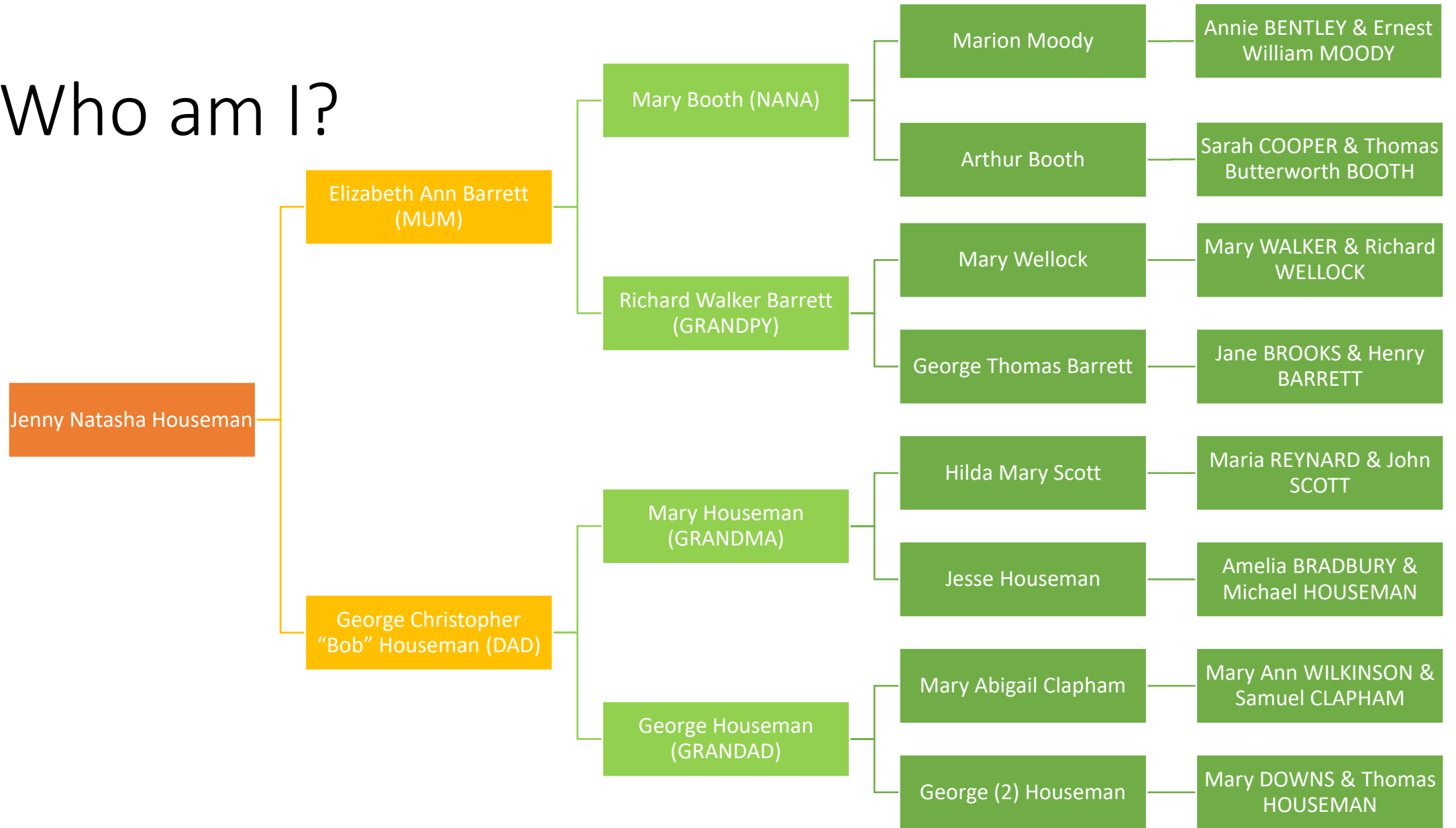


My Almost Yorkshire Family  
Natasha Houseman  
Harrogate & District Family History  
Society  
19 September 2023

Bartholomew's Revised Half-Inch Map: Wharfedale

# Who am I?



# Grandma

Grandma at the christening of her first great grandchild, 2010. Own photo.



# A spice loaf and a wig

Mary Ann Gill (1836 – 1895) &  
William Reynard (1832 – 1907)

Parents of Grandma's maternal  
Grandmother, Maria Reynard.

Norwood, Hampsthwaite,  
Topcliffe

Blacksmith

Seven children



Gravestone of Mary Ann Gill's parents, Maria (Spence) & Richard Gill. This memorial stone was one of those moved to facilitate the building of the Washburn Heritage Centre at Fewston Church. Hence why I know Richard Gill was buried in his wig. Own photo.



A Yorkshire spice loaf baked by my aunt, Julie.

*“It was a custom at the turn of the century for the tradesmen of the town to send out their accounts once per year. The joiners, the sadlers, the shoemakers and the village blacksmith. The farmers sold their livestock for the year, and would then settle their accounts with the tradesmen. The village blacksmith's wife had her own special custom, she made a very nice spice loaf, so that when the farmers called to pay their accounts to Mr Reynard, the blacksmith, she would cut a piece of this loaf for the farmers, or anyone paying their accounts to eat while her husband attended to the business side”*

Topcliffe, a history by Mary Decima Watson, 1970

## Aspiring Victorian middle class

Elizabeth Webster (1832 – 1903)  
& Charles Scott (1834 – 1897)

