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**Airedale & Wharfedale
Family History Society**

Annual General Meeting

To be held on Thursday 5 May 2022 at 7.30pm Via zoom

Present;

- 1. Apologies for Absence;**

- 2. Minutes of previous AGM**

- 3. Matters Arising;**
 - A) Review Donation to Oxenhope Burial Ground Trust; Annual sum of £100**

- 4. Chairman's report**

- 5. Treasurer's Report**

- 6. Election of Officers**

- 7. Any Other Business**

- 8. Date and Time of next AGM Thursday 7th May 2022.**

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Programme of Meetings

Burley in Wharfedale Meetings

- March 17 Two Constantine families from Coniston A One-name
Study from Upper Wharfedale Sheila Harris
- April 21 The Mourning Brooch Jean Renwick
A family saga of real people who lived in Yorkshire
- May 18 Escaping Hitler Phyllida Scrivens
A Jewish boys quest for his freedom and future.

Keighley Meetings

- March 7 Secrets and Lies in Family History Dr Frances Hurd
Poignant stories from other people's history.
- April 4 Brick Walls! Mark Bayley
Tips to break them down!
- May 9 AGM + From Lunacy to the Old Bailey
Hilary Blandford

These meetings will all be held virtually, with the speaker starting at 7.30 but please join us from 7pm with time for a chat. More details on our website with information on how to register.

YORK FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

A date for your diary! This year's fair, to be held at the Knavesmire race course in York, will be on Saturday, 25th June... and you will be able to come along in person! And the good news is that we will be there to answer all your questions...face to face! We are really looking forward to meeting members old and new. Look out for more details in our June journal.

YOUR COMMITTEE NEED YOU!!

We are looking for volunteers who would like to join our committee. As our meetings are now held virtually, we thought that this was an ideal time to recruit!

Our committee meetings are held just four times a year when we discuss all aspects of the society. We meet at 7.30pm and we have usually finished in about an hour, maybe longer if there is more to discuss. And a virtual meeting means we do not have to turn out on a dark, cold and maybe wet November evening!

If you feel you would like to join us, why not come along just to observe at our next committee meeting which is due to be held on Thursday, April 28th at 7.30pm.

Anyone interested, please contact me at lyndabalmforth@hotmail.com and I will pass your details to our webmaster.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Lynda

Burley Meeting By John Hanson FHS. Getting the Best from Family Search Thursday January 20th

First of all you need an account to use the Family Search Programme. This is free and independent of the Church of Latterday Saints. **DO read the terms & conditions.**

There are many sections of Family Search.

You can add in your own tree but only put on what you wouldn't mind being joined to the global aspect as the Church are trying to connect everybody.

Indexing. They have finished indexing the whole of their microfilm and you can go to a map to see which places are already published. In the UK, Lancashire is there.

Memories. These are articles that have been sent in by people and other researchers and can hold many details not found on other sites.

Search. Records, Images, Family Trees, Genealogy, Catalogues, Books, Wiki are all available under Search and you can check on line to see books of images.

Wiki. This is a source not much used but check what details are available. Details that you have never thought about. Passengers lists do not start in the UK until the late 1880s but go to New Zealand and you will find passenger lists from 1870 and lots of background details.

Books. They have many books all digitised and out of copyright. You may have to go to the local Church to view them.

IGI. Most of us will remember the IGI. This has now been combined with Ancestral File and Vital Records Index to include Pedigree Reserve File - all now in Family Search.

Genealogy. Global family trees are here. Check by name then filter and check the collections.

This was a talk with so much information that John agreed to record this talk. If you would like to listen to it again, please ask Steve Miller how to do this as this is the first time that we have been able to record a talk.

A most interesting and encouraging talk

Betty Hardaker

Keighley Meeting
January 10th
Tracing Criminal Ancestors
by Kate Hurst

Kate told us about her Great Grandfather, Edward Willday, who was born in 1839 in Worcester and his father, George Willday who was recorded in the Bentley's Trade Directory as being a clerk for Messrs Pickfords.

In the 1841 Census the family were at Barton Terrace, Barton

St Mary, Gloucester.

In 1851 there were three generations living together. Three children aged 16, 13 and 12 were all still at school.

In 1858 George who had moved from Pickfords, leaves his next job at Bamford Brothers, a provisions merchant. He disappeared taking with him large sums of money. He had been employed working with orders and payments. After he had left they checked the books and they didn't add up. He was eventually found and appeared in Birmingham Police Court. He had embezzled what was the equivalent of thousands of pounds. He was sentenced to six months in Stafford Prison.

