

## CHURCH HILL/MILL HILL COTTAGE OCCUPANTS

The first mention of these cottages having been built that I am aware of is the 1834 Teal map, so the cottages were in existence by this date. Some general information sourced from 1834 Teal map (Closes, or plots, 440 and 441) with related list (held by: David Walmsley):

- There were 6 cottages on the road side owned by John Tarboton, occupier Charles Wright and others.
- There were 3 cottages, also a weaving shop and stables at a rough right angle to the road also owned by John Tarboton, occupier Anthony Wrigglesworth and others.

### RECORDS FOR INHABITANTS AND DATES:

#### 1841 (families first noted from this date)

(NB adult ages were approx. and rounded to nearest 0 or 5 in 1841, also relationships of the occupants to each other wasn't given so is only presumed when mentioned. Whether born in this county (i.e. Yorkshire) or not is only given for place of birth, not the actual town and county given in later census returns.)

**1. Wrigglesworth family:** In the 1834 Teal map we know that Anthony Wrigglesworth was one of the 3 cottage occupants at right angles to the hill. In the 1841 census we see he is living there, aged approx 35, working as an Agricultural Labourer with (his wife) Elizabeth aged 30 and (two sons) William aged 14 and John aged 12. By the 1851 census he seems to have moved to another house in Thorner, he is more accurately aged at 48, therefore born about 1802 in Kirkby Overblow, working as an Agricultural Labourer, his wife Elizabeth is aged 45, therefore born about 1805 in Wakefield, and their son John is still living with them, aged 22 so born about 1829 in Thorner and he is now working as an Agricultural Labourer (Ag. Lab.) as well.

Agricultural Labourer is a very general term and at his son, William Mawson Wrigglesworth's, baptism in Thorner on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1826 his employment is described as Husbandman which is a free tenant or small land owner (below that of Yeoman). William is not living with them in 1851 as he got married in Collingham St Oswald's Church to Sarah Burley, 9 years older than William at 35, though a spinster from Micklethwaite whose father was Richard Burley a publican. In 1851 William and Sarah Wrigglesworth are living in Scarcroft as an Innkeeper & Farmer (of taters?) employing no labourer but having a female general servant (maybe to help in the inn).

Going back to Anthony Wrigglesworth, he was baptised in Kirkby Overblow on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1802 son of Oates & Nancy Wrigglesworth. He married Elizabeth Mawson in Leeds Parish Church of St Peter's on 19<sup>th</sup> September 1824, Elizabeth was a spinster and Anthony was a Labourer. In 1861 he and Elizabeth are living in the nearest of Church Hill Houses to Main Street but it is described at that time as Bramham Road, He is described as a Farmer employing no man and living with them is a grandson (son of John & Ellen Wrigglesworth) aged 6 named Walter who is a scholar and was born in Thorner.

In December 1867 Anthony dies, aged 65, and is buried in Thorner St Peter's on 29<sup>th</sup> December.

In the 1871 census the houses are numbered and again called Bramham Road. Anthony Wrigglesworth's widow, Elizabeth (or Bessie as she is now known) is living at no. 15 Bramham Road with granddaughter Sarah E. aged 10, a scholar born in Leeds. Bessie has 'Income from seul (?) property'. Bessie dies on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1878 and is buried with her husband, Anthony, in St Peter's Churchyard, Thorner.



In 1871 also, William Mawson Wrigglesworth has moved back to Thorner and he is living at no. 1 Bramham Rd (his mother is at the other end of the houses at no. 15) he is aged 44 and working as a Woodman, his wife Sarah is aged 54 and was born in Wetherby, their daughter Esther, aged 18 is living with them, she was born in Scarcroft. In 1881 William and Sarah are still there but living at 7 Mill Hill, no employment is given, Esther is still living with them aged 28. But by 1891 William has become a widower, he is still living on Mill Hill and working as a Woodsman aged 64 and living with a housekeeper to look after him. In the summer of 1894 William Mawson Wrigglesworth dies aged 68.

Esther Wrigglesworth gets married on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1883 to George Peter Dalby a Thorner farmer (probably one of the sons of either George or Peter Dalby, brothers, who are living in the cottages in 1851).

**2. John & Esther Tarboton family:** In 1841 John aged 55 and Esther also aged 55 both born in Yorkshire are living next door to Anthony & Elizabeth Wrigglesworth. John is listed as Independent. He is probably the John Tarboton who is the proprietor of all 9 Church Hill houses. John was baptised in St Peter's, Thorner on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1784 son of Henry & Martha Tarboton, Henry being a Plumber & Glazier. Esther Tarboton appears to have been previously married to William Mawson and is highly likely to be next door's Elizabeth Wrigglesworth (nee Mawson)'s mother by her first marriage. (I was coming to this conclusion but cannot back it up with documents but it is also the facts from another Ancestry.co.uk member's tree and, as he has exact dates, it is probable that he has been to a records office and found parish registers which have not yet been added to Ancestry). John and Esther have at least one daughter, Sarah, who is baptised on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1814. John Tarboton dies and is buried on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1842 in Thorner Churchyard.

Esther Tarboton continues to live in Church Hill Cottages, in 1851 she is a 68 year old widow living alone, an Annuitant (lives off the funds from an annuity), born in Thorner. In 1861 she is described as a Farmer's Widow, aged 78, living alone. She dies in 1863 and is buried in Thorner on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**3. William & Mary Spencer family:** In 1841 the next couple are recorded as William Spencer aged 35 (rounded down), a Lime Burner's Labourer, his wife Mary also aged about 35 and their 4 children Charles aged 11, John aged 9, Rebecca aged 2 and a 2 day old baby yet to be given a name. In 1851 William is down on his luck, still married (but wife not present) aged 45, receiving 'Parish Relief late a Lime Burner' born in Thorner. Two children live with him, Hannah aged 7 and George aged 5 both born in Thorner plus William's father, Charles Spencer, who is blind, aged 78 born in Bishop Thornton. His wife is visiting friends in Roundhay that night. William & Mary have 3 daughters of the name Hannah, only the third one lasts longer than a couple of years of age. At William's baptism in 1806, only his mother Hannah is mentioned so he must have been particularly fond of her and he must have been born out of wedlock. William dies and is buried in Thorner on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1854 aged 47.

**4. Charles and Hannah Wright's family:** So, if we take that the houses were recorded in order this is the first of the houses that face on to the street. On the 1834 Teal map list Charles Wright is listed. In 1841 the census of that year records Charles Wright age about 65 a Lime Burning Labourer, his wife Hannah aged 55, and their two daughters Hannah aged 25 and Ann aged 20 all born in Yorkshire. Charles Wright of Thorner Parish a Husbandman married a spinster Hannah Spencer also of Thorner parish on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 1813. Hannah Spencer is very likely a close relative of William Spencer next door and another William Spencer housed the other side of her, the two William Spencers are likely to be cousins. Hannah Wright nee Spencer dies age 64 and is buried on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1846 and Charles Wright dies and is buried in Thorner aged 81 on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1854 which means he was born around 1773 probably in Thorner. They share a gravestone, also with their daughter Rebecca Spencer Wright. I cannot find where Charles was living in 1851.