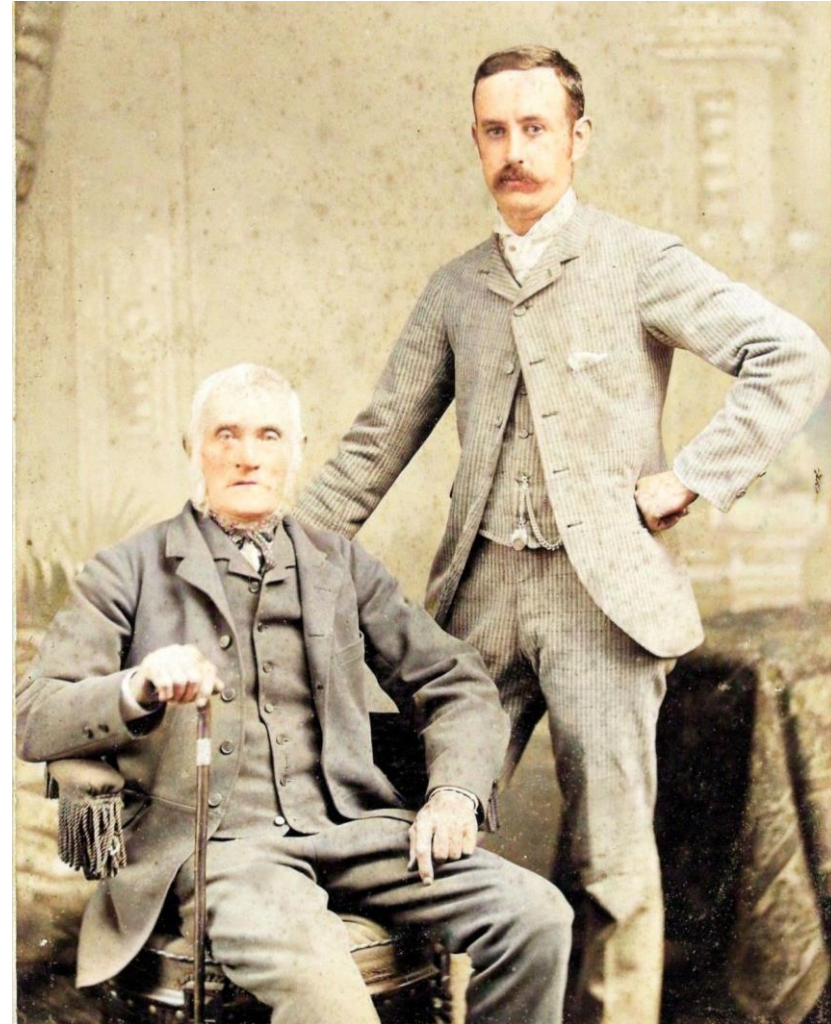
Parents of Grandma's maternal  
Grandfather, John Scott.

Kirby Hill, Boroughbridge,  
Minskip

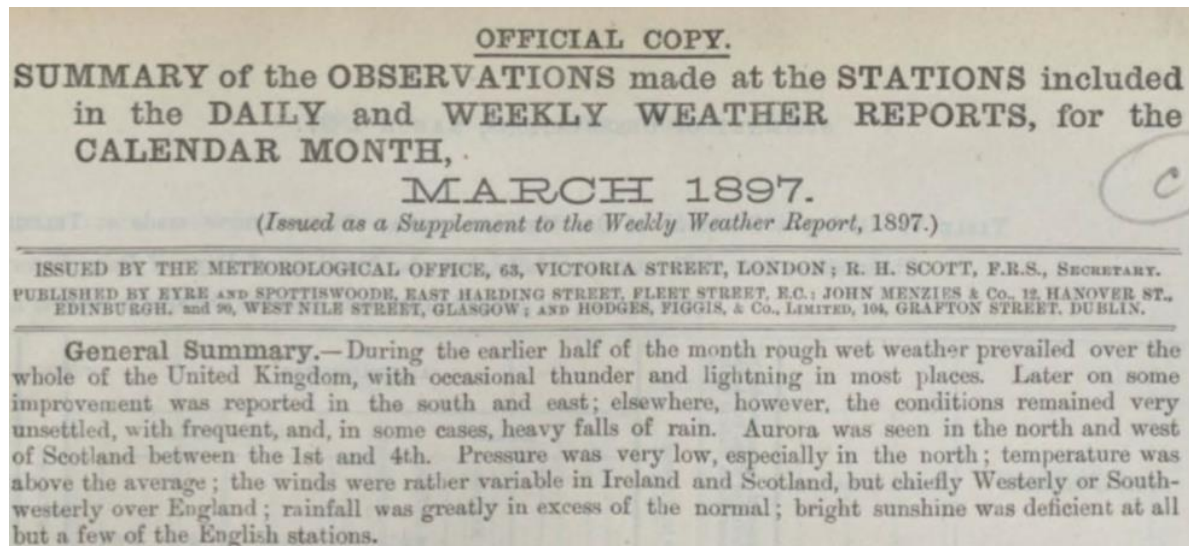
Cordwainer, Grocer, Property  
Landlord, Carrier

Dressmaker, Milliner

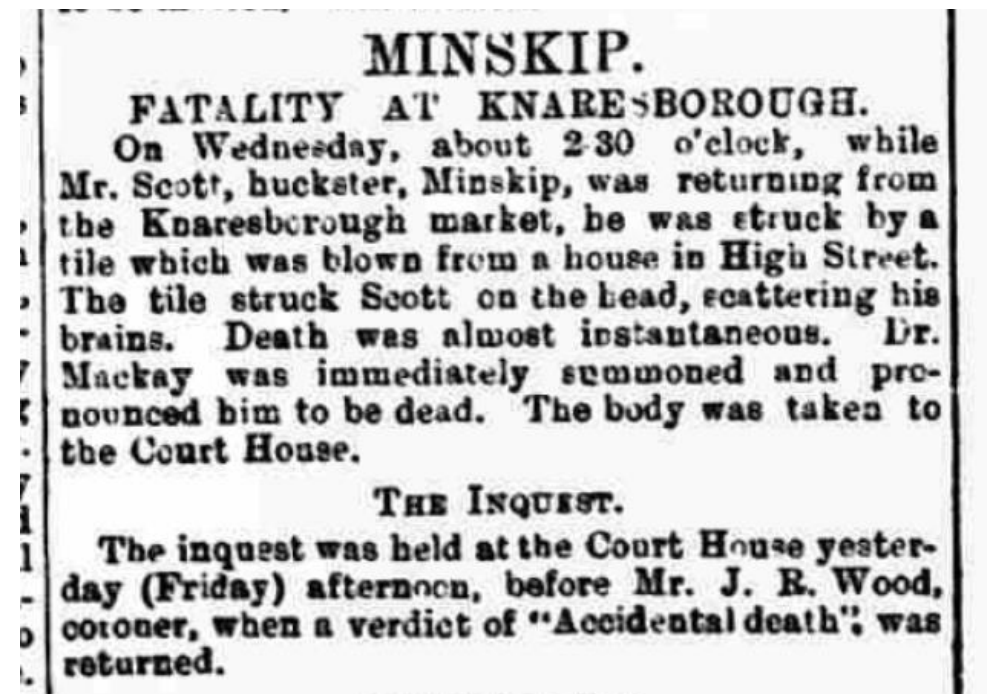
Five children including John



John Scott, possibly with his father, Charles. Photo forms part of Maria Reynard's family album and has been colourised using myheritage's tool. Own collection.



The met office monthly weather report for March 1897. From the met office archive.



