his window Sylvester thought he did not this time particularly need his help, as he was not incapable of helping himself. Nothing more was seen of Stothard until discovered as above. Verdict, *found dead.*

Thomas Stothard had been found dead in his mill dam. He had left East's Public House at Goulceby on Saturday evening, probably the worse for drink. Nothing more was seen of Thomas Stothard until he was discovered the following day, drowned in his own Mill Pond. This snippet caught my interest, and I looked up the old maps and modern maps in and around Ranby in Lincolnshire.



There is a public house in Ranby, which may have been the pub Thomas visited on the night before he died. The pub today, has a camping park attached to it. We could not resist a visit and a couple of nights camping whilst we investigated further. The pub could have been that one in the village, it had old beams and fireplace, although it had had some extension and modernisation.



Sarah Ann Stothard – Born Ranby Lincolnshire
 - Became Landlady of the Moulder's Arms in Barnsley –
 Buried in Barnsley Cemetery along with her husband and
 two first born children.

It took me a while to find the origin of my father's middle name, but it was a very interesting and satisfying search.

I have more on this family story, as a little while later I researched and followed in the footsteps of George Pearson Stothard to the Isle of Man. . .

Janet Haigh

BFHS SPRING QUIZ



Hopefully, this quiz brings some element of the joy of the Spring Season ahead.

Some of the answers are obvious, believe me!



1. What is the name of the flower that blooms in the Spring which is known for its distinctive scent? (One of many, I suppose?)
2. Which planet in the solar system is named after the Roman Goddess of Spring?
3. What is the name of the mythical creature that symbolizes Spring in Greek mythology?
4. What is the name of the festival celebrated in Mexico in the spring?
5. Which famous playwright was born on St George's Day?
6. What is the name of the annual event that takes place in Amsterdam in the Spring, celebrating the city's flowers?
7. Which famous artist painted an iconic image of a bouquet of sunflowers in the spring?
8. "Fat Tuesday" is the name of the Italian spring holiday. What does it translate to in Italian?
9. In the game of baseball, what is the name of the season that begins in the spring.
10. What is the name of the small, green sprout that grows from a seed in the spring?
11. There is a famous Cherry Blossom Park in Tokyo, Japan. What is it called?
12. In which country is it traditional to fly kites in the first day of spring?
13. Which bird is known for its distinctive song in the spring?
14. Which spring flower is traditionally given on Mothering Sunday?
15. The spring holiday celebrated in India is known as the "Festival of Colours". What is its Indian name?
16. In Greek mythology, which goddess is associated with Spring?
17. Which sign of the zodiac begins in spring?
18. Which spring holiday is celebrated by the Jewish nation?
19. What is the name of the famous annual cherry blossom festival in Washington D.C.?
20. Which traditional Japanese tea ceremony celebrates the arrival of spring?



**Margaret Williams Search
Officer / General Secretary**

HEARTH, CHIMNEYS AND WAPENTAKES

What do they have in common?

The answer is South Yorkshire, although I am getting a little ahead of myself. This article is, also, a small snapshot of the weird and wonderful world of being a Search Officer for a family history society.

I shall start in 1972 when legislation was passed to change England's boundaries meaning that those of us who lived in the West Riding of Yorkshire suddenly found ourselves in South Yorkshire on April 1st 1974 – an appropriate date, many thought - when the new boundary law was applied. (My Auntie Ada firmly believed that she lived in the West Riding until her death in 1990, she never acknowledged South Yorkshire, she was not alone!)

From Viking times, Yorkshire had been divided into three separate regions. These came from old English words like Thridungr (Danish), Thriding (Anglo Saxon) or Thridding (Norse) which all mean dividing into three.



From Viking times, through the Middle Ages (and up to 1974), the West Riding of Yorkshire was the largest of the Ridings, as you can see from the map above. All three Ridings were divided into **wapentakes** each of which had local judicial, military and administrative powers.

A **wapentake** was then split into **townships**, which was the smallest section of local government, being overseen by a **Constable** and his officers, he was also responsible for highways and care of the poor.