**5. William & Sarah Spencer family:** In 1841 William is aged 30, an Agricultural Labourer, married to Sarah aged 25 and with a son named Alfred aged 3, all born in Yorkshire. As mentioned above William is likely to be a cousin of William Spencer mentioned above and a nephew or cousin of Hannah Wright (nee Spencer) next door. Their son Alfred was baptised in Thorner on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 1838 but he is written down as son of William & Sarah Spencer of Scarcroft, Labourer. They are not seen in the 1851 or later census returns in Thorner.

**6. John & Sarah Hardisty:** John and Sarah are both aged 40 in the 1841 census, John is an Agricultural Labourer and is born in Yorkshire, Sarah however was not born in Yorkshire. In 1851 there are two John and Sarah Hardistys living in Thorner but only one with a wife born outside Yorkshire. They are not living in Churchill houses but perhaps opposite as John is now a Corn Miller. He is aged 56 and therefore born about 1795 in Leeds and Sarah is 2 years

younger at 54 and she was born in Priston, Somersetshire. They do not seem to have prospered however as by 1861 they have moved to 8 Upper Cavalier St., Richmond Hill in SE Leeds and John aged 66 is a Bricklayers Labourer. Sarah is 65 and they have taken in a young female lodger who is a dressmaker. I have not seen any evidence that they had any children.

**7. William & Elizabeth Paley family:** In 1841 William aged 50 and Elizabeth Paley aged 35 were the next family listed, William is working as an Ag. Lab, and they have 5 children: John 13, George 11, Hannah 6, Stephen 2 and Joanne just 5 months old. In 1851 they are living in Thorner but it is not listed where other than the north side of Main St up to Bramham: William Payler (name keeps changing in spelling) is aged 60 and working as an Ag Lab, his wife Elizabeth is 48 and the following children are living with them: John aged 23 a Labourer was born in Wothersome, Hannah 16 also born in Wothersome, Stephen is aged 12, Isaac 9, Ann 8, Mary Jane 5, Mary Ann just 4 months and they were all born in Thorner. In 1861 they can be found living on Main Street north side about 5 properties along the record from Butt Garth: William is aged 67, a Road Labourer born in Timble north of Otley, his wife Elizabeth is aged 55 and was born in Cattal, Yorkshire, and the children living with them are Stephen aged 24, an Ag. Lab, Ann aged 18 a housemaid, Mary Ann aged 10 a scholar and a grandchild Ann E. Pailey (sic) aged 3, all born Thorner.

In 1871 however they are back in Church Hill houses at 19 Bramham Road: William Pailer (sic) is 88 and still working as an Ag. Lab., his wife Elizabeth is 67, son Stephen is aged 31 and working as a Mason, he is married to Harriette a 25 year old from Spofforth and they have 2 sons Charles W. aged 2 and George W. just 3 months.

William Paley aged 84 dies in 1874 and is buried on 3<sup>rd</sup> June in Thorner St Peter's Churchyard. I cannot find another record in Thorner for his wife so maybe she goes to live with another child, outside the Thorner area after William's death.

Their son, Stephen Paley, however can be found in Church Hill houses in 1881, 40 years after the first record for him, but now they are on Mill Hill and he is at no. 4 Mill Hill, aged 39 (should be 42!), a Stone Mason Labourer, his wife Harriet is 34 and the 5 children living with them are George age 10, Percy age 7, John Robert age 5, Sarah Hannah age 3 and Allis age 1 all born in Thorner. There is a record for the death of a Stephen Paley in the Bramley registration district in 1889 but I cannot confirm this is for him. Harriett lives for another 30 years at least but she moves out of Thorner and lives with her children in the next 3 census returns in Armley/Kirkstall area.

**8. John and Amelia Smith family:** In 1841 John aged 55 and Amelia Smith aged 50 lived with their children in the houses probably on Church Hill, if we continue in order. John was working as a Lime Burner Labourer (on the Teal 1834 map there is a field called Limekill (Kiln?) Hill around where the Manor House is today, occupied by Edward Burley so John Smith may have worked there. The children living with them were John aged 15, Eliza aged 12, James aged 10 and John aged 2 (this John is possibly a grandchild of one of their older children but the relationships are not listed in the 1841 census).

There are 3 John Smiths baptised in a nine year period in Thorner but going by age only one couple offer up as likely parents: Stephen & Esther Smith, Labourer in 1786 (but none of the grandchildren I can find have those names which is very unusual for the period).

John Smith marries in Thorner on 11<sup>th</sup> January 1813 when he is nearly 30 years old. His wife is Amelia Archbell of the parish of Thorner (although she gives Kippax as her birth place in the census returns) and she signs her name in the Parish Register but John puts his X mark. They move out of Thorner for a while because the first likely child I can find baptised is Mary Ann who was baptised in Leeds Parish Church of St Peter's later on in 1813 and their abode is given as Burley and his employment is Hostler (keeper of the horses, usually at an Inn). Two years later the same couple have a son named Thomas Archbill Smith in 1815 which uses Amelia's maiden name (perhaps transcribed slightly incorrectly) baptised in Leeds' St Peter's. In 1817 a son unusually named Major Smith was baptised in Leeds St Peter's and John and Amelia are still living in Burley but John is now employed as a Labourer. After that they come to Thorner and the next 5 children are baptised there: George in 1820, Amelia in 1822, John in 1825, Eliza in 1829 and James in 1831. John Smith, the father, is noted as a Labourer in these baptisms.

In 1851 John age 64 born Thorner and Amelia Smith, 60 born Kippax are still there with their son John age 27 born in Thorner and a granddaughter called Amelia Garnet, aged 9, a scholar born in Thorner. John senior is still a Lime Burner Labourer and John Smith junior is a Labourer. In 1861, the address written as Bramham Road, John Smith is

still there but he has progressed to becoming a Lime Burner, his wife Amelia is with him and also their son John who is an Ag.Lab.

After his parents' death in 1863 and 1864, on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1866 John Smith (junior) gets married aged 41 to Helen (aka Ellen) Smith (possibly a cousin) age 50, a spinster. On the parish register entry her father is listed as Stephen Smith, Labourer, and John's father is listed as John Smith, Lime Burner. John Smith puts his mark on the page but Helen signs the register.

In 1871, living at 5 Bramham Road, John Smith age 45 and working as an Ag. Lab is living with his wife, known as Ellen, aged 55.

John Smith (Jn) dies and is buried in Thorner on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1875. He shares a headstone (which is a great expense for a family of labourers!) with his parents in St Peter's graveyard. The headstone reads (from what I can make out on the photo here): "In memory of John Smith who died Sep 4<sup>th</sup> 1864 aged 79 years, Also of Amelia wife of the above who died Jan 15 1863 aged 75 years. Also John Smith, son of the above who died May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1875 aged 52".

Ellen Smith, wife of John junior was living earlier in the cottages with her parents and we will document her earlier life further on.

**9. George and Sarah Colbeck (aka Colbert) family:** probably the last in Church Hill cottages. In 1841 George Colbeck is aged about 30, working as an Ag. Lab. (Agricultural Labourer), married to Sarah aged 35 and their baby son Samuel aged 1, all born in Yorkshire.