In 1862 Edward married Ursula Smith, the daughter of Mary Smith, who in the 1861 Census the year before, had been Edward's landlady. By the 1871 Census Edward and Ursula had five daughters and Edward was a farmer. It was reported in the newspaper that Edward was very community minded. In 1869 he provided a field for a party of 235 local children. But by 1872 he had liquidated the farming business and their life began to unravel. In 1875 they moved to Wallasey. Edward, like his father, now became employed by Bamford Brothers but at their Liverpool branch, doing the same job as his father had done and true to form he kept money back and disappeared. He stole the equivalent of £60,000 in today's money. A warrant was issued for his arrest and he was traced to Antwerp. He was returned to Liverpool on a charge of larceny and he was sentenced to 1 years imprisonment with hard labour.

In 1878 Edward moved to Victoria Road, New Brighton where he became a fishmonger but was declared bankrupt soon after. This would be a convenient way of getting out of paying any money he owed.

In 1881 Edward was at 486 Rice Lane, Walton on the Hill, Lancashire. By 1891 they had moved again to Melling. There on the Census was a 2 year old Clara who Kate has never found a registration for. Ursula would be too old to be Clara's mother. Perhaps one of Ursula's daughters was her mother or, as Edward

had been a steward on a steamship in 1888 perhaps Clara could have been Edward's daughter who he had brought home to be brought up with the family. By 1901, Clara is stated as being Edward and Ursula's daughter and they were now living in Aughton, Lancs.

By 1911 they had made their last move to Maghull, Lancs, on the A59 road, where Edward died aged 78 in March 1917. He was buried in the churchyard at Unsworth Chapel along with Ursula. Also in the same graveyard is the grave stone of Frank Hornby of Dinky Toy fame.

Kate showed us how it is possible to find out lots of information about our ancestors from newspapers and various records which we don't initially think of such as Criminal records. All this helps to put flesh on the bones.

Julia Wood

**Keighley Meeting
February 7th
Rationing in WW1
Rationing and Cream for Tea**

In July 1914 the Yorkshire Show was in Bradford and was very well attended. Following this the price of flour went up. The Lord Mayor appealed for moderation as the poor could not buy in bulk nor buy in advance. The price of sugar increased by 125%. Many people were put on short time working hours and the Government had to put fixed prices on food. There was unreasonable withholding of food stuff. This meant a Bill being passed in the Commons to stop this. In 1916 prices crept up 113% since the war began. There was a 115% increase on milk potatoes and fish. People were asked to reduce their food intake and appeals to eat less food were put out. In schools children were educated in the importance of rationing.

Oatmeal and pearl barley were used as substitutes in recipes. There was a national egg collection and these were sent to hospitals for the wounded. There were meetings to give advice on how to use eggs wisely.

Keighley did very well and beat other towns on their utilisation of eggs. Sugar, milk, meat and potatoes were first to be rationed. Sugar cards were introduced where there was one sugar card per family member. In 1918 butter and margarine cards were introduced, queues for these foods were mentioned in the Commons. In January 1918 there was no beef to be had. Meatless Wednesday was introduced at this time.

There was a Communal Kitchen in Bradford where there were 500 customers per day! From June 1918 vegetarianism was encouraged out of necessity. The potato harvest failed so people were encouraged to grow their own. Keighley Golf Club gave land for growing reducing the course from 18 holes to 17!!! As peace came so did the end of rationing for some food stuffs. Butter was still rationed as was meat, milk was showing no sign of improvement. In October 1919 the Established Profiteering Committee came into being so rationing was fair for all.

In 2022 we don't know we are born do we??

Susan Daynes

TWO UNEXPECTED CONNECTIONS

***Notes From An Exile* by Rod Moulding**

These columns were originally conceived as a way of writing about genealogical matters – some serious, some less so – and illustrating the points by examples from my own family. All this was to underline the trials and tribulations of trying to do family history research as a distance. Today's piece is a little different, and one that I never thought I would write since the link is not between families but between places.

I live in Buckinghamshire (sorry – someone has to) in a village near Buckingham called Great Horwood. It's about 170 miles from

Bingley, my ancestral stamping-ground. My wife and I have been in Great Horwood for twenty years now, and were elsewhere in Buckinghamshire for 19 years before that; my pre-retirement consulting job required me to be near London, with easy access to Heathrow.

In 2012 I edited and co-wrote a 200-page book about Great Horwood (now out-of-print). As part of my village information gathering, more recently I did an audit of the village's War Memorials; there are two for WW1, one inside the parish church of St James and one on the churchyard wall in the High Street, but only one for WW2.

The St James WW1 memorial (but not the High Street memorial) contains the name of John Chevallier. He was not a soldier but the Rector of Great Horwood. He was honoured in this way because he was himself a war casualty. Wishing to free up a younger man for war service, he volunteered (aged 56) to go to Giggleswick School, very much part of the A&WFHS coverage area, to teach mathematics, but on 17 October 1917 was knocked down there by "a cyclist using lights obscured against aircraft". He died from his head injuries on 24 October 1917 and is buried in the churchyard of the ancient parish church of St Alkelda, Giggleswick.