A report of Charles Scott's death in the Knaresborough Post, 27 March 1897 downloaded from [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk)

# A slow & painful death

Jane Teal (1823 – 1891) &  
Thomas Bradbury (1820 – 1879)

Parents of Grandma's paternal  
Grandmother, Amelia Bradbury

Woodmanwray, Dacre

Farmer, 20 acres

Six children.



The gravestone of Jane (Teal) and Thomas Bradbury showing all the genealogical data and none of the story. Own photo.





Amputation case, mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. [Wellcome Collection](#). [Attribution 4.0 International \(CC BY 4.0\)](#)

Dislocation of right  
shoulder 23 weeks  
amputation of  
shoulder 14 weeks  
Certified by  
B. Hartman  
M.D. 1879

Extract from death certificate of Thomas Bradbury, 29 March 1879. Cause of death: dislocation of right shoulder 23 weeks, amputation of shoulder 14 weeks.

# The (lack of) Victorian women's property rights

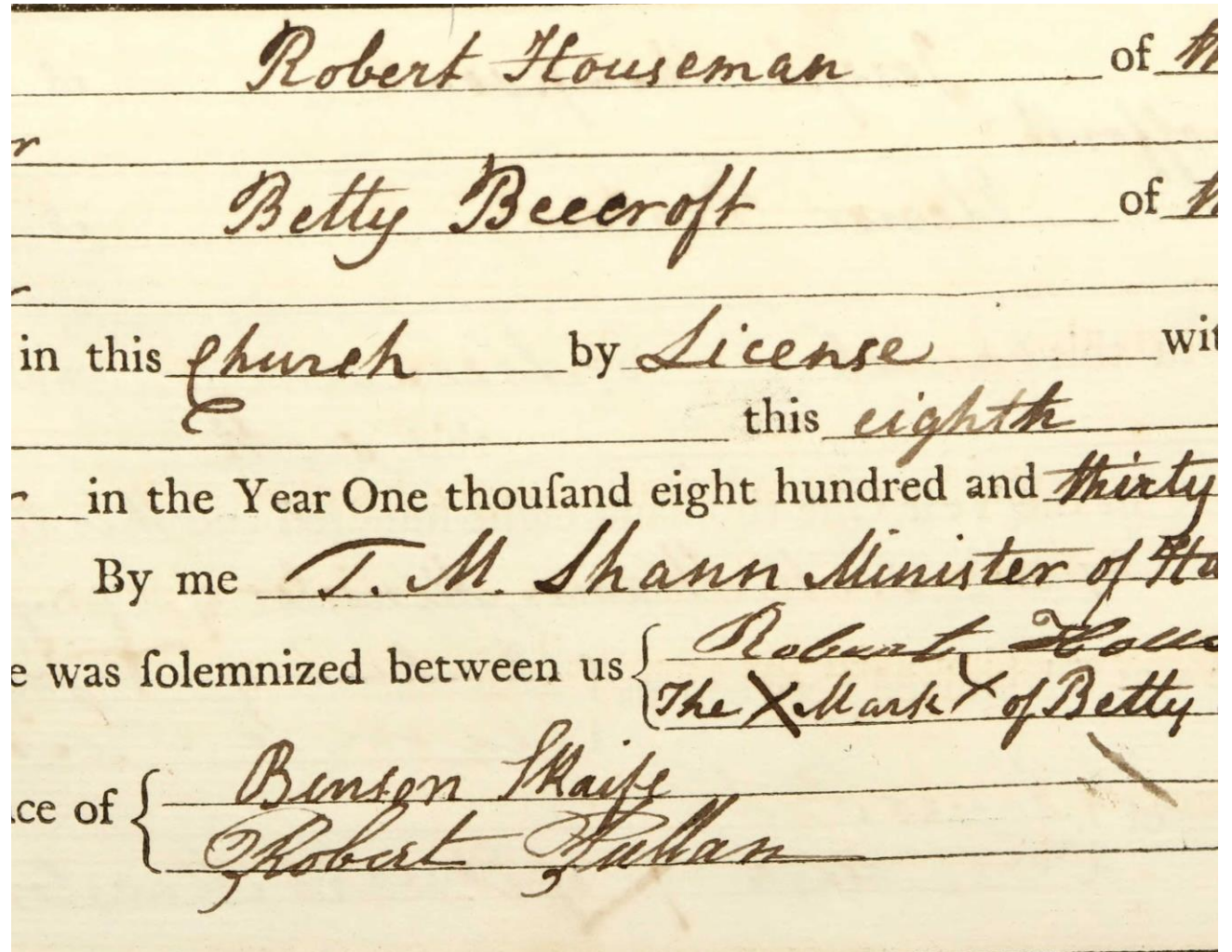
Betty Beecroft (c. 1811 – 1882)  
& Robert Houseman (1806 – 1865)

Parents of Grandma's paternal  
Grandfather, Michael  
Houseman.