George Colbert was baptised on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1813 at Acaster Malbis near York, his parents were James and Elizabeth Colbert. Sarah was born on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1803 and baptised on 28<sup>th</sup> August the same year, daughter of Samuel & Abigail Watson of Barwick in Elmet. On 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1838 George Colbert aged 24 a bachelor and labourer from Thorner (now) married Sarah Watson aged 35, a spinster from Thorner (now) in Thorner, St. Peter's. They both sign the register with their marks X X. Their fathers are recorded as James Colbert a Labourer and Samuel Watson also a Labourer.

In 1851 George Colbert is living in (Church Hill) cottages, aged 35, an Ag. Lab. born in Acaster (Malbis), wife Sarah is 46 born in Barwick, children: Samuel aged 12, William aged 9, Mary aged 7 all born in Thorner. In 1861 they are living on Stubbing Moor, which is in the parish of Collingham at this time, their surname is incorrectly entered on the census return as Calvert but all the other information is correct for the Colbert family. George is 45, an Ag. Lab. Born in Acaster Malbis, Sarah is 57 b. Kiddle Lane, Samuel 21 an Ag. Lab. and Mary is 17 a Farm Servant both born in Thorner. Sarah Colbert dies age 62 and is buried in Thorner St Peter's graveyard on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1867. On the 7<sup>th</sup> September the same year George Colbert, a widower aged 50 marries again to Helen Wright also a widow, at Thorner St Peter's. Their fathers are listed as James Colbert, Labourer and James Dickenson, Farmer. George Colbert died in 1877, in Hemsworth (south west of Pontefract) where his son William was living at the time. I can find no other record for him and his new wife.

Of George and Sarah's children:

- Samuel Colbert was baptised in Thorner in Sept 1839. By 1871 he was married but still living on Stubbing Moor and still listed as Calvert by the census clerk but he was 32, an Ag.Lab. born in Thorner, his wife is Margaret, aged 28 born in Linton, their son William age 5 born in Thorner and baby daughter Sarah A. is 9 months old and was born in Collingham (perhaps Stubbing Moor). In 1881 they were all 10 years older, still listed under the name Calvert at Stubbing Moor (but in the margin is written that Stubbing Moor is changing to Wothersome as an address), his son William age 15 was working like his father as an Ag. Lab, Sarah A. was now 10, with brother Charles A. age 7 were both scholars born on Stubbing Moor, younger children George age 4 and Mary J. age 1 also born on Stubbing Moor were too young for school. In 1891 Samuel was back in Thorner and was listed by the name Colbert once again, he was living on Mill Lane (Milner Lane?) aged 34 born in Thorner, working as a Farm Labourer, married to Margaret aged 48 from Linton, Yorkshire and with



their 3 children, William age 25 a Gardener born in Thorner, George age 14, a Farm Labourer and Mary Jane age 11 a Scholar, the last two being born on Stubbing Moor, Yorkshire. In 1901 on Mill Lane End, Samuel Colbert is 64, a widower, Foreman Road Labourer, son George is 24 and a carter on a Farm and Mary is 21 the housekeeper both born in Wothersome. Samuel Colbert dies in 1910 and is buried at Thorner St. Peter aged 70.

- William Colbert: In 1861 William is aged 19 and working as a servant with a widowed farmer named Jane Mawson and her family (Mawson family has connections to others in Church Hill Cottages) in Wike Village working as a Carter. In 1871 William Colbert aged 29 has married and moved to Hemsworth, he is working as a Farm Labourer, his wife Emma is aged 26 and was born in Wetherby, children, George William aged 7 was born in Thorner, Sarah Rebecca aged 4 was born in Ackworth, Annie aged 2 was born in Hemsworth. In 1881 Emma Colbert has married again to a David Barker but before she was most likely widowed, she had 2 more children with William Colbert, Louise in 1872 and Alice in 1874 in Hanging Heaton. The most likely possible death for William, but carrying on in the inconsistency of the spelling of his surname, is a death recorded in Hemsworth at the end of 1878 for a William Clayburn. Emma who was left with 3 children under 10 would have had to marry quickly. It looks like she had at least one child with David Barker by 1881.
- Lastly Mary Colbert had a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Colbert baptised on 24<sup>th</sup> December 1865, Mary was noted as a Spinster of Stubbing Moor. Mary Colbert got married in Thorner aged 23 to a David Richardson aged 21 a Labourer from Thorner, on 27<sup>th</sup> November 1867. Their fathers are both listed as Labourers. David Richardson signed the Parish Register but Mary put her mark X. In 1871 the family are recorded as living on Church Street in Bramham, David Richardson is 24, a 'Labourer Domestic' born in Bramham, wife Mary is 27 born in Thorner, their daughters Sarah Elizabeth Calvert Richardson is a Scholar aged 5 born on Stubbing Moor (born before the marriage, father unknown), Ellen Ann Richardson aged 1 born in Thorner. In 1881 the family were living on Back Lane North Side, Bramham cum Oglethorpe, David Richardson age 35 a Farm Labourer born Bramham, wife Mary age 37 born Thorner, children: Ellen Ann 11, a Scholar born Thorner, Emily 8, Annie 6, George 4 all Scholars born Bramham and baby Charles aged 1 also born Bramham. In 1891 the family, still in Bramham, is growing: living at Back Street, Wetherby Road, Bramham cum Oglethorpe David Richardson is now 44, an Ag. Lab., wife Mary is 46, children George 14 born Bramham, Charles 11, Christiana 9, Mary Jane 6 all Scholars and all born Bramham, Hetty aged 4 and baby David aged 10 months both born Bramham. In 1901 David Richardson is still married and living in Bramham, age 54 a General Labourer, with his 2 children Mary J. aged 16 and David aged 10 but their mother is not present. Daughter Christiana Richardson is living in Thorner, working as a General Domestic Servant to a family living next door to Uncle Samuel Colbert and his sons at Mill Lane End in Thorner. I can find no further certain record for Mary Colbert.



## 1851 Census – families from this date

### **1. Esther Tarboton** (documented in 1841)

**2. Robert Atkin/Adkin:** Robert Atkin was widowed at this time (1851), aged 77, an Ag. Lab. born in Newton Kyme. Living with him was son John Atkin age 34, also an Ag. Lab. born in Thorner. Although I cannot find a marriage for Robert Atkin or Adkin his son John was baptised on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1813 son of Robert (a Labourer) and Mary Adkin, in Thorner. By 1841 Robert was a widow and living with sons Thomas and John, all Ag. Labs. in Butts Garth, Thorner.

In 1861 Robert Adkin is aged 86, living on Bramham Road as the houses were listed, a widower, working as an Ag. Lab. born in Tolston (next to Newton Kyme), his son John was living with him age 47, an Ag. Lab. born in Thorner.

Robert Adkin was buried in Thorner St Peter's graveyard age 90 on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1865.

John Adkin age 57 in 1871, is living as a Boarder in a house at 3 Butts Garth run by Ann Taylor of Little Ousebourne (sic) (more about her below). John is working as an Ag. Lab. He lives with 2 fellow boarders John Connell age 47 an Ag. Lab. from Mickfield and Ellen E. Connell age 22, (below we discover she is John's wife and Ann Taylor's daughter), born in Thorner. John Adkin dies a year later and is buried in Thorner St. Peter's Churchyard on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1872 age 57.