Why Giggleswick, you may well ask? John Chevallier was not just a clergyman, but also a high-level academic mathematician. He attended Winchester College on a scholarship and went on to Trinity College, Cambridge with a mathematical scholarship, eventually graduating as 4th Wrangler (this arcane qualification showing him to have been almost the top mathematics undergraduate at Cambridge, a position which has been described as "the greatest intellectual achievement attainable in Britain"). Appointed to a Fellowship at New College, Oxford and a Tutor at Magdalen College, he became engaged to Marie Elizabeth Vulliamy and resigned his fellowship in order to be ordained and take up a New College living at Great Horwood in 1889.

John Chevallier was a Wykhamist, not an Old Boy of Giggleswick, so why did he choose this unlikely and remote school? The connection appears to have been familial, since several Chevalliers were on the staff or attended as pupils including John's father.

John Chevallier was born at Ipswich on 24 February 1862, the son of Dr Barrington Chevallier, medical superintendent of Ipswich Asylum, Suffolk (a JP and twice Mayor of Ipswich), and his second wife Mary Wardell (née Leach).

The Giggleswick connection was not the only surprising discovery to be made in respect of John Chevallier. A little investigation of his family showed that he was a first cousin of Field Marshal Horatio Herbert Kitchener, 1st Earl Kitchener of Khartoum, Secretary of State for War from 1914 onwards and inspiration for the iconic Lord Kitchener Wants You poster. Kitchener was killed by a German mine on 5 June 1916 while travelling in HMS *Hampshire* to Russia to negotiate with the regime. His mother was a Chevallier.

Quite unexpected connections! Remote-control genealogy can pay off...

This is to be Rod's last article in his Notes from an Exile series. He has been my go-to reliable contributor for the past 8 years sending me an article for each of our Journals when we were Keighley FHS and latterly A&WFHS. He has taken us through many different aspects of his own and our research into family history. I have had to go back to May 2013 to find his first article. This last one is number 36! Having talked to Rod, he has suggested that the series continues as an occasional article and so I am looking forward to still hearing from him.....occasionally. I thank him sincerely for all his help and contributions and send him our best wishes for the future.

Betty Hardaker

Emigration to South Africa

The following is the list referred to in the previous Journal:-

James DYSON, aged 28, clogger; Harriet, his wife, 26, and 1 child, Residence, Keighley.

James WILKINSON, aged 27, clogger; Sarah, his wife, 28, and 2 children. Keighley.

William DRIVER, aged 28, farmer; Mary, his wife, 29. Morton Banks.

John BINNS, aged 21, joiner; Betty, his wife, 20. Keighley.

Henry DUCKWORTH, aged 21, tailor; Ann Elizabeth, his wife, 20. Keighley.

Edward ENGLAND, aged 28, labourer; Elizabeth, his wife, 28, and 2 children. Keighley.

Ann HEAP, aged 22, servant. Keighley.

John DIXON, aged 28, labourer; Jane, his wife, 28. Keighley.

James BROADLEY, aged 21, blacksmith. Keighley.

James HEYWOOD, aged 21, labourer; Mary, his wife, 21. Keighley.

John PULLEN, aged 20, farmer. Morton Banks.

Samuel SMITH, aged 22, farmer; __, his wife, 22. Keighley.

Smith AMBLER, aged 21, millwright. Keighley.

Edwin ALLEN, aged 22, farmer. Barnsley.

Wilkinson WATSON, aged 31, farmer & butcher. Keighley.

Jonathan HORSFALL, aged 30, wool sorter. Keighley.

George CARRODUS, aged 40, butcher; Martha, his wife, 32. Keighley.

John CRAVEN, aged 20, butcher.

Samuel CARRIER, aged 16. Keighley.

Richard SCHOOM, aged 28, tailor. Keighley.

James FEATHER, aged 32, tailor. Keighley.

Jonathan PEEL, aged 24, gardener; Mary Ann, his wife, 20, and 2 children. Papermill Bridge.

William SMITH, aged 24, joiner; Elizabeth, his wife, 22, and 2 children. Wesley Place.

John EASTWOOD, aged 39, cartwright; Hannah, his wife, 35, and 2 children. Keighley.

Warren Smith PEEL, aged 19, labourer; Sus'h, his wife, 19. Ingrow.

James SMITH, aged 25, cartwright; Elizabeth, his wife, 22. Holy Croft.

Robert SMITH, aged 30, farm labourer. Keighley.

Margaret HUDSON, aged 21, servant. Keighley.