Yorkshire Ridings prior to 1974

(courtesy of MDT)

This is the background I looked at when I had a family search request from a member in Australia regarding records from the 16th and 17th centuries. Many of you know how accessing records that one can validate from the 18th century and earlier is quite problematic.

I found that the BFHS has a book in its library:

"THE HEARTH TAX RETURNS FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE LADYDAY 1672" edited by David Hey. This book was published by The Division of Continuing Education, University of Sheffield, dated 1991

This is a fascinating source of information because, not only did I not realise that a South Yorkshire existed on Lady Day (March 25th) in 1672, it also offers detailed information on the three wapentakes and townships under that name. There is a map in the middle pages of the book that shows the locations and boundaries very clearly.

The STRAFFORTH and TICKHILL WAPENTAKE is the largest one by some measure, containing 147 townships so it was divided into two: Upper Strafforth and Tickhill and Lower Strafford and Tickhill. There were 75 townships in Upper Strafforth and 72 in Lower Strafforth – I know, I counted them all!

The UPPER STRAFFORTH REGION has Bradfield and Upper Hallam in the west, Wombwell, Mexborough and Darfield on the northern boundary, Edlington, Maltby and Tickhill in the east and Harthill, Thorpe Salvin and Wales on the southern section. Although it is one of the larger townships in the southwest of the wapentake, Sheffield is not the largest as it had not developed into the industrial power it became.

The LOWER STRAFFORTH REGION has Darfield and Great Houghton in the west, Hooton Pagnell, Adwick le Street and Fishlake in the north, Hatfield, Armthorpe and Cantley on the eastern side and Tickhill, Bawtry and Austerfield on the southern boundary.

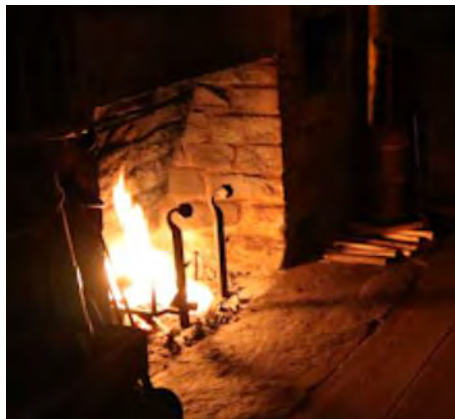
The STAINCROSS WAPENTAKE is the smallest one of the three which make up South Yorkshire, it contains 41 Townships.

The STAINCROSS AREA, has Thurlstone, Denby and Cumberworth on its western edge, Woolley, Winterset and Nostell in the north, Worsbrough, Ardsley and Brierley on its eastern flank while Tankersley, Wortley and Hunshelf are on the southern boundary.

The majority of the wapentake townships in the 17th century are the ones I research for our BFHS members, even though I drew a blank in records when trying to get answers for our Australian friend!

You can even easily plot these places on a modern map.

THE HEARTH TAX (I had to find my notes on this one as I had forgotten the details!)



*17th Century Farmhouse Hearth
(curtesy of MDT)*

This was introduced in 1662 with a charge of 2 shillings being levied for each hearth in every qualifying household. This was a way of obtaining extra revenue. The tax proved to be difficult to collect and extremely unpopular. It was finally abandoned in 1688. Remember the Poll Tax, anyone?

Records such as the one David Hey and his team studied are extremely rare. They offer a fascinating snapshot of the names of people living in the townships and the number of qualifying hearths they possessed. The more affluent you were, obviously, the more hearths you



Elizabethan Chimneys
(courtesy MDT)

possessed. Some residents claimed no hearths in the property, or less than the accurate number. They forgot that the number of chimneys was a give-away!

The records for each township are listed alphabetically under the householders' name together with the number of qualifying hearths. In my village, Widdow Birkhead had 1 hearth while John Wood had 6. The Widdow has 'ced' by her name making her exempt from payment as she had a qualifying 'Poor Certificate'.

It is interesting that, at the other end of the scale, The Earls of Strafford had 25 hearths.

The index is helpful as it alphabetically lists every name in the book with a reference to the pages on which they occur.