**3. George & Elizabeth Wrigglesworth family:** George Wrigglesworth may be a distant cousin of Anthony Wrigglesworth (1841 census) but they do not share the same parents and do not come from the same area of Yorkshire. George was baptised on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1826, son of William (a Labourer) & Sarah Wrigglesworth at Thorner St. Peter's. In 1841 there is a 15 year old male servant called George Wrigglesworth living with a Farmer and his family in Abberford that may be this George Wrigglesworth. George married Elizabeth Simpson on 14<sup>th</sup> January 1848 at Sandal Magna in St Helen's Church. Their daughter Eliza Wrigglesworth was baptised on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1850 in Thorner St. Peter's. In 1851, living in the houses on Church Hill, George Wrigglesworth is 25 years old and working as an Ag. Lab., his wife Elizabeth is 28 and was born at Badsworth, Yorks. (nr Pontefract), Eliza is 6 months old and was born in Thorner.

In 1861 they have moved to Main Street, George age 35 is still an Ag. Lab., Elizabeth his wife is 38 and they now have 5 children. Eliza 10, Thomas 8, Mary 6, Lucy 4 – all scholars, and the infant Emily at 2 years of age, all born in Thorner. But in 1871 they have moved back to 17 Bramham Road (Church Hill cottages), George now 45 is working as a Labouring Maltster, Elizabeth is aged 49 and states she was born in Smeaton, and the children living with them are Mary aged 16, Lucy aged 14 a scholar and Emily aged 12 also a scholar, all children born in Thorner. In 1881 they have moved to no. 2 Stead Lane, George is a Woodman, Elizabeth is 56 (a little out there!) born in Smeaton. In 1891 they have moved again and are living in Butts Garth. George is aged 65 and a Maltster and Elizabeth is 68 and has put she was born in Badsworth (presumably she lived between the two neighbouring villages; Smeaton/Badsworth).

There is an Elizabeth Wrigglesworth age 72 who dies between Oct-Dec in 1894 in the York district which may relate to this Elizabeth Wrigglesworth. Certainly by the 1901 census George is living alone aged 77 on South Parade on Butts Garth and is listed as a widower, he is working as a Farm Labourer.

In 1911, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, George Wrigglesworth was living on Butts Garth (in a house with 3 rooms including kitchen), a retired Maltster, widower, aged 84. 10 days later he was being buried at Thorner St. Peter's.

- Of his children that lived at some point on Church Hill; Eliza in 1871 was a general domestic servant in west Leeds. On 15 Feb 1873 she marries Richard Abraham a Labourer from Armley, where they live and raise at least 5 children, one of whom was named George, perhaps after her father.
- Thomas Wrigglesworth, who was born in 1853 in Thorner went on to marry a female named Minnie and they had at least 5 children, the eldest of whom was named George. He had moved to Pilkington and then Pendleton in Lancs., worked for the Provincial Society as a Clerk, and retired aged 48 after his wife died.
- Mary born in 1855 died in 1875 in the Wetherby district, unmarried.
- Lucy born in 1857 sadly died in 1879 age 22, also unmarried, and was buried in Thorner.
- Emily born in 1859 got married in the summer of 1886 to Fredrick Jason Allen, a gardener and groundsman for a cemetery in Batley, they didn't appear to have children.

**4. William Spencer and children Hannah, George & Charles:** detailed above in 1841 census.

**5. George & Sarah Hargreaves family:** George Hargreaves was baptised on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1817 son of John, a Weaver, and Mary Hargreaves at Thorner St. Peter. On 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 1839 George Hargreaves, a bachelor of full age (21+), a Spinner of Lydgate marries Sarah Taylor, a spinster of full age at Saddleworth St. Chad's. They both sign the register with their mark X. George states that his father is John Hargreaves a Spinner and Sarah's father is William Radcliffe a Factory Master (who perhaps didn't or couldn't marry Sarah's mother). In 1841 the couple are living in Prestwich cum Oldham in Lancs. where approx. 20 year old George is working as a Cotton Weaver, wife Sarah is 25, and baby Joseph is 8 months old.

In 1851 the family had moved to Church Hill houses: George is 34, working as a Labourer, born in Thorner, wife Sarah is 37 born in Shaw, Lancs. Baby Joseph is not present – perhaps he died or is staying elsewhere. Their children are Henry aged 9 born in Oldham, Lancs., Sarah Ann 6 born in Thorner, John 3 and Samuel 1 both born in Thorner. In 1861 George, aged 45, is working as a Road Labourer, Sarah is 47 and was born in Hey near Oldham, Sarah A. is 15, John 13, Samuel 11 and David 6 all born in Thorner.

George died in July 1866 and was buried on 29<sup>th</sup> July in Thorner St. Peter's. In 1871 his widow Sarah is crippled and living at 4 High Street, Thorner, age 57, widow, 'formerly worked in Mill', her eldest son Henry has returned, is aged 27, single, Ag. Lab., born in Oldham, John is 24, unmarried, an Ag. Lab., born in Thorner, daughter Sarah Ann aged 23 unmarried, formerly a domestic servant, born in Thorner and grandson George Hargreaves 6 months. (When this George gets married in 1897, in the space where you record the name and employment of father, the space is left blank. At the baptism of George in February 1871 Sarah Ann Hargreaves is his mother and is noted as a spinster, no father is mentioned). In 1881, living at 24 Main Street the whole family are still there but times are bad, Sarah as Head of house is listed as 'Receives Parish Pay' and no jobs are listed for the two sons (probably a clerical omission). In 1891 Sarah Ann and son George have left the family home, Sarah is now 77 and still Head and living on Main Street. Henry is 50 and an Ag. Lab. and John is 44 a Road Labourer. Sarah Hargreaves dies and is buried on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1896 in Thorner St Peter's aged 83. In 1901 Henry has become head of house, age 61 a Farm Labourer and brother John is aged 49 an Ag. Lab. They have a House Keeper living with them, Maggie Meroyle aged 39 from Norwich, Norfolk. Later in the late autumn of 1901 Henry Hargreaves marries their housekeeper Margaret Royle in the Wetherby district. In 1911 things have gone down further for Henry and John Hargreaves and they can both be found aged 72 and 65 respectively in Wetherby Workhouse at 1 Linton Road, Wetherby, Henry is married (whereabouts of wife not mentioned), a Farm Labourer born in Oldham and John is still single, a General Labourer born in Thorner. John dies in the spring of 1919 in Wetherby district. The only record I can find that might be for this Henry Hargreaves is that he dies in 1918 in the North Bierley district (South of Bradford) Yorkshire.