Wm. HARRISON, aged 24, farm labourer. do.
 Sarah CLAY, aged 20, servant. do.
 John HARGRAVES, aged 34, labourer; Ann, his wife, 28, and 4 children. Keighley.
 John FEATHER, aged 31, clogger; Mary, his wife, 28 and 3 children. Keighley.
 Joseph REEDY, aged 36, labourer; Sarah, his wife, 40, and 3 children. Keighley.
 Joseph BANNISTER, aged 17, youth of all work. Keighley.
 George Smith GREGSON, aged 23, tailor. Keighley.
 Jabez FAWTHROP, aged 22, veterinary surgeon. Keighley.
 Johnson TIPLARDY, aged 21, saddler. Keighley.
 Jeremiah KEIGHLEY, aged 22, joiner. do.
 John MIDGLEY, aged 22, farmer. do.
 Walter SOWDER, aged 21, ironmonger. do.
 Thomas CHAPMAN, aged 21, farmer. do.
 William WRIGHT, aged 20, joiner & millwright; Rose, his wife, 19. do.
 Wm. WILDMAN, aged 24, blacksmith; his wife, 22, and 2 children. do.
 Cyrus SMITH, aged 24, blacksmith; Martha, his wife, 23, and 1 child. do.
 William DUFFEL, aged 20, farmer. Morton Banks, near Bingley.
 Isaac HODGSON, aged 21, joiner and millwright.
 Robert SMITH, aged 22, mason and bricksetter; his wife, 20. Utley, near Keighley.
 Richard CALVERT, aged 22, man of all work. Utley.
 Smith JACKSON, aged 28, mason; his wife, 29, and 1 child. Utley.
 Timothy RHODES, aged 21, mason; his wife, 20. Utley.
 William WRIGHT, aged 39, farmer; his wife, 40, and 2 daughters, 18 and 16. Utley.
 Mary SUGDEN, aged 20, servant, Utley.
 Sarah Ann JACKSON, aged 19, servant. Keighley.
 Thomas BINNS, aged 18, labourer. do.
 Benjamin PICKLES, aged 36, wool sorter. do.
 William DEWHIRST, aged 24, draper. do.
 Edwin WARD, aged 22, tailor. do.
 Hannah M. WARD, aged 33, servant. do.
 Abel HEY, aged 21, printer. do.
 Jonathan MOSLEY, aged 16, willing to do anything.
 William Thomas LEACH, aged 21, farmer; Margaret, his wife, 22. Collingworth.

Thomas SILVERWOOD, aged 22, farmer; Ellen, his wife, 20, and 1 child. Holy Croft.

Isaac EMMET, aged 28, labourer, Keighley.

James TARRER, aged 30, labourer; Elizabeth, his wife, 29.

Jonathan SIMPSON, aged 21, joiner.

William SIMPSON, aged 21, labourer. Keighley.

John SMITH, aged 21, labourer. do.

John MURRAY, aged 21, invoice agent. do.

Susy WHITAKER, aged 39, 3 sons, John 19, William 17, Thomas 9, and Ann, 13, servant. Keighley.

Benjamin FATHAM, aged 22, labourer; Mary, his wife, 24, New Road Side.

William TATTERSALL, aged 26, basket-maker. Keighley.

Solomon HARRISON, aged 22, wool-dyer; Grace, his wife, 21. Keighley.

James HARRISON, aged 43, wool sorter; Sarah, his wife, 44, his sons George Jackson, 15, Edwin, 10, and 1 daughter, 4. Keighley

Hardesty SMITH, aged 20, farm labourer, Keighley.

Robert DUNWELL, aged 20, labourer. do.

Benjamin THOMPSON, aged 24, farm labourer. Cross Hills.

John BARKER, aged 28, farm labourer. Eastburn.

James GREENWOOD, aged 28, carpenter & joiner. Keighley.

Mason BUCKLEY, aged 25, blacksmith; Susannah, his wife, 23, and 1 child. Keighley.

Hannah HALEY, aged 23, servant of all work. Keighley.

Harriet WELSH, aged 27, servant of all work. Keighley.

James RASHWORTH, aged 22, wagon-maker. Cross Roodes [sic].

Isabella THOMPSON, servant of all work, Keighley.

Joseph THROUP, aged 20, overlooker; Nancy, his wife, 20. Keighley.

Larance [sic] DUCKWORTH, aged 21, farm labourer. Utley.

Walter MOORE, aged 28, farmer. Hermit Hole, near Keighley.

Barwick MIDGELEY, aged 24, tailor. Cross Roads.

Edwin HARRISON, aged 58, farmer; Mary, his wife, 58 and Pomeley [sic], his daughter, 33.

Edwin HARRISON, aged 29, mason; Susannah, his wife, 24, and 1 child.

John HARRISON, aged 32, mason; Mary Ann, his wife, 30, and 2 children.

Jane HARRISON, aged 24, Job HARRISON, 18, (farm servant),

Mather HARRISON, 17 and Alice HARRISON, 14.
John HUDSON, aged 18, labourer.
James FIELDHOUSE, aged 27, joiner; Sarah Ann, his wife, 25
(dressmaker). Water Lane.
John HEAPS, aged 21, joiner. Keighley.