There is a saying that you learn something every day, that is certainly the case for this Search Officer who is now off to the West Yorkshire History Centre in Wakefield where many 17th century household records and deeds are stored. This is a really helpful source of information and data as it also contains information from the areas of Leeds, Kirklees, Bradford and Wakefield. It is best to book an appointment at any Archive Centre so documents can be ready for you to look at. Barnsley Archives are also one of my frequented sources as the staff are so helpful here, it is certainly a first port of call for any researcher on any family history subject. Who knew that South Yorkshire existed in 1672? I certainly did not. This article is just a brief snapshot in time in an area I knew little about. I share this in the hope it is of some interest to you.

Margaret E. Williams (BFHS Search Officer)

LOST, FOUND, AND LOST AGAIN

When my father, John Charles Hardy, died in December 2002, it acted as the catalyst to my interest in family history. He had kept in touch with cousins, most born in Elsecar and Hoyland but several moved elsewhere, to update our current family tree. I decided to continue this as a tribute to him.

I phoned relations to obtain information and noted email addresses where people had them – unfortunately, many did not. Dad had lost contact with his maternal cousins (Baileys) and I sought help from *the Barnsley Chronicle* to “flush them out” – not far from their origin in Hoyland!

I arranged to meet as many as possible from Cambridge, where I was living; they were spread out from Ashbourne in Kent to St Albans to Barrow in Cumbria, but many remained in the Barnsley area. Inevitably I got on better with some than others and we maintained contact while others “fell away”. It was much easier with those who used email since the onus was on me to make phone calls.

I succeeded in contacting a few maternal family members in USA, Australia and The Netherlands – mum was Edith Firth - but I now only

exchange emails with one cousin in America. I don't know whether my Australian cousin is alive – she was also a dedicated family historian and we had researched several stories together.

Closer to home (Barnsley since November 2012), I am sorry to say that I



PHOTO – men on horseback

lost contact with an Ostcliffe cousin in 2015 (Karen Jordan). I tried to renew contact several times via email, telephone and the post but nothing prompted a response. Speculation ranges from did she relocate to Penang as hoped in retirement to did she no longer want to be in touch with me.

I recently decided that I ought to try to find Karen or other Ostcliffe relations. As well as wanting to continue to share information and photographs, I inherited two ceramic men on horseback that came via the Ostcliffe family and I would like to pass them on to anyone interested. They have no monetary value – one was broken and repaired a long time ago – but they hold sentimental value for me, having been on display in my great grandparents' home in Elsecar for many years.

If anyone can help me to trace this branch of my family, I would be extremely grateful.

Jane Ainsworth – March 2025

THE CONTINUING ROMANCE OF STAN AND GRACE

I have become quite addicted to the Stan and Grace story and now look at Liz Whitehouse's web page every day, after the weather and the news, to read the latest. To remind you, Stan Bristow met Grace Skuse at a dance in February 1942. After being able to meet fairly regularly during their first year, Stan was posted overseas and in February sailed to "somewhere in North Africa". Censorship was all-important; writers were told not give any clue as to their whereabouts and any such reference would get blacked out. Stan was told by the censor that the kisses at the end of his first letter from abroad were deleted because, apparently, the number of xxx could be a code for where he was! Meanwhile Grace had been "posted" from Nottingham General Hospital to an outpost 15 miles away at Selston.

Stan took with him two photographs, a studio portrait of Grace and a family group snapshot, both of which he backed with cardboard and bound with tape. They survived all his travels and Liz put them on the website at the appropriate date. His first letters back are full of detail about the fruit available; hers reflect the plainness of wartime rations, which I can just about recall. The appeal to me of all this correspondence is that it reflects the life of my parents, uncles and aunts - three of the latter were in the services.

Do have a look at <https://stan-and-grace.blogspot.com>. Liz adds letters on the anniversary date on which they were written, a clever idea.

Roger de Mercado



Below: Stan's parents George and Mabel, his sibling twins, John and Janet, and their dog, Kiltie. It was taken in the back garden of his home on Burntwood Road, Grimethorpe.

AUNTIE MAG'S CURD TART

This recipe for Yorkshire Curd Tart came to me through my father's mother, Mabel Spink (1897 – 1980), who was born in Cottingham in the East Riding. It was headed "Auntie Mag's Recipe for Curd Tart." Mag was my grandma's sister, Margaret Spink (1905 – 1953).