Going back to Sarah Ann Hargreaves; she gets married aged 39 in Thorner St Peter's to William Roberts a 49 year old widower and Labourer of Thorner, son of James Roberts deceased. They have 3 daughters, Violet Hilda in 1886, Gertrude in 1887 and Mary Ellen in 1889. Mary Ellen dies before 1911 possibly as a baby as she is not present in the 1891 and 1901 census returns. In 1891 they are all living at Miry Carr in Thorner and Robert is an N.E.R. Platelayer, Violet and Gertrude are scholars. In 1901 they have moved to 13 Pontefract Avenue, Leeds where Robert aged 66 is a Railway Labourer, Sarah A. is 54, Violet H. is 15 and working as a 'Daily Nurse Domestic' and Gertrude is 14 and working as a Tailoress. In 1911 they are living back in Church Hill cottages with 3 rooms including the kitchen. William Roberts is 74, a retired Railway Platelayer from Cambridgeshire, Sarah Ann Roberts his wife of 26 years is 65 and '2 out of 3 of their children born alive are still alive'. William Roberts dies a few days after the 1911 census age 75 and is buried in Thorner St Peter's, Sarah Ann Roberts is buried on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1921 at Thorner St Peter's age 78 so depending on the date of the census is possibly still living there in the 1921 census. Her first son George Hargreaves in 1911 has moved to Burley in Leeds (a house with 4 rooms inc. kitchen), and is aged 40, working as a Driller for Flax Spinning and married to Harriet Jane, his wife of 13 years. They have had one child, Henry Ranby Hargreaves who is aged 12 and was born in Leeds.

Of George (snr) and Sarah's other children: son Samuel Hargreave in 1871 was living on Denmark Street in the Leeds St. Mark's area (near Woodhouse), he was age 21, married, working as a Mason's Labourer, wife Ellen age 21 born in Sherburn, daughters Christiana age 2 (step daughter) and Sarah Elizabeth age 2 months were both born in Leeds. Living with them was Ellen's sister Harriet Brook age 11 also born in Sherburn, Yorkshire. His wife Ellen had Christiana Brook before marriage and at the baptism the father is not mentioned. In 1881 they are living at 15 Craven Street and Samuel is working as a Labourer at a Builders. The family has grown and they now have 5 children: Sarah E. age 10, Emily J. 8, Mary E. 2 months, Agnes A. 1 and Christiana Brook age 12 who is listed just as a relative. In 1891 Samuel has moved to 4 Carr Cross St, Leeds St Michael's, aged 40, but he is now a widower, working as a Salesman. His daughters Sarah E. aged 19 and Emily J. aged 17 are both working as Tailoresses, Mary Ellen is 13 and

there is now a young son named Brook Hargreave aged 6. There is a death for a Samuel Hargreaves in the summer of 1894 and no other census returns can be found so perhaps this record is for him.

Son, David Hargreave, in 1871 was a servant, an Ag. Lab. aged 16 in South Stanley but he disappears and in 1911, in Chorley Union Workhouse, Lancs., he is listed as aged 55, 'General Labourer, Public Works' born Thorner.

**6. Stephen & Jane Smith family:** Stephen Smith was baptised in Spofforth on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1795 son of Stephen Smith, a labourer, and Martha Smith, his wife. On 10<sup>th</sup> December 1815 Stephen, a bachelor, a Servant of the parish of Spofforth, married Jane Young, a spinster of the parish of Kirkby Overblow, in Kirkby Overblow – they signed the register with their marks X X. In the 1841 census Stephen is 45 and living somewhere in Thorner (but not Church Hill Cottages) with his wife Jane age 50 and their daughter Eleanor Smith aged 20. In 1851, in Church Hill cottages, Stephen Smith is age 55, an Ag. Lab. born in Spofforth, his wife Jane is 66 and was born in Bickerton, their daughter Ellen is 33 born in Thorner and working as a Charwoman. In 1861, when the houses are listed as being on Bramham Road, Stephen Smith is 63, an Ag. Lab., born in Spofforth. His wife Jane is 71 born in Bickerton and their daughter Ellen is 45 born in Thorner and described as an Agricultural Work Woman. Jane Smith dies and is buried at Thorner on 8<sup>th</sup> October 1864 aged 80 and Stephen dies and is buried in Thorner on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1866 age 73. Ellen Smith gets married on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1866 to John Smith, the record states that her name is Helen Smith, her father is Stephen Smith a Labourer. This marriage was documented above as John Smith, her husband, was brought up in the Church Hill cottages. John Smith dies in 1875. In the 1881 census Ellen is living at 2 Mill Hill, a widow aged 63 and working as a Charwoman, born Thorner. Again, in 1891 Ellen is living alone in a cottage on Mill Hill, a widow, aged 75 but no form of income is mentioned, born in Thorner. She is not found in the 1901 census but there are more than one possible death records for Ellen Smith in Stanley and Leeds so I would not guess here.

**7. George & Sarah Colbert family:** detailed above in 1841 census.

**8. John & Amelia Smith family:** detailed above in the 1841 census.

**9. William & Ann Taylor family:** William Taylor was born around 1806 in the Ripon area but I have no baptism to back this up. In the 1851 census, living in the (Church Hill) cottages William Taylor is married, age 42, an Ag. Lab. born in Studley, Yorks., living with his wife, Ann, aged 33 born in Little Ouseburn, Yorkshire, plus children John aged 11 born at Roundhay, Charles age 7, born at Shadwell, James age 4 and baby Ellen Elizabeth Taylor aged 1, both born at Thorner. In 1861 William Taylor is 55 an Ag. Lab. born Ripon, Yorkshire, his wife Ann is 43 born Lt. Ouseburn, son James age 14 an Ag. Lab. and daughter Ellen age 10 a scholar, both born in Thorner. William Taylor dies on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1866, aged 65 and is buried in Thorner St Peter's on 11<sup>th</sup> May. He shares a gravestone, as you can see here, with two granddaughters, probably erected by his son John whose daughters they were. In 1871 Ann Taylor has moved to 3 Butts Garth, aged 55, a widow, she has taken in 3 boarders as listed earlier: John Adkin, John Connell and Ellen E. Connell (Ann Taylor's daughter) aged 22. In 1881 Ann has gone to live with her re-married daughter Ellen. E. Jackson. Living in the house at 81 Main Street, Thorner: Thomas Jackson age 39 a Police Constable born in Wilmslow, Cheshire, wife Ellen E. age 35, children Percy W. age 11, Minnie age 10, Alice age 3 all born thorner, Ann Taylor, mother in law, age 66 born Little Ouseburn, niece Liliah Taylor age 10, born in Thorner. In 1891, living on Main Street, Ellen E. Jackson (nee Taylor) has been widowed, is aged 45 and working as a Laundress, daughter Alice is aged 13 and working as a nurse, grandmother (should be mother) Ann Taylor is aged 77, born Little Ouseburne (sic). Ann Taylor was buried aged 79 on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1895 in Thorner St Peter's.