I am grateful to Sue Mackay, the author, for this item and Arthur Kennedy for suggesting that Sue sent it to me for inclusion in the Journal.

Letters

From: Susan Bowyer

Good morning, I am researching the family of James Henry Woodfield (1921-1945), born Barry, Glamorgan. I am not related but have been contacted by someone in Germany who is involved in a war graves project, and would like to make contact with any descendants of his to let them know of the work being done to honour his memory. He did not marry, but I have found that in 1939 his mother and sisters were living at 23 Low Mill, Skipton, and working as textile workers. One sister, Jessie, married Christopher Woodcock (confusing as it's a similar name) in Skipton in 1940, she had two children that I know of, Christine, born 1941 and Michael J C Woodcock, born 1944, both in Skipton. I haven't been able to find out any more but wondered if you might have any information or knowledge about this family, it would be very much appreciated if you can help in any way. I have a photo of the grave if that would help verify. Kind regards
Sue Bowyer, skbowyer@yahoo.co.uk

From: Janet Holdsworth

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Subject: Wharfedale Children's Hospital Menston

I was treated here for asthma from Jan to July 1961 where I was

taught by Grace Verity, sister to Hedley, the cricketer. I am interested in learning more about this hospital and know there are records at Wakefield. But I live in London and will have to wait till my next trip to Haworth. In the meanwhile is there possibly anyone in the society who has any knowledge of the hospital? Internet research has shown me that 10 years ago Geoff Hall, who was also a patient in the 60s, was going to write a book about the hospital. The email address he gave in the newspaper article is understandably no longer valid. <https://www.wharfedaleob-server.co.uk/news/10038093.horror-of-children-dying-recalled-in-new-book-on-wharfedale-childrens-hospital/>

Thanks and best wishes Janet Holdsworth

Serendipity: A Series of Fortunate Events

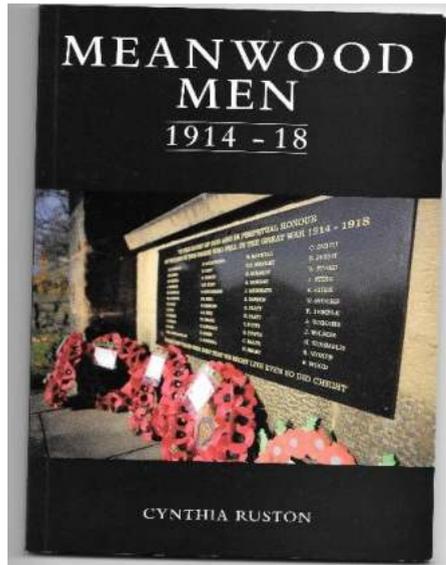
By Steve Miller

I started my Family History Research in the late 1980's. I have always been fascinated by the stories my mother told of her Grandmother Eliza Jane Whitaker (nee Stirk). One story, that always stuck in my mind, was that of the last conversation Eliza Jane had with her younger brother Sam before he went off to war. On telling him to stay safe, he told her that he didn't think he would come back or see her again; a statement which would turn out to be true.

As my research unfolded, I have always been drawn back to Sam Stirk, I often thought of the awful conditions he must have endured, but it was always hard to image having never seen any photographs of him. By chance I came across a local Family Historian for the Meanwood area, where Sam had lived. He invited me to his home to tell me about the area and the people that lived there. I told him of the research I had done and of Sam Stirk. At which point he produced and gave to me a photograph of Sam



SamStirk



A War Memorial stands at the entrance drive to Meanwood Holy Trinity Church, carved into the wooden canopy are the names of those who lost their lives in World War I. Unfortunately, and for some unknown reason, Sam's name does not appear.

Several years ago, my wife saw advertised on Facebook a talk on the "Meanwood Men" by Cynthia Ruston. I was eager to know more, and we attended the talk. She told the audience of the research that she had conducted into the men of Meanwood and that she had written a book. She also told the audience of the work she had undertaken to correctly identify all the Meanwood men who lost their lives in the Great War. She knew very little about Sam and so his history was not recorded in her book. With the research she undertook, a new plaque was placed at the foot of the old monument, including all the names that had been earlier omitted, including Sam's.

My eldest son attended the local school, in the same area Sam Stirk once lived. We used to keep an eye on the school's website,

for news and updates. On checking the site, one day, I found that a group of children had been to Flanders and looked at the uniform rows of thousands of graves and the screens of names listing all those who has lost their lives. The children wrote an article about their visit and the research they had conducted. They visited Tyne Cot Memorial and looked for the name of a Yorkshire soldier, Looking on Panel 154-159 they found the name of a private in the 188th Coy, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 11946 K.O.Y.L.I. and decided to take a photograph, this soldier was Private 73111 Sam Stirk, my great grand uncle.