Here is a photograph of Auntie Mag with my sister and brother, Susan and Stephen Bristow, at the stile at the end of Burntwood Road, Grimethorpe. My grandmother lived on Burntwood Road from the early 1930s to her death in 1980.



Unusually, Grandma made notes identifying the people in photographs, but unfortunately often on the front of the photo itself! I love this note "My sister just before she died Stephen & Susan." I'm glad it wasn't just after!

YORKSHIRE CURD TART: Auntie Mag's recipe

6 oz shortcrust pastry

To make the curds: 1 pint of **full-cream** milk and ½ teaspoon Epsom Salts

2 oz butter 1 egg, beaten

2 oz sugar 1 tablespoon sultanas

Nutmeg

- Make the pastry and let it rest in the fridge while making the curds.
- To make the curds, put the milk into a large pan and bring to the boil. Just as the milk begins to rise up the sides of the pan, add the Epsom Salts and remove the pan from the heat. Stir once or twice and leave for the curds to separate from the whey. Strain through a sieve. There should be about 4 oz curds.
- In another pan, or in a bowl in the microwave, gently melt the butter.
- Into this mix the curds, sugar and sultanas. Add the beaten egg and mix well.
- Line a pie plate with the pastry. Add the curd mixture and grate some nutmeg over the top. Bake at 190 C (170 C in a fan oven) for 25 to 30 minutes, until the pastry is browned and the mixture is set.



Auntie Mag

Liz Whitehouse

A BE-RO PRIZE CERTIFICATE



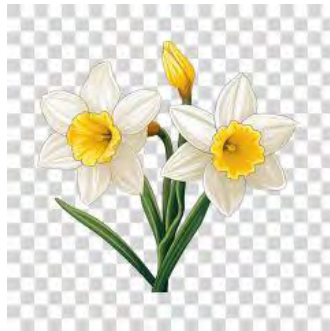
When I mentioned to my wife that the BFHS Journal was running a series on old recipes, she produced this prize certificate of her late mother's. The Masonic Rooms were probably in Hatfield, Herts, where she was living at the time. Does anyone else have a Be-Ro certificate?

Roger de Mercado

BFHS SPRING QUIZ 2025 ANSWERS



1. Lilac
2. Venus
3. The Phoenix
4. Cinco de Mayo
5. William Shakespeare
6. Tulip Festival
7. Vincent van Gogh
8. Carnevale
9. Spring Training
10. Seedling
11. Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden
12. Afghanistan
13. Robin
14. Carnation
15. Holi
16. Persephone
17. Aries
18. Passover
19. The National Cherry Blossom Festival
20. Hana Matsuri



Margaret Williams Search Officer / General Secretary

WINIFRED GRAYSON AND HER ALEXANDRA SOUP

My Mum was Winifred Grayson, née Fawley. She was born in Barnsley on 8th May 1910, possibly at home in St John's Road, near Locke Park. I think that she attended Agnes Road primary school. On the website discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk it is listed as Agnes Road Junior and Infants School. She later attended Barnsley Central Schools which, based on her exercise books, was a high school.

The logbooks for 1897 to 1964 for both schools are held in Barnsley Archive and Local Studies. At the time of writing, there was an error on the National Archives website, which stopped me going further.

Winnie left school at 14 and her mother Lilly Fawley, née Dwyre, kept her at home for a year, probably for company. (Lilly had a difficult and hard childhood and later suffered several miscarriages.)

Winnie then put her foot down and insisted that she should get a job. She won, and started work aged 15 at the Barnsley British Co-operative Society. Her job was in the Check-off Department.

The Co-operative movement gave money back to members in proportion to how much they had spent in the previous period. In the days before mechanical calculators, never mind computers, this involved a team of girls doing a huge amount of manual additions. (In the 1930s Winnie got a job with Barclays Bank in Feltham, Middlesex, on the strength of her arithmetic abilities.)

Another girl, Jessie, started at the same time and they became lifelong friends.

Winnie's cookery book, which I inherited

She started it on 19th September 1929 when she attended some cookery demonstrations. There is no mention of who was giving the demonstrations.