Thornthwaite

Farmer

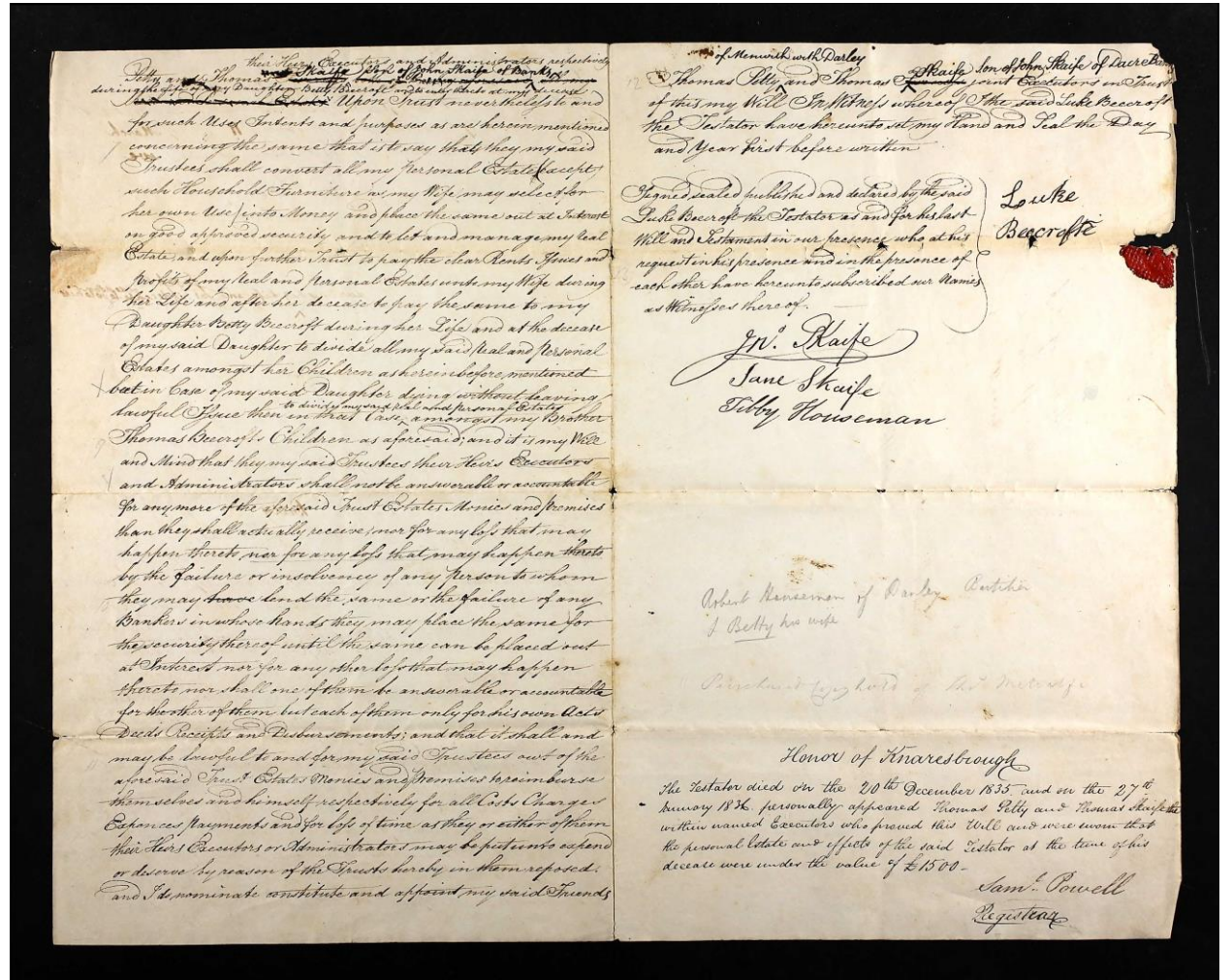
Seven children



The marriage of Betty Beecroft and Robert Houseman as recorded in the marriage register of  
Hampsthwaite



Caroline Norton, 1863, national portrait gallery



The last will and testament of Luke Beecroft, 11 March 1885. From ancestry, but identified initially through [www.harrogatepeopleandplaces.info](http://www.harrogatepeopleandplaces.info).

# Grandad

Grandad with his six grandchildren. 1986. Own collection.



## Illegitimate or not?

Jane Howson (1826 – 1883) &  
Isaac Wilkinson (1826 – 1905)

Parents of Grandad's maternal  
Grandmother, Mary Ann  
Wilkinson.

(Leeds), North Rigton

Railway worker and farmer

Jane had one child before they  
married after which they had  
two. Isaac remarried after Jane  
died, another Jane.



The first accurate survey of Leeds was published by Netlam and Giles in 1815, clearly showing the different types of development at each end of The Headrow ...[[including] the narrow streets, and crowded terraces of the back to back houses of the East End.

August 31 <sup>st</sup>	John son of	John L Jane	Howson	Rigton	Husband	James Tiph Rector
No. 1155.						

Baptism record for John Howson, 1845, Kirkby Overblow via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)

Cols. 1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15		16	
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Inhabited	Uninhabited (U.) or Building (B.)	Number of rooms occupied (if less than five)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	Males	Females	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employer	Employed	Neither Employer nor Employed	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot															
14		1			Isaac Wilkinson	Head	M	64			Farmer			X	Yorks Rigton																
					Jane "	wife	M	64							Yorks Howley																

Extract from the 1891 England and Wales census, North Rigton, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, England, RD: Wetherby, sub RD: Wetherby, piece 2522, folio 99 for Isaac Wilkinson.

**ISAAC WILKINSON, Deceased.**

All persons having any claims against the estate of ISAAC WILKINSON, late of North Rigton, Farmer, deceased, are requested to forward particulars thereof to me, the undersigned, on or before the First day of September, 1905. Dated 23rd day July. JOHN THOMAS HOWSON, 8, Viney Place, off York Road, Leeds.

29 July 1905, "Legal notices, Isaac Wilkinson, deceased", in The Yorkshire Post, The British Newspaper Archive, p13, last column.

# A suffragette from North Rigton

Martha Handley (1830 – 1921) &  
William Clapham (1829 – 1893)

Parents of Grandad's maternal  
Grandfather, Samuel Clapham.

North Rigton

Farmer

Nine children including  
Martha/Marie.



Martha Handley, outside Blaeberry Croft Farm, North Rigton c 1890, courtesy of William Hudson.



Rigton Hill c 1906, via [www.northrigton.org](http://www.northrigton.org).



Marie Fisher (Martha Clapham) (centre) at a protest meeting believed to be outside Leeds City Hall, c late 1890s. Courtesy of William Hudson.



# The woman who farmed

Elizabeth Furniss (1817 – 1911)  
& George Downs (1808 – 1868)

Parents of Grandad's paternal  
Grandmother, Mary Downs.

Thornthwaite

Farmer, 30 acres

Six children



Thornthwaite Church, courtesy of [www.Calverley.info](http://www.Calverley.info)

The last Will and Testament of me George Downs  
Farmer of Menwith with Darley in the County of York made in form  
and manner following I give and bequeath all my personal estate unto  
my wife Elizabeth Downs and my son George Downs upon trust for the  
use of this my will to be applied as hereinafter directed 1. I order and  
direct that my wife Elizabeth Downs remain tenant and manager of the  
farm occupied by me if permitted to do so by the proprietor and that  
my said wife have the use and benefit of all my personal estate until  
her death if she remain my widow should she marry again I order  
and direct that her Trusteeship and interest in my personal estate cease.  
2. I order and direct that at the marriage or death of my said wife  
all that may remain of my personal estate shall be equally divided  
among my son George and my other surviving children share and share  
alike and I direct that before this division there be an auction sale of  
all my personal effects such as farming stock implements household  
furniture. &c. 3. I order and direct that should any of my children be

Extract from George Downs' will proven on 7 August 1868. Probate Registry Office.