I conduct a One-Name study on the surname Stirk, and I regularly attend online regional and national meetings. One input was about useful websites to search for sources. A member mentioned that they use eBay. I search for the surname Stirk, the first hit related to “WW1 SILVER WAR MEDAL. CASUALTY PTE. STIRK K.O.Y.L.I & 188th COY M..”



The inscription around the rim of the medal reads “11946 PTE S STIRK K.O.Y.L.I.” My great grand uncle Sam Stirk!

Information Requested

Member Audrey Buxton is keen to find out more about **Albert Peel Waterworth** who married her Aunt Letitia Hudson in 1916 at Temple Street Methodist Church, Keighley. Albert was a church organist, possibly at Temple Street.

If anyone can help please email Audrey at audreyb36@btinternet.com.

From Mike Chandler

I am trying to find descendants of my gg grandfather, William Cartledge. If you still publish a Journal, would it be possible to put this query in your "Research Requests" section?

My paternal grandmother, Frances Annie Beck was born in Skipton in 1895. She had two older sisters, Edith Elizabeth and Maud Alice (married name Connolly), and two younger brothers, Marshall Truzwell ("Our Marsh") and John Barnard Beck.

Their parents were John Beck (1865-1900), also born Skipton, and Frances Ann Cartledge (1864-1933), a washerwoman, born Killinghall, Knaresborough. Her father was William Cartledge (1832-1904), born in Scarborough to Jane (Harrison) and Truzwell Cartledge, an organist and music tutor; Frances' mother was Isabella Kirkbride of Wensley.

After William and Isabella married in 1853, Frances' siblings Mary Jane, Henrietta and John (both died in infancy) and Elizabeth were born in or near Wensley, then John Thomas, Frederick William and Henrietta, born in Knaresborough, and Charles Henry, Arthur Edward and Maud Hannah, born in Skipton.

If any readers have information on William's descendants listed above, I would be happy to hear from them.

Mike Chandler. MikeChandler2017@outlook.com>

From Airedale Pictorial 1937



Yeadon Amateurs AFC winners of the Wharfedale League Second Division

**Left to right - Back Row A Saxon, J Bateson, H Nichols, S
Smith, S Marshall, H Dennison.**

**Front Row D Robinson, J Preston, A Ives (capt.) J Edwards,
L Ives**

Update on a Questionnaire

It was quite a surprise to see my answers to the Questionnaire in September 2020 issue of the Journal. I thought you might like an update on the item about "what I had been stuck on for the longest time."

My grandmother, Elizabeth Robinson, was born in Keighley on 24 October 1875, the daughter of John Robinson, a sewing machine fitter, originally from Birmingham and his wife Elizabeth nee

Colman from a little village in Norfolk, Swanton Novers. On the 1881 Census the family were living at 17 Barn Street, Keighley. Samuel Charles aged 11 whose mother, John's first wife, died in childbirth aged 18; John William 7, Elizabeth 5, Edith 3, Fredrick 1. By 1891 Elizabeth, aged 15, was a housemaid at a boarding house, Westminster House, Westminster Terrace, Harrogate, owned by Robinson Rigg. She is also given as living at Port Street, Oldham with her family who obviously had moved from Keighley sometime in the intervening years.

I couldn't find Elizabeth on the 1901 Census. I knew how old she would be so kept putting her age within a year or two. As she married in Harrogate I assumed she was still living there. A friend who is quite an expert in family history offered to help and he found her for me. She is described as a Cook (Domestic) Servant at a Preparatory School, Balliol House, Clarence Drive, Harrogate, now part of Harrogate Ladies College. She had given her age as 34 instead of 25. Why? Did a cook need to appear older so seemed to have experience?

She was quite good at telling lies! On her marriage certificate, when she married John Mason Binns, on 7 July 1906, she gives her name as Elizabeth Mary Robinson, aged 27 when in fact she wasn't baptised Mary and she would have been 30. As John was 26 she perhaps thought it would be better to be nearer him in age. Even though she was described as Cook/Servant I don't think she carried these skills into married life. My mother said she was a hopeless housekeeper and my mother and her sister always had to go shopping after school to get something for them to eat. I remember going to visit as a child and always having condensed milk in tea because she forgot we were going and didn't get any milk.

After my grandfather, died, she came to live with us. We were living in Oldham. I am sure she had no idea her family had moved there

from Keighley. In fact they lived not far from us and very near where I went to junior school so I could have been at school with descendants of her siblings. Of course, I didn't know any of this until I started doing my mother's family history. Elizabeth Binns died 13th March 1955 aged 79.

Thank you, Valerie. I think that you will be even more surprised to see your update in this Journal. I am sorry that it has been so long between the editions of your story. I hope that you enjoy it!

Troublesome Mary

Mary Dean was 6 years old when her father was killed in an accident in Cononley in 1737, leaving her mother and siblings dependent on the Overseers for the Poor for support.