The first recipe is for Alexandra soup, you can find a current recipe on the *Recipe Wise* website but here is the 1929 version:

Alexandra Soup

Ingredients

2 ounces (oz) pearl barley

2 oz lentils

1oz fat

A little milk if desired

Half an onion

1 1/2 pints water

1/2 pint tomato pulp

Seasoning

(For younger readers, to convert ounces to grams, multiply by 28.3495, or approx. 28.35.)

The fat referred to was probably beef fat. I still remember Lilly's delicious salted dripping sandwiches.

Method

Steep the lentils and barley overnight, wash first.

Melt the fat, fry the onions and lentils a little, add barley and the water.

Cook for 2 1/2 hours, add the tomato pulp and cook for 1/2 hr longer.

Rub through a sieve, add the seasoning and milk if liked.

Re-heat and serve at once.



Courtesy of the Recipe Wise website

Winnie continued to record recipes from various sources after marrying Frank Grayson in 1937 and into her seventies. I hope to give you a further taste of them.

John Grayson

ANAGRAM MISHAP

April 1st 2025. The Editor apologises for letting spellcheck alter the correct Answer to anagram no. 4 in the January issue. The correct answer to "dud piggy find" was, of course, "fidgy pudding", not figgy pudding. Fidgy pudding was well-known by the children of poorer families in Victorian Barnsley. It was made with scraps of left-over fruit and a lot of suet. It was not liked and children used to poke around with their spoons to find the fruit. "Stop fidgeting with tha pud'n" an exasperated mother would exclaim and so it became known as fidgy pudding. Things improved when the so-called "fig tax" was no longer levied by Barnsley Corporation. Its removal was trumpeted by the Barnsley Bugle of 1st April 1888 "Fig tax abolished! Barnsley citizens relieved!"

Roger de Mercado

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.

2000 Mr Tim Wood

2001 Mrs Anne Harley

2002 Ms Anne Elizabeth Eady

2003 Mr Alan Guest

2004 Mrs Madeleine Timms

2005 Mrs Pamela A. Wilson

Elaine Jackson

MEMBERS' INTERESTS OCTOBER 2024

Mem. No.	1998	Judy Booth		
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Alsop	Stainborough	WRY	ENG	Before 1810
Allsop	Stainborough	WRY	ENG	Before 1810
Alssopp	Stainborough	WRY	ENG	Before 1810

Mem. No.	2000	Tim Wood		
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Little	Bewcastle	CUL	ENG	1851 to 1936
Little	Kingmoor	CUL	ENG	1851 to 1936
Little	Kirkandrews on Esk	CUL	ENG	1851 to 1936
Little	Longmoor	CUL	ENG	1851 to 1936
Wood	Cawthorne	WRY	ENG	1535 to 1710
Wood	Cumberworth	WRY	ENG	1535 to 1710
Wood	Denby	WRY	ENG	1535 to 1710
Wood	Kirkburton	WRY	ENG	1535 to 1710
Wood	Penistone	WRY	ENG	1535 to 1710
Wood	Silkstone	WRY	ENG	1535 to 1710

Notes:

My primary research is to see how far back I can go with my **Wood** family. I have tracked the family back from Cumberworth to Denby Dale to Denby to Penistone, where Joshua Wood was baptised in 1729. His father was William Wood. As such, just Yorkshire. The family moved from Yorkshire to Victoria, Australia in the 1800s.

The other, secondary research is the **Little** family. I am trying to track down a "**William Little**", who was the unmarried biological father of **David Little** (whose mother's maiden name was **Elizabeth Little**). His name was listed on David's marriage certificate, but not on the birth certificate. Based on Autosomal DNA, I have a link to the grandfather of this "William Little". I believe it is one of two people named William Little. Any assistance will be gratefully received.