Of William and Ann Taylor's children who lived in (Church Hill) cottages:

- John Taylor married Mary Batty of Bramham, at Bramham in the first quarter of 1864. They had a daughter, Lilia born in 1866 who died 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1869 and they also had another daughter, Anne Taylor born in 1867 who also died in 1869 on November 12<sup>th</sup>. This sad double death of probably their first two children was recorded on the gravestone John Taylor had made for his father, William, who died in 1866. In 1871 they are living at 13 Braham Road, in the same cottage possibly where he remained after his father's death: John Taylor aged 33, an Ag. Lab. born in Roundhay, wife Mary aged 40 born in Bramham, son Charles age 3 and daughter Ada 1 both born in Thorner. In 1881, at no 6 Mill Hill, John Taylor aged 40 is an Ag. Lab, born in Thorner(? was Roundhay previously), wife Mary aged 46 born in Bramham, children: Charles aged 14, Ada 11, George 8, Herbert 7 and Martha 3 all born in Thorner. In 1891 on Mill Hill, John Taylor is 53, a Farm Labourer, born Roundhay, wife Mary 54 born in Bramham, daughter Martha E. (Eliza) age 14 born in Thorner. The family are still there on Mill Hill in 1901, John aged 55, a Farm Labourer retired, Mary 58, Charles 32 a Teamer(?) on a Farm and George 28 doing the same job. In 1907 Mary Taylor, 'of Church Hill', dies aged 71 and is buried on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Later in 1907 John Taylor, of 'Church Hill', dies, aged 67 and is buried in Thorner St Peter's on 20<sup>th</sup> September that year. Their daughter Martha Eliza is at the top of their shared gravestone in Thorner St Peter's, and she died in 1903 aged 25. Son Charles also shares the gravestone and he died in 1924 age 59 (born c. 1865) and is buried in Thorner St. Peter's sharing a headstone with his parents and his sister Martha Eliza Taylor.
- Charles Taylor was born in Shadwell but baptised on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1843 in Thorner St Peter's, son of William & Ann Taylor, of Shadwell, William being recorded as a Labourer. In 1851 he is living with his family (in Church Hill houses) as recorded above but in 1861 he has moved home and is living at New Grange, Seacroft with William & Ann Kirk and family, a Farmer of 170 acres employing 4 men and 2 boys. Charles is unmarried, aged 17 born in Thorner and listed as a Farm Servant. On 19<sup>th</sup> November 1865 Charles Taylor married Alice Hick of Tadcaster in Tadcaster. In 1871 Charles and Alice are living on the Bradford & Wakefield Road at West Ardsley, Wakefield. Charles is working as a Stone Getter, born Shadwell, Alice is aged 28 born Tadcaster, children Ann aged 3 and William aged 1 born in West Ardsley, boarder Joseph Gall aged 20 also a Stone Getter from Ulerskelf and visitor (probably sister/in-law) Mary Hick age 21 born in Tadcaster. In 1881, living in Tingley, W. Ardsley, Charles Taylor 39 a Labourer, wife Alice 40, children Ann 13, William 11 a scholar and Sam 4, the enumerator had rather lazily just put in that everyone was born in Yorkshire. In 1891, on Tingley Common, Charles is 48 a Labourer from Shadwell, Alice 49 born Tadcaster, sons William is 21 a Labourer and Sam is 14 both born Tingley, grandson Horace Taylor is aged 4 born Tingley, visitor baby Horace Hartley is aged 1 born in Morley. In 1901, living in Barons Buildings, West Ardsley were Charles Taylor age 59 a Teamer (?) Cloth Mill, wife Alice was 59, Sam aged 24 does the same job as his father and son (previously listed as grandson) Horace age 14 is working as a Quarry Ripper (stone). Note: the annual rent in Barons Buildings was £7.10/- (an incidental document which came up in the general search). Charles Taylor of Tingley Common died in 1910 and was buried on 22<sup>nd</sup> August aged 68 at Woodkirk St Mary's, Tingley. His wife Alice was buried at the same church 5 months later on 19<sup>th</sup> January 1911 aged 68.
- James Taylor was born in 1846 and baptised on 15<sup>th</sup> April son of William & Ann Taylor, Labourer of Thorner at Thorner St Peter's. Having lived on Church Hill with his parents for the first two census returns of his life, in 1869 he was married at Thorner St Peter's to Mary Ann Richmond, a spinster and daughter of John Richmond a Labourer of Thorner. In 1871 he had moved to no. 6 Butts Garth (his mother being at no. 3), was aged 23 working as an Ag. Lab, wife Mary Ann was 20 born in Deighton, their daughter Lily aged 6 months and Mary Ann's daughter, when she was a spinster (no father mentioned in the baptism of 4th Sept 1869) Ann E(lizabeth) Richmond aged 1 born in Thorner. In 1881 James and his family have moved back onto Mill (Church) Hill and we will continue his story later.
- Ellen Elizabeth Taylor was born in the July Q. of 1849. She lived with her parents for the first two census returns, 1851 and 1861. She married John Connell in the Bramham district on the Oct-Dec Q. of 1868. In 1871 she is living with her husband at 8 Butts Garth as boarders in her mother's cottage. John is aged 47 and an Ag. Lab. born Thorner. Ellen E. is 25 years younger at 22. John dies in the summer of 1877 and is buried in Thorner St Peter's. Ellen Elizabeth Connell marries again to Thomas Jackson in the April-June Q. of 1879 in the Wetherby district. In 1881 the family are living at 81 Main Street (as recorded before as her mother Ann Taylor is living with them). Living in the house at 81 Main Street, is Thomas Jackson age 39 a Police Constable



born in Wilmslow, Cheshire, wife Ellen E. age 35, children Percy W. age 11, Minnie age 10, Alice age 3 (daughter of Thomas and Emma Jackson) all born Thorner, Ann Taylor, mother in law, age 66 born Little Ouseburn, neice Lillah Taylor age 10, born in Thorner. In 1891, living on Main Street, Ellen E. Jackson (nee Taylor) has been widowed again, is aged 45 and working as a Laundress, (step)-daughter Alice is aged 13 and working as a nurse, grandmother (should be mother) Ann Taylor is aged 77, born Little Ouseburne. In 1901 Ellen Elizabeth Jackson is living alone on Mill Hill in a house with 4 rooms, a widow aged 55 working as a Laundress (Wash), she is still living there, alone, in 1911 but now in a house with just 2 rooms including kitchen, aged 63 and still a Laundress. Ellen Elizabeth Jackson dies early in 1929 aged 81 in the Wetherby district.

## 1861 Census – families from this date

1. **William & Ann Taylor family:** Already documented above from 1851 census return.

2. **John & Amelia Smith family:** Already documented above from 1841 census return.

3. **Stephen & Jane Smith family:** Already documented above from 1851 census return.

4. **Benjamin & William Watson, brothers:** Benjamin was born on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1805 and baptised in Barwick in Elmet on 7<sup>th</sup> July, son of Samuel and Abigail Watson of Kidhall (sic) Lane. William Watson was baptised in Thorner on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1810 “son of Samuel Watson of Thorner, Labourer, by Abigail his wife”. In 1841, living in Thorner but exact address unknown, Abigail Watson was living aged 70, head of house, Benjamin aged 30 a Linen Weaver and William aged 20 an Ag. Lab., plus Mary Lofthouse aged 70, perhaps a relative, all born in Yorkshire. Abigail Watson, their mother, died and was buried in Thorner in 1843. In 1851 again somewhere in Thorner but not on Church Hill (living next door to Anthony & Elizabeth Wrigglesworth who were living on Church Hill in 1841), Benjamin Watson is 46, a Hand Loom Weaver (Woolen) born in Barwick, brother William is 41, working as an Ag. Lab. born in Thorner and Mary Lofthouse is still living with them. Aged 80, a widow born in Thorner.