When she was 12 the Overseers found her an indentured position as a servant with a family in Sutton-in-Craven. This meant that she had to work for this family for a period of 7 years while the family would feed and clothe her. At the end of this time she would be proficient in all household duties. Her 7 years in Sutton gave her full residency meaning that she could not be returned to Cononley if she was unable to get work.

Mary does not seem to have been too keen to work and by the time that she was 28 years old she was on the Sutton accounts book under the heading 'disbursements about Mary Dean'. She was a financial burden on the town and idleness was not tolerated. The village constable was sent to Skipton to get a warrant for her arrest and on his return, she was arrested in Crosshills.

She was so troublesome that Stirk did not want to take her to East Marton where the Justice of the Peace was and sent John Peel. The JP sent her straight back saying that Stirk must bring her and as Peel refused to go back with Stirk, he had to pay 'old Richard Teal to help.

Mary was sent to the House of Correction in Wakefield. Despite this, Mary did not alter her ways and over the next 4 years she was a burden on the town. It was then that the Overseers took the extraordinary decision to advertise her for marriage.

To try to tempt a suitor they sent a crier round to the villages to make it known that she came with the benefit of £2 – a tempting amount when you think that a labourer earned about a shilling a day!

This did the trick and a 27year old man, Stephen Smith from Cowling came forward and terms were agreed. Before he could change his mind the Overseers paid £1.8 shillings on January 2nd 1764 for a special licence to avoid having to read out banns.

The next problem was to get a vicar – John Dehane, vicar of Kildwick was not able to perform the ceremony – perhaps he was unwilling. So Francis Stirk was sent to Addingham to get William Thompson, the rector, to come to Kildwick where the ceremony finally took place on Tuesday January 3rd 1764. At the end of the ceremony the Sutton Constable, William Brooksbank gave the sum of ‘£2 to Stephen Smith to Marrying Mary Dean.’

From the day nothing else could be found in the local records. Perhaps they left the district to avoid the gossip that would have ensued from their unusual marriage.

My thanks to Robin Longbottom for letting me use his research.

Bradford Family History Society 40th Anniversary Celebrations

Saturday 1st October - Sunday 2nd October 2022

Great Victoria Hotel, Bridge Street, Bradford, BD1 1JX

Bradford Family History Society will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary in October 2022 by holding two days of talks, workshops, trips, and a formal dinner.

There is an interesting programme of talks and trips each day with a Formal Dinner on Saturday evening. The price of the day is £30 or £35 including a trip. The dinner is £25. The rooms used are all accessible with ease and facilities and bar are also on the same floor.

Many of the speakers are known to us but one who I don't think that we know is Lesley Ellis who took part in the 'Back In Time For Tea' (2018) when her family took part in the BBC production. For a more complete list of the weekend please look at the Bradford FHS website where all the details can be viewed and booking made.

If you would like to join us please take a look at the **article** for further details. Then just complete the **booking form**, sending it to the Chairman@bradfordfhs.org.uk or 9A Grove Avenue, Shipley, West Yorkshire, BD18 3BG and of course make your payment (details on the booking form).

Website Update

By Stanley Merridew

Here is an update on what we have achieved in the last three months. We have transcribed the following school admission registers:

Bingley National School Admissions Register 1877-1902 (3401 entries)

Keighley St Anne's School 1911-1920 (1186 entries)

Otley National School 1906-1921 (2401 entries)

Rawdon Littlemoor School 1907-1921 (987) entries

Rawdon Little London School 1875-1907 (1735 entries)

Silsden Bolton Road School Admissions Register 1911-1914 (371 entries)

Silsden Hothfield Street Admission Register 1914-1920 (950 entries)

These are all now on the member's database and in addition the Keighley Methodist Circuit Membership Roll 1777 & 1779-1781 (4056 entries)

At this point in time the Circuit covered a huge area, stretching as far as Nidderdale. The membership roll for Otley Circuit 1801 was already on the database.

The effort put in by our volunteers has been amazing!

The admission registers for three Skipton schools are largely transcribed but I need to revisit Skipton Museum to refilm some pages. I also have received films from the Archives for Addingham National School 1877-1910 and the remaining pages for East Keswick C of E School 1903-1920 and Eccup National School 1913-1920. These should be much easier to read than my previous efforts.

Admission registers are a very useful resource for adding to our knowledge of our ancestors. Whereas the census is every ten years, admission registers give you previous schools attended and home addresses in between those years.

We have now virtually exhausted the admission registers held in depositories in our area. However, I have started to contact some of the schools whose registers are not in record offices or libraries, possibly stuck at the back of a cupboard in the school. So hopefully, I will find some more.