Mem. No.	2002	Anne Elizabeth Eady			
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Adwick le Street	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Arksey	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Bolton upon Dearne	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Burgwallis	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Darfield	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Doncaster	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Great Houghton	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Hickleton	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Hooton Pagnall	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Leeds,	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Owston	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Rotherham	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Sheffield	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Thurnscoe	WRY	ENG	Any	
Allender or Allinder + variants	Wath upon Dearne	WRY	ENG	Any	

Notes:

I am specifically researching the branch of Allenders (+var) which appears to have arisen in south Yorkshire (West Riding) as part of a collaborative effort to link up several different branches of the Allender family. The 'original' Yorkshire branch has been relatively neglected until now. I am a descendant of one of the Midland Allenders who spread widely including to south Yorkshire but who *appear* to have had no distant connection with the original Yorkshire Allenders.

If you are researching either family, I look forward to hearing from you.

Mem. No.	2003	Alan Guest			
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period	
Ball	Hoyland	WRY	ENG	Before 1900	
Cullinger	All	COR	IRL	Before 1840	
Fellows	All	WOR	ENG	Before 1890	
Guest	All	YKS	ENG	After 1890	
Ward	All	SAL	ENG	Before 1800	

Jeff Chambers

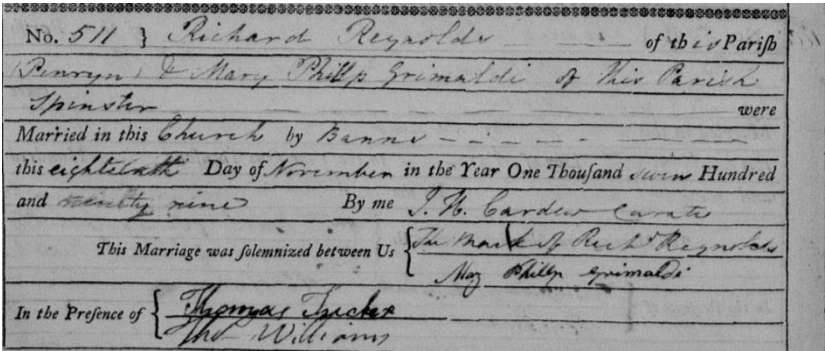
SURNAME SEARCH INDEX

Surnames uploaded to the Barnsley FHS 'Surname Search Index' between January and April 2025.

Allender; Allinder; Alsop; Allsop; Allsopp; Ball; Cullinger; Fellows; Guest; Little; Ward; Wood.

Jeff Chambers

Speaking of members' interests and surname searches, here is one I am going to ask Jeff to add to my list – Grimaldi. I came across it during an exploration of one of my DNA links. Richard Reynolds appears to be my 5th Great Grandfather, there is a DNA link but more verification is required – always!



Shirley Sura

SEARCH SERVICES

The Society offers its members free searches – there is now no limit (within reason, of course!). Our fees for search services for non-members are at www.barnsleyfhs.co.uk/Searches.html?sid=2

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Baptisms

Barnsley Ebenezer	
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

Please give full name and year of death. Because wills were not always proved immediately, we will search up to three years after the death.

National Burial Index; Third Edition

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.

1851 Census, Barnsley Area

Please give surname and forename(s) if known and age. Or request all occurrences of a given surname.

1891 Census, Barnsley

Please give surname and approximate age. 1891 Search results supplied as copy of enumeration page.

Marriages

Barnsley St. George	1832-1837
Barnsley St. Mary	1800-1837
Cawthorne All Saints	1800-1837
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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17 th April	Elaine Perkins , Agnes Peterkin, The Cunning Woman, is the answer to all your problems. Have you had a run of bad luck? Do you suffer from unexplained pains? She can offer you Protection from Serpents, Thieves and even Fairies with a variety of found and made objects which are displayed and explained. (Written charms and curses are her speciality).
15 th May	Members' research evening.
19 th June	Tony Perkins , Everyday clothing in the medieval period.
July & August	Summer Recess

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Quarry Bank Mill, the venue for our outing planned for 24th July - see page 12.

There is a great deal to enjoy at Quarry Bank. Go to www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cheshire-greater-manchester/quarry-bank

It's a 'living museum', with regular demonstrations of machinery in action, including the water wheel and the new-fangled steam engines. In particular the Apprentice House is well worth a visit. The TV series 'The Mill' was based on Quarry Bank records and largely filmed there.

Quarry Bank is 'on my doorstep', so I know it well. Do go!

Roger de Mercado