## Methodism and literacy

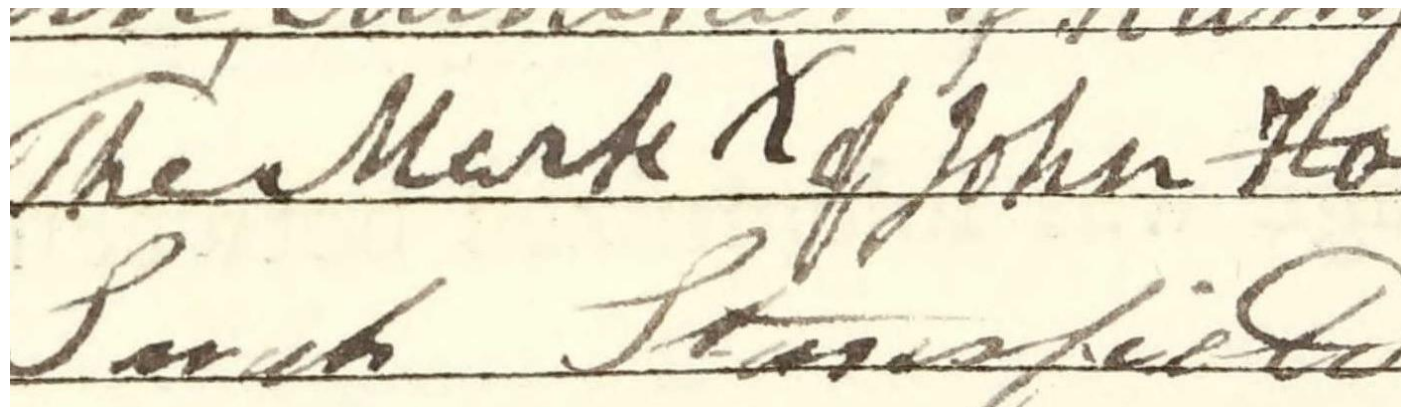
Sarah Stansfield (1804 – 1885) &  
John Houseman (1805 – 1884)

Parents of Grandad's paternal  
Grandfather, Thomas Houseman

Strangford (Idle), Darley

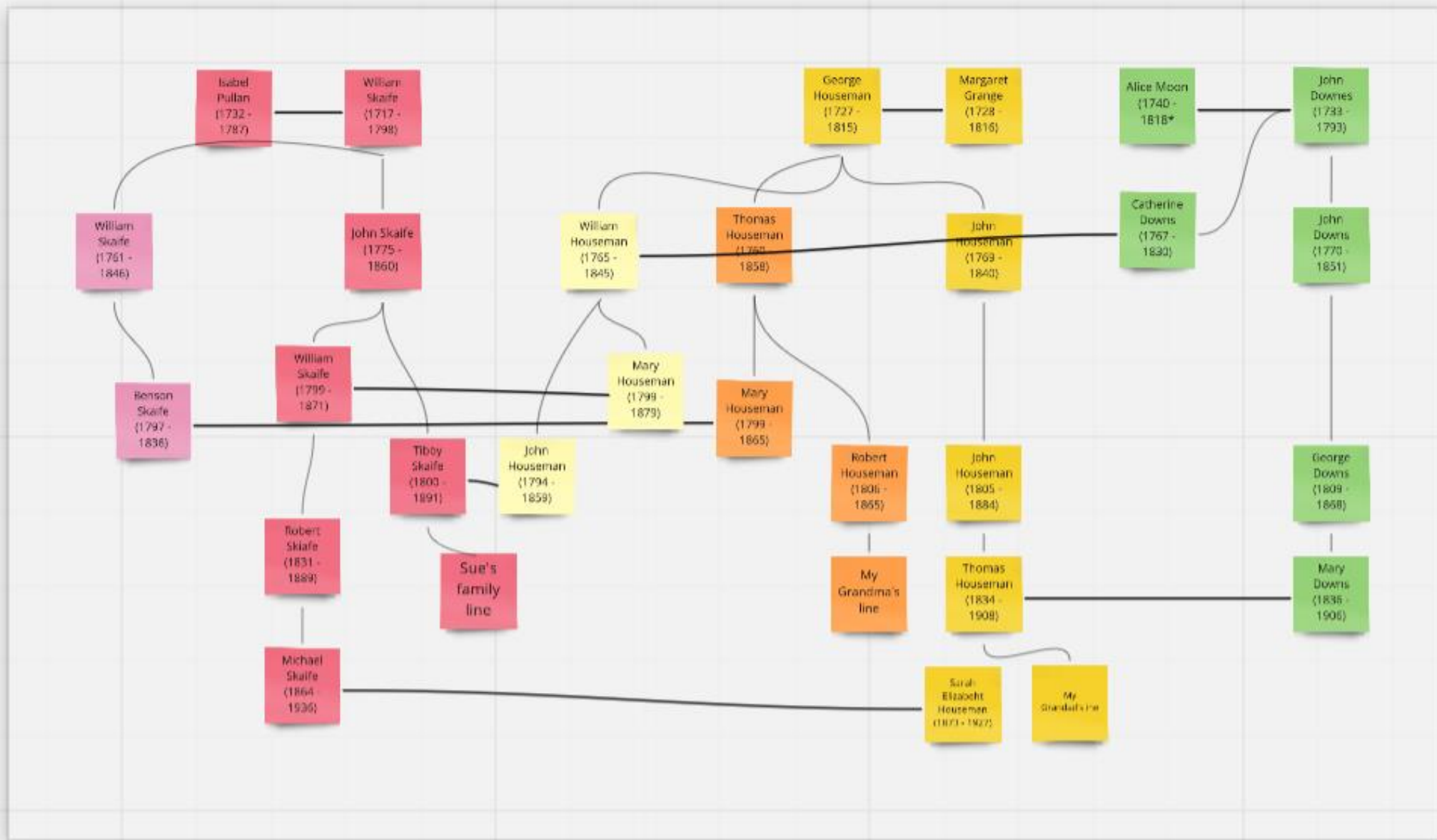
Farmer

Four children.



An extract from the parish registers at Hampsthwaite showing the mark (of John Houseman) and signature of Sarah Stansfield in respect of their marriage on 13 October 1830

# Houseman, Skaife & Downs



# Nana



Nana with her family at Nana & Grandpy's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary 1998. Own photo.