From Airedale Pictorial 1937



Horsforth Townswomens Guild Music Group 1958

Extracts from The Topographical Dictionary of England 1849

EMBSAY, with EASTBY. A township, in the parish and union of SKIPTON, E. division of the wapentake of STAINCLIFFE and EWCROSS, W. riding of YORK, 2 miles (N. E. by N.) from Skipton ;

ELSLACK, a parish of BROUGHTON-IN-AIREDALE, union of SKIPTON, E. division of the wapentake of STAINCLIFFE and EWCROSS, W. riding of YORK, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles (W. s. w.) from Skipton ; containing 188 inhabitants. The township comprises 1762 acres, whereof 380 are common land or waste

Cherish all your happy moments. They make a fine cushion for old age.
Christopher Morley

NEW MEMBERS MAR 2022

We welcome the following new members and wish them every success with their research.

3724 Jean Gregg

3725 Sally Morgan

3726 Michelle Brussow

3727 Carol Croft

3728 Katrina Hodgson

3729 Nicholas Holmes

3730 Ruth Wilson

3731 Colin Ormston

3732 Christina Blewett

New Members Interests

3726 – Briggs. Holgate.

3729 – Holmes, Denby. Steege. Firth

If anybody can help with these names, please contact our webmaster, Stephen Miller who will then contact the member concerned.

Obituary

In memory of Michael A. S. Simpson
Always a perfect gentleman

We send our thoughts to his family

Crosshills



Main Street, Crosshills, about 1930. Looks very much the same today.

While many villages have lost their shops, Crosshills is an exception. It is the old time crossroads of the Blackburn, Addingham & Cocking End Turnpike and the Keighley Kendal Turnpike roads, though this is not the reason for its success as a shopping area. This is probably because of the big free council owned carpark called Milligans Field.

The turnpikes brought traders from Scotland & Lancashire into the village and two brothers from Dumfries settled in the village and set up shop in about 1802. These were John & Robert Milligan. They were known as packmen who travelled on foot with packs of good quality linen on their backs, selling it to the housewives who could make dresses, shirts or bedlinen from it. Having settled in

Crosshills and making good progress, they expanded their business to Bradford in 1808 and Robert moved there permanently. Robert married his first wife, Christiana Hartley in Bradford in 1809 but unfortunately, she died in 1817 and he then married Ann Harrison of Glusburn.

At this time linen was packed into tight bales called trusses and came down probably to the Ribble estuary then by turnpike to Crosshills. When the Leeds Liverpool canal was finished it would come direct from Liverpool to Kildwick.

In about 1830, John gave up the Crosshills business and moved to Bradford to join John and his brother in law, John Rennie in a successful business there. John traded as Milligan, Rennie & Co in Little Germany. Robert traded under his own name and became the first mayor of Bradford in 1847 and was elected Liberal MP for the borough in 1851.

Eventually John took over the Dale End Mill in Lothersdale and James the weaving shed at Junction.

Today there is only the carpark to remind us of the Scottish traders who were so instrumental in the development of the village.

Thanks again to Robin Longbottom

Timmy Taylor's Brewery

All our ancestors were used to drinking beer, as when water was not always pure, a brewed liquid was much safer to drink. There were many brewers, often people doing it as a side line to farming etc. Just a few went on to bigger and better things.

Most people in the country have heard of, and have probably partaken of a pint of "Timothy Taylor's Landlord", especially after it was brought to fame by Madonna.

Timothy Taylor, although not born in Keighley itself, was born, not far away in Bingley in 1826. In 1858 he opened a brewery in Cook Lane, Keighley along with James Shackleton and John Naylor. In

1859 they bought their first pub, the Volunteers Arms in Lawkholme Lane. They soon expanded and began brewing at Knowle Spring in 1863, the site at which the company still reside. In 1894 a well was sunk into the aquifer which runs under Keighley and its beautiful water is still used to this day.

Timothy Taylor's flagship, "Landlord", was launched in 1952 and among many other popular brews it still survives today, having won many awards along the way.

In 1953 after the death of Philip and Percy Taylor, death duties threatened the company. Percy's widow married Sir John Horsfall, who invested and helped to continue the famous business. His enthusiastic and determined son, John, also joined the team.

Taylor's now have nineteen of their own pubs in Yorkshire, mainly in and around Keighley, and the company is still family owned and run.

Julia Wood

My son is delighted to have Taylor's Landlord in his local pub in Verwood. He asked the landlord if he would sell this beer if Mark bought the first barrel. He got them a sprinkler so that it would have a head on it and be more like the beer up here in Yorkshire. The trouble was that by the time he went to sample the beer, it had all been sold!

Betty

The Earwig

What was the earwig called where you lived when you were little? A question was asked many years ago in Whitby. Among the names that came up were:- Twitchbell, Gullock, Forking-Robin, Tweezers, Battlewig and Clip-shears.

One bright young lad asked 'What did the Twitchbell say as he fell?' 'Ere we go!'

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