# Mining in Netherton

Mary Hinchcliffe (1846 – 1919)  
& George Bentley (1841 – 1907)

Parents of Nana's maternal  
Grandmother, Annie Bentley

Barugh (near Barnsley) & Little  
London, Netherton

Miners

Eleven or twelve children

Superintendent Registrar's District <i>Wakefield Union</i>									
Registrar's District <i>Bullton</i>									
1841. BIRTHS in the District of <i>Bullton</i> in the County of <i>York</i>									
When Born.	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Baptismal Name if added after Registration of B.
<i>Second Half</i> <i>30 October</i> <i>1841 at</i> <i>Shuttleton</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>Boy</i>		<i>Rachel Hall</i>		<i>I</i> <i>The Mother</i> <i>Rachel Hall</i> <i>Shuttleton</i>	<i>Twenty seventh</i> <i>October</i> <i>1841</i>	<i>Thomas</i> <i>Dr. &amp;</i> <i>Registrar</i>	

George [Hall] Bentley birth certificate from GRO.



Little London, Netherton near Wakefield. The Bentley family probably lived in the nearest house in the photo. Own photo, summer 2021



A hurrier and two thrusters heaving a corf full of coal as depicted in the 1853 book *The White Slaves of England* by J Cobden, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

# Life on the canals

Elizabeth Schofield (1832 – 1911) & Thomas Moody (1833 – 1901)

Parents of Nana's maternal Grandfather, Ernest William Moody

Mirfield, Thornhill Lees, Horbury Bridge or more accurately the Calder & Hebble Navigation Waterman

Nine, possibly ten children, including Ernest William

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation
			Males	Females	
Thomas Moody	Head	Mar	27		Boatman 7-
Elizabeth Moody	Wife	Mar		27	
Lucy Moody	Daughter			4	
John Moody	Daughter			2	
William Kellott	Head	Mar	25		Labourer
Elizabeth Kellott	Wife	Mar		25	
William Schofield	Head	Mar	59		Labourer
John Do	Daughter	Un		21	Woollen Weaver
John Jones	Daughter	Mar		18	Woollen Weaver
John Jones	Grandson		2m		
William Schofield	Daughter			14	Woollen Weaver
John Do	Son	Un	17		Labourer
John Do	Daughter			11	Scholar

An extract from the 1861 census showing Elizabeth & Thomas Moody as well as Elizabeth's father, William Schofield. Downloaded from Ancestry.





Map from 1881 – 1913, [www.archiuk.org](http://www.archiuk.org) showing the approximate location of where the boats were moored in 1861 based on the enumerator route described as starting at “Aldams Head on the south of Webster Hill.” There are several mills within easy walking distance where Elizabeth & her sisters may have worked.



Inside a canal boat cabin. Photo taken from [www.saltisfordcanal.co.uk](http://www.saltisfordcanal.co.uk).  
Unknown origin.

She married twice the  
second time to an older  
man

Hannah Demaine (1837 - 1914)  
& John Cooper (1829 – 1893)

Parents of Nana's paternal  
Grandmother, Sarah Cooper

Farnley, Otley, Addingham,  
Askwith

Farmer

Two children



Elm Tree House. 1891 home of Hannah & John and not uncoincidentally the home from which my Nana got married. Own photo. 2019.

## Surnames under which Hannah is listed

- Demain (1841 census)
- Demaine (1851 census)
- Dewaine (parish entry of first marriage)
- Lowcock (1<sup>st</sup> husband's surname)
- Laycock (2<sup>nd</sup> marriage)
- Socock (1871 census)
- Cooper

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1842. Marriage solemnized at St. Andrew's Church in the Parish of St. Andrew's in the County of York

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
265	January 1	Timothy Lowcock	46	Bachelor	Labourer	Smallbank	Edward Lowcock	Labourer
		Hannah Demaine	29	Widow		Longfield	Joseph Demaine	Labourer

Married in the St. Andrew's Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Anglican Church by me, Wm. Wilson

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Timothy Lowcock in the Presence of us, Wm. Wilson

1843. Marriage solemnized at Wesley Chapel, Beaufort, W.Y. in the District of Wharfedale in the County of York

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
195	Second August 1843	John Cooper	52	Widower	Farmer	Ashwith	Francis Cooper (deceased)	Gamekeeper.
		Hannah Laycock	29	Widow		Ashwith	Joseph Demaine	Farmer

Married in the Wesley Chapel according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Wesleyan Methodists by Certificate by me, William Wilson, Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between us, John Cooper in the Presence of us, Albaney Demaine

Hannah Laycock Sarah Jane Wilson Thos. Sheppard Registrar

The two marriage certificates for Hannah Demaine. The first, to Timothy Lowcock is from the parish register via Ancestry, the second, to John Cooper, is from the GRO.

# The Butterworth identity

Elizabeth Dean (1843 – 1880) &  
Samuel Booth (1904)

Parents of Nana's paternal  
Grandfather, Thomas  
Butterworth Booth

Tatham (Lancs), Bingley

Farmer,

Three children including Thomas  
Butterworth

(Friday), February 20th, 1880,  
**THE** Whole of his **LIVE STOCK, IMPLEMENTS,**  
&c., comprising  
**4 HORSES** and **13 Head of HORNED CATTLE,**  
viz. :—  
Brown brood mare, Polly, in foal, 16 hands high, aged; bay  
mare, Fanny, 16 hands high, rising 5 years old; chestnut  
horse, Jerry, 15½ hands high, rising 5 years old; bay yearling  
colt; red and white cow, served June 20th, 1879; red cow,  
served September 4th, 1879; white cow, served December 20th,  
1879; roan cow, geld, full of milk; roan cow, served November  
10th, 1879; roan cow, served December 15th, 1879; red roan  
cow, served August 20th, 1879; light roan cow, geld, full of  
milk; red cow, served June 8th, 1879; light roan cow, served  
November 20th, 1879; roan cow, served June 15th, 1879; red  
cow, to calve in April; roan cow, newly calved, full of milk.  
**IMPLEMENTS.**  
Narrow-wheeled cart with patent arms, nearly new; 4½in.-  
wheeled cart, nearly new; mowing machine, raking machine,  
iron plough with wheels, &c.; wood plough, new; stone roller  
with wood shafts, chaff cutter, scruiller, 3 sets of harrows, 2  
pairs of shelvings, ladder, wheelbarrow, 3 mixing tubs, turnip  
drill, oak corn chest, iron chains, 3 scythes, forks, rakes,  
shovels, &c., 2 set of cart gears, set of ploughing gears, set of  
long traces, &c.

Sale of farm stock and implements, The Bradford Observer, 19 February 1880, from  
[www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk)

When and Where Born.	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.
First January 1876 Wildon Hill Wildon	Thomas Butterworth	Boy.	Samuel Booth	Elizabeth Booth formerly Dear	Farmer

<del>Thomas Butterworth</del>	<del>Mad</del>	<del>Mar</del>	<del>26</del>	<del>Quarry Man</del>	<del>Lancashire Blackburn</del>
<del>Bellow D</del>	<del>Wife</del>	<del>Mar</del>	<del>27</del>	<del>Wife of</del>	<del>Yorkshire Clapham</del>
<del>Isa D</del>	<del>Daughter</del>	<del>Mar</del>	<del>60</del>	<del>Wife of</del>	<del>Lancashire Wray</del>
<del>Betsy Dear</del>	<del>Step. Daughter</del>	<del>Mar</del>	<del>7</del>	<del>School</del>	<del>D. Tatham</del>

Birth certificate of Thomas Booth revealing the middle name of Butterworth.  
From GRO

1851 census listing "Betsy Dear" as the stepdaughter of one Thomas Butterworth. "Bellow" was later revealed to be "Isabella"

# Grandpy



Grandpy at Nidderdale YFC's 80<sup>th</sup> dinner dance, 2012. Own photo.

# Rogue Robert

Elizabeth Hornby (1823 – 1858)  
& Robert Walker (1823 – 1873)

Parents of Grandpy's maternal  
Grandmother, Mary Walker

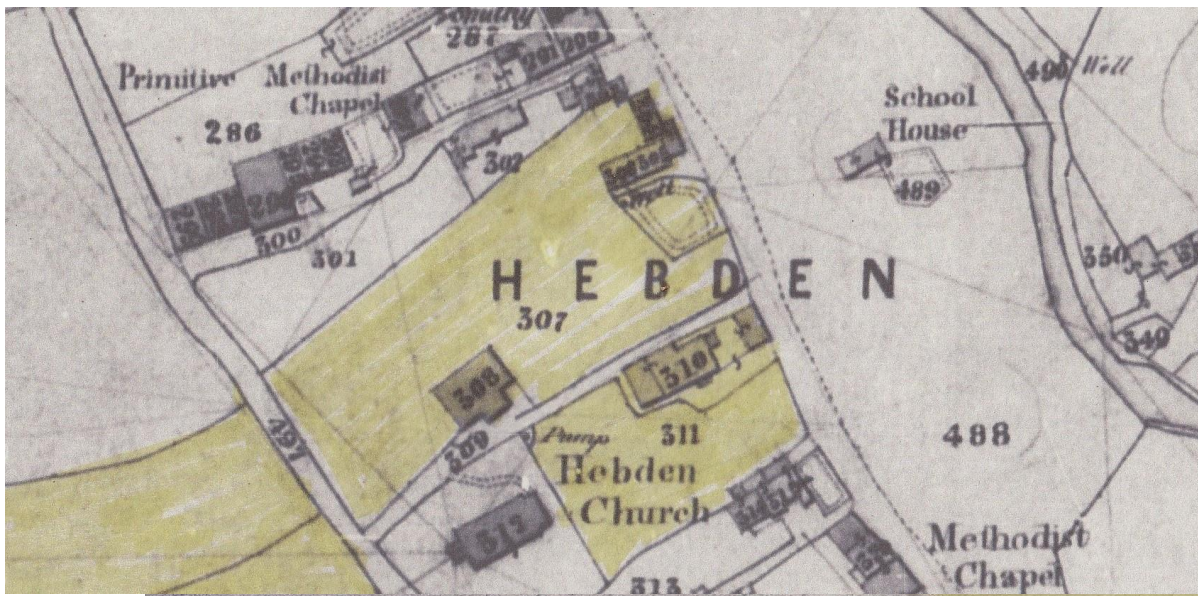
Malham Moor, Hebden, Heston  
(now London)

Farmer, butter factor, grocer

The couple had nine children  
and then Robert had a further  
two with his second wife.



Joseph Walker (left) the youngest of Robert's brothers from [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) and John Walker (right), Robert's eldest brother, from Tim Hall



1844 tithe map from [www.hebdenhistory.uk](http://www.hebdenhistory.uk). The highlighted plots were occupied by James Walker and therefore I assumed also his father Thomas before him and his brother Robert after.



# The Wellock dynasty

Isabella Preston (1814 – 1886)  
& Thomas Wellock (1810 –  
1885)

Parents of Grandpy's  
maternal Grandfather,  
Richard Wellock

Hebden, Rilston, Greenhow  
Hill

Farmer

Thomas had two children with  
Isabella Ward, and then four  
with Isabella Preston



Thomas Wellock (holding cow) with Captain Blake, Rilstone, 1858, sent by his grandson, Benjamin Wellock, to the Farmers Weekly in 1952 and unearthed by me in the Museum of Rural Life archives.



Wellock Road in Estevan, Saskatchewan. Own photo taken in 2022.



Toft Gate, Greenhow Hill. Own photo taken in 2021

# Nancy Serjeanston – deaf and dumb in the 1800s

“in order that no misunderstanding may go abroad as to the design of the promoters of this Institution, the Committee consider it proper to state, that their object is to rescue these children from that state of mental darkness in which they are usually found, and by general instruction to place them as nearly as possible, upon a level with their fellow-creatures in the same sphere of life - to teach them their duties towards God and man, which without the assistance afforded them at an establishment of this kind, they have not the remote chance of learning, destitute of which, they would, in all probability, remain a burden upon their friends or the state, and their lives would be passed under the unrestrained dominion of their natural evil passions.”

The Yorkshire Residential School for the Deaf “mission” taken from The Yorkshire Residential School for the Deaf 1829 – 1979, Anthony J Boyce

Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES		Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born
	Inhabited	Uninhabited (U.), or Building (B.)				Males	Females		
Rilston	1		Thomas Wellock	Head	Married	50		Farmer's Son	Yorkshire High Garswood
			Isabella Wellock	Wife	Married		49	Farmer's Son's Wife	Do. Linnforth
			Richard Do.	Son	Mar	17		Assistant to Farmer's Son	Do. Holton Gill
			Agnes Do.	Daughter	Mar	14		Farmer's Son's Daughter	Do. Burnwell
			Benjamin Do.	Son	Mar	9		Scholar	Do. Rilston
			David Do.	Son	Mar	8		Do.	Do. Do.
			Nancy Serjeanston	Boarder	Mar		22	Kept by Subscription	Do. Sheldgate
			Thomas Clowdell	Son	Mar	19		Carters	Do. Huby
			Do. Do.	Son	Mar	55		Sub Post Office	Do. Ribbles

Extract from the 1881 census for Rilston showing the Wellock household including Nancy Serjeanston

# A misjudged family

Mary Holmes (1826 – 1876) &  
George Brooks (1829 – 1901)

Parents of Grandpy's paternal  
Grandmother, Jane Brooks

Grandpy's father's mother's  
parents.

Bewerley, Ilkley, Bingley

Stonemason

Nine children including Jane



The junction of Chapel Street and Leonard Street (formerly North Street), Bingley.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bingleymemorylanephotos> .

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**These are to Certify,** That *Mary*  
*Daughter* of *Christopher Holmes* and of *Jane* his  
 Wife; was born in *Walling House, Beverley* in the Parish of  
*Misson* in the County of *York*  
 the *24* Day of *February* in the year one thousand  
 eight hundred and *eighty eight*

Registered by me, { *Ralph Holgate* } Protestant  
 Dissenting  
 Minister.

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Registration of the birth of Mary Holmes by the minister of the Salem Independent chapel in Pateley Bridge. From an ancestry collection.

*Jane Brooks. Born June 20 / 1851.*  
*Annie Brooks. Born Feb 28 / 1853.*  
*W. Brooks. Born April 27 / 1855.*  
*Larker Brooks. Born Oct 29 / 1857*  
*George Brooks Born April 21 / 1859.*  
*J. Brooks. Born Feb 13 / 1862.*  
*Est. Brooks. Born July 9 / 1864*  
*J. H. Brooks Born Sep 24 / 1866.*  
*R. Brooks. Born Jan 16 / 1869.*

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*W. Brooks. Entered Manchester  
 Vicinity November 19 / 1881.  
 North St. Pungery  
 Henderson and Jowett*

The children of Mary Holmes & George Brooks. Unknown origin. Shared by William Brooks' descendent, Adrian Rhodes.

# Our gamekeeping heritage

Elizabeth Prout (1822 – 1875) &  
Thomas Barrett (1820 – 1890)

Parents of Grandpy's paternal  
Grandfather, Henry Barrett

Pembrokeshire, Gloucestershire  
& Hornby.

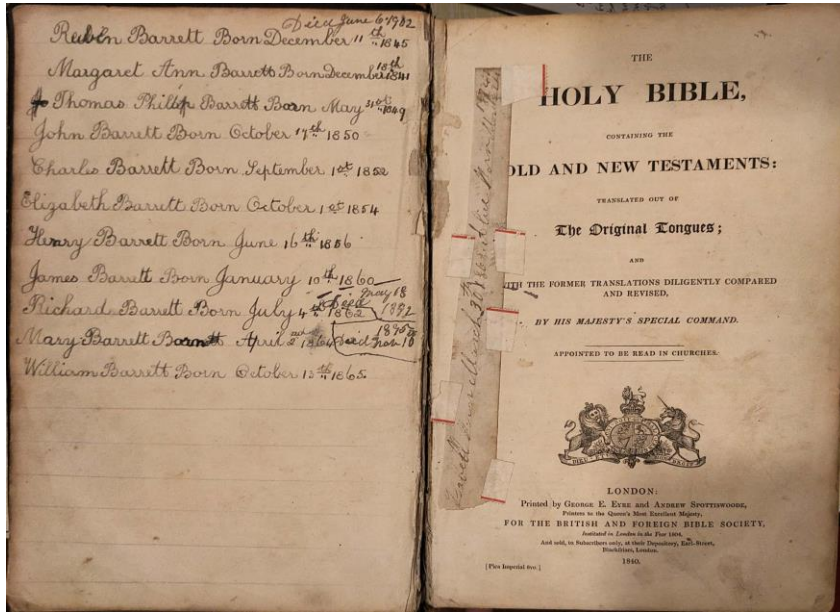
Gamekeeper

Thirteen children including  
Henry

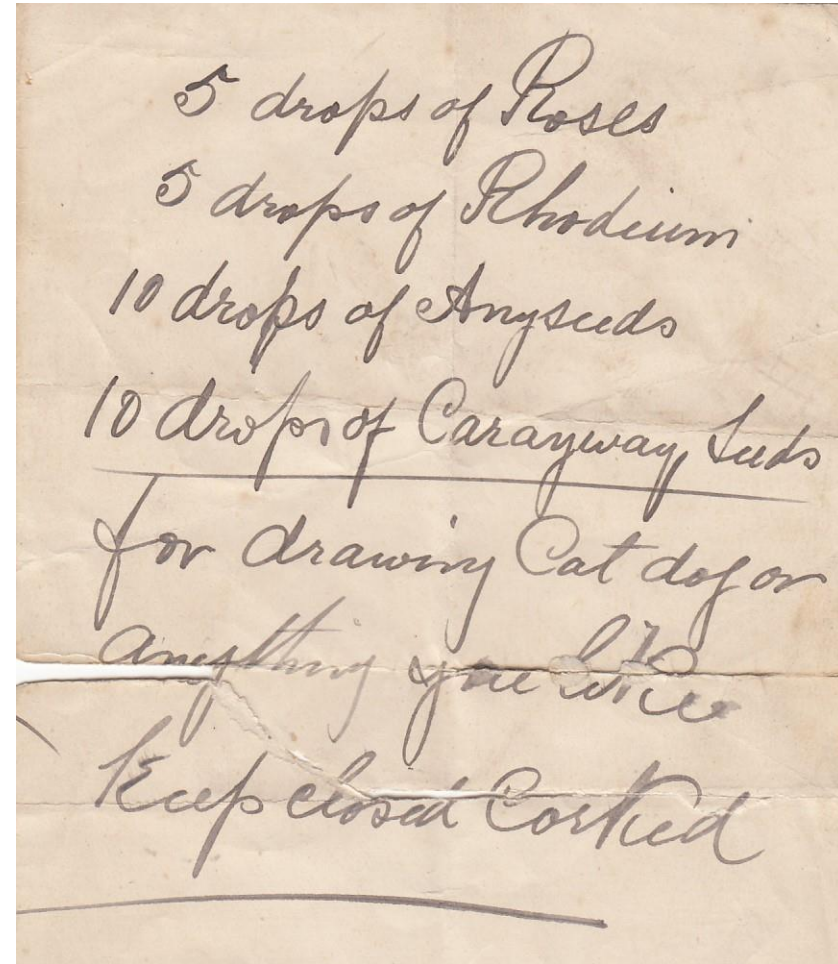


Holy Bible insert. Own Collection.

Holy Bible containing the Barrett children. Own collection.



Mum & I on a visit to Hornby Castle, Summer 2021. Own photo.



A receipt to draw vermin. Believed to be written by George Thomas Barrett which had possibly been handed down from his grandfather, Henry. Own collection.