In 1861 on Bramham Lane (Church Hill) Benjamin Watson, aged 52 an Ag. Lab. born on Kiddle (sic) Lane lived with his brother William Watson, aged 50, also an Ag. Lab. born in Thorner, both still unmarried. Some time in the next 9 years after this census Benjamin Watson moves into the Wetherby Union Workhouse as he dies from this address and is buried on 10<sup>th</sup> October 1870 in Wetherby St James' Churchyard. He is aged 67 according to their records. In 1871 William Watson is living alone at 9 Bramham Road, aged 60, unmarried, working as an Ag. Lab. William dies in the summer of 1877 in the Wetherby district.

5. **George & Sarah Hargreaves family:** Already documented above from 1851 census return.

6. **Mary Spencer (widow) family:** Partly already documented above from 1841 census return. In this 1861 census Mary Spencer is widowed, age 53, working as an Ag. Work Woman, born in Cattal (on Harrogate to York Road just East of A1), living with her are children Hannah Spencer who is 18, doing the same job as her mother and born in Thorner, son George, age 14, a scholar, also born in Thorner. I cannot find her marriage record to William so cannot give you her maiden name, in 1851 she was away from home on that night. In around 1865 her daughter, Hannah Spencer married John Wharton from Aberford and in 1871, living at no. 9 Church Street, Thorner, John Wharton is working as a Dog Feeder, his wife Hannah Wharton (nee Spencer) is working as a Farm Work Woman, they have 3 children Mary, Elizabeth and baby James, plus Hannah's mother, Mary Spencer aged 65 born in Cattal and brother George Spencer aged 24 working as an Ag. Lab.

In 1881, at no. 1 Mill Hill, the first house listed after Kensington Terrace, Mary Spencer has moved back to live there aged 78, widow, a Charwoman, born Thorner, with son George Spencer, age 36, single, an Ag. Lab. born in Thorner. Mary Spencer's death is registered in the summer of 1882 in Wetherby district, her age is given as 74.

Sadly by 1891 George Spencer can be found in Wetherby Union Workhouse, aged 33, an Ag. Lab. born in Thorner, listed above him is William Spencer age 80, also an Ag. Lab. born in East Rigton. With a stretch of the imagination could this be his father? Is this where he disappeared to? (More research needed). In 1901 George Spencer is still a 'Patient' at Raby Park, Union Workhouse, Wetherby, a Labourer born in Thorner. No record can be found for him in the 1911 census (probably badly written and therefore badly recorded) but a death record is found for a George Spencer, age 87, who died in the Apr-Jun Q. of 1932 at Wetherby.

Going back to Hannah Spencer who married John Wharton: in 1881 they can be found living at no. 10 Main Street Thorner. John Wharton is an Ag. Lab., Hannah is aged 37 and their children are James age 11, Annie 8, Emma 7, Ann 4, Lillie 1 and baby Ada just 7 months old. By 1891 the family have moved to Terry Lug, Wothersome where 47 year old John is working as a Kennelman Groom, Hannah 47, and children still living with them are Lilly 11 and John 7 both scholars. By 1901 the children have left home, they are living at Wothersome and John is still a Kennelman Groom. In 1911 the address is given more accurately as The Lodge, Bramham Park, Terry Lug, Bramham, John Wharton is still a Kennelman, Hannah who has been his wife for 43 years now and who states that 7 out of 12 of their children born alive are still alive, is aged 67, and their son James is living with them, aged 41, single and working

as a Groom. Hannah Wharton, nee Spencer dies in February 1918 and is buried in Thorne St Peter's on 17<sup>th</sup> February 1918.

7. **Esther Tarbotton widow aged 78**: Details given from 1841 census.

8. **Robert Adkin and son John**: Details given from 1851 census.

9. **Anthony Wrigglesworth family**: Details given from 1841 census.

## 1871 Census – families from this date

**1. No. 1 Bramham Road (top of Church Hill) - William M & Sarah Wrigglesworth:** William (Mawson) Wrigglesworth, wife Sarah and daughter Esther are documented from the 1841 census.

**2. No. 3 Bramham Road – Robert & Ellen Watkin family:** Robert Watkin was baptised on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1840 in Bramham, eldest son of Richard and Ann Watkin. In 1841, living in Bramham, Richard Wadkin (sic) is aged 20 and working as an Ag. Lab., Ann (his wife) is 15 (remember adult ages in 1841 are rounded down or up although this does seem inappropriate in this instance), (son) Robert is 11 months old. By 1851 the family had moved to Thorner and were living somewhere between Eltofts and Hobberley (off Wetherby Road in Shadwell), Richard is aged 30 and working as an Ag. Lab. born in Rufforth, his wife Ann is now a respectable age of 31, a Labourers wife, born in Bramham, of their children, Robert is aged 10, Elizabeth 7 they are both scholars and baby George is 1 year old.

I cannot find an appropriate record for this Robert Wadkin/Watkin in 1861 but aged 20 he is probably single and working on a farm amongst several other labourers. In 1861 on 27<sup>th</sup> April, in Barwick in Elmet, Robert Watkin, bachelor, Labourer, living Terry Lug Farm, son of Richard Watkin gets married to Ellen Smith a 19 year old Spinster, living also on Terry Lug Farm and she is daughter of Major Smith, a Labourer (this Major Smith is extremely likely to be the son of John Smith and his wife Amelia nee Archbell born in 1817 who were living in Church Hill houses in 1841 and were documented earlier).

In 1871 Living at no. 3 Bramham Road (in Church Hill houses) Robert Watkin is aged 31, born Bramham and working as a Gardener, his wife Ellen is 28 born in Thorner, and their children are Mary A. aged 7, Eliza A. aged 5 both scholars, George R. aged 3, Selina M. aged 1 and nephew George Smith aged 1. (This George Smith is son of Sarah Ann Smith, a spinster, and she in turn is daughter of Major Smith. Nephew George was baptised on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1869 in Thorner.)

After a lot of searching I found this family in 1881 (name mis-transcribed at Walkin!) living at Lake Lodge in Scarcroft. Robert Watkin is 42 a Gardener (domestic Servant) born in Bramham wife Ellen is 40 born Thorner, children are Selina M(argaret) aged 12, William A. aged 11 and Archibald aged 10 who are born in Thorner and younger siblings Emily E. aged 4 and Alice aged 2 were born in Scarcroft. In 1891 they are living in Roundhay/Seacroft: Robert Watkin age 51 a Gardener Domestic, born Bramham, wife Ellen is also age 51 born in Thorner, the family has expanded in the last 20 years and now their children include George aged 24 a Labourer, Archibald aged 19, a Gardener, Alice aged 14, James H. aged 8 a scholar and a visitor Gertrude Leeks age 3, all born in Thorner. There are two possible records of death for Robert Watkin in Leeds in 1892 and in 1894. Certainly by 1901 Ellen Watkin is a widow and it looks like times are hard. She is living at no. 5 Clifdale Place, north west Leeds (between Sheepscar and Meanwood?). Ellen is aged 61 and working as a Laundress, son James Herbert Watkin, aged 18 is a Tanners Labourer, daughter Alice Elizabeth Tolladay, married, aged 25, granddaughter Gladys May Tolladay is 1 month old born in Leeds, son-in-law Albert Lacy is 34 also a Tanners Labourer born in Leeds, daughter Emily Ellen Lacy is 24 and three Lacy children living with them, Beatrice Helen aged 6, Doris aged 3, baby Annie aged 8 months, all born in Leeds. Ellen Watkins dies at the very end of 1918 about 79 years of age and is buried on 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1919 in Beckett Street Cemetery in the non-conformist section. Of the children living in 1871 in the Church Hill houses:

- Mary Ann Watkin was born in the Oct-Dec quarter of 1863 in the Bramham registration district which includes Thorner. In 1881 she is a General Domestic Servant aged 18 working for a Scottish family in Potter Newton near Chapel Allerton: James S. Brown, a Linen Draper employing 11 staff, wife and children. On 9<sup>th</sup> February 1885 Mary Ann marries Lewis Leeks of similar age, a Groom, in Thorner. They both sign the register and one of the witnesses is Mary Ann's sister Selina Watkin who signs with a very shaky signature. Louis Leeks dies age 27 and is buried on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1890 at Roundhay St. John. I think that the Gertrude Leek, 3 year old visitor living with Ellen Watkin in 1891 is probably Mary Ann's daughter but at that time, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1891 she is marrying again, probably having been widowed although on the parish marriage register it states she is a spinster. She marries Thomas Cowgill, aged 38, a Moulder, living at Barrack Street, son of Thomas Cowgill, deceased, a Bleacher. The marriage takes place at Sheepscar St. Clement's. Mary Ann is 27 at the time and also living on Barrack Street. They both sign the register and her father, Robert Watkin, is one of the witnesses. At the 1891 census on 5<sup>th</sup> April, the newly married couple are living at 13 Myrtle

Square, Chapel Allerton: Thomas Cowgill is 35, an Iron Moulder, born in Fifeshire, Scotland, Mary Ann is 27 and states she was born in Scarcroft, their children, (presumably Thomas Cowgill's step children) are: Louisa Leeks Cowgill aged 7, Horace Leeks Cowgill aged 5 and Willie Leeks Cowgill aged 2 all born in Scarcroft. I cannot find Mary Ann Cowgill in 1901 but in 1911 she is living at 22 Craven Road, Woodhouse, Leeds (in a house with 3 rooms including the kitchen) listed as Mary Cowgill, age 45, widow, she was married for 20 years and 3 out of 6 children born alive in that marriage are still alive, she states she was born in Thorner. Living with her in 1911 are children Robert Cowgill aged 18, an Insurance Clerk born in Leeds, Harold Cowgill aged 16, working as a Machine boy in a Cloth Mill, born in Seacroft, Violet Cowgill aged 10 at school, born in Leeds and William Leeks aged 22, a Goods Carrier in a Jam Factory born in Scarcroft. In 1939 Mary Ann Cowgill is living alone at 22 Craven Road, Woodhouse, Leeds, widowed, giving her birth date as 20<sup>th</sup> November 1863. Mary Ann Cowgill dies in the Oct-Dec quarter of 1949, aged 87, in Leeds.

- Eliza Amelia Watkin was baptised in Thorner on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1865 daughter of Robert & Ellen Watkin. In 1881 she can be found aged 16 working as a Domestic Servant at the Clarendon Hotel, 79 Victoria Road, Leeds (south) working for the Inn Keeper, John McDonald from Ayrshire, Scotland and his Leeds born wife Louisa and their 3 young children. On 24<sup>th</sup> December 1883 Eliza Amelia Watkin, aged 18, spinster of Scarcroft married John Gillings, age 26, bachelor, a Platelayer from Sherburn. John Gillings signed with his mark X but Eliza signed the register, one of the witnesses was Major Smith, perhaps her grandfather, sibling or cousin. In 1891 Eliza aged 25 and husband John Gillings, a Farm Labourer, aged 33 are living at Dairy Farm (near Buslingthorpe Lane), Woodhouse, Leeds with their 3 young children: James aged 6, Florence E. aged 5 and George aged 2. The Gillings/Jillings family cannot be found in 1901 but in 1911 they can be found living at 8 Cyprus Mount, Woodhouse, Leeds, a house with 4 rooms including the kitchen. John Jillings (sic) is aged 54 working as a Farm Labourer - Milk, born in Newton, wife of 26 years Eliza is aged 44, born in Thorner (8 out of their 10 children born alive are still alive). Their children living with them in 1911 are May aged 24 unemployed born in Moortown, George aged 22, a Gardener Domestic born in Meanwood, Arthur aged 19, also a Gardener Domestic was born in Woodhouse, Sydney aged 17 unemployed, Maurice 11, Maud 9, Mabel 7 and Lawrence aged 5 were all born in Woodhouse. Although I cannot find her in the 1939 pre-war (census) record there is an appropriate death date for her: 'Eliza A Jillings age 84 (born approx. 1865), Jan 1949, in the Leeds, Yorkshire registration district'.
- George Robert Watkin was baptised in Thorner on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1867 son of Robert and Helen Watkin. In 1871 he is living with his parents at 3 Bramham Road (Church Hill) as listed earlier. I cannot find his parents in 1881 but George is working as a Ag. Servant on Spofforth Park Farm in Spofforth aged 15. in 1885 he enlists as a Private in the West Yorkshire Regiment at York. On his enlistment papers his physical description is aged 19 years and 2 months, height 5ft 5.5 inches, dark brown hair, hazel eyes and light complexion with a scar on the left side of his neck. He weighs 122.5 lbs and his chest measures 33 inches. He is declared fit. On 16 September 1890, after serving 4 years and 250 days, he is declared medically unfit and discharged. His parents are named on this record. He served in the East Indies for 3 years during his service. 1891 he is living in Roundhay with his parents again and working as a Gardener (as listed above). On 1<sup>st</sup> November the same year George Robert Watkin, aged 23, gets married at Meanwood Holy Trinity Church. His bride is Sarah Elizabeth Lacey, aged 19, a spinster living at 6 Green Row. Both his father, Robert Watkin, and her father, Robert Lacey, are gardeners like George at that time. (George's younger sister Emily Ellen also marries into a Lacy family – probably the same). In the 1901 census, living on Barrowby Lane in Barwick in Elmet, Robert Wadkin (sic) aged 33 is now working as a Coal Miner (Hewer), his wife Sarah is aged 29 and they have two young children Lucy aged 6 and Alfred aged 5 all are down as having been born in Leeds. Circumstances have changed again by 1911 and, living at 3 Wordsworth Street on Kirkstall Road, George Watkin is aged 46 and working as a Tanner in the Leatherworks. His wife of 20 years, Sarah is aged 38 and she states that all 4 of their children born alive are still alive and they are Lucy aged 16 who is working as a Finisher (Tailoress), Alfred aged 14 a scholar, Vernon aged 8 and Victor aged 6, all born in Leeds. George R. Watkin dies between Oct-Dec 1914 aged 49 in the Leeds Registration district.
- Selina Margaret Watkin was baptised on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1869 daughter of Robert & Ellen Watkin at Thorner St Peter's Church. She lived with her parents in 1871 and 1881. On 19<sup>th</sup> November 1890 at Buslingthorpe St Michael, Selina Margaret Watkin age 22, spinster of Dairy Farm, marries James Nettleton, aged 25, a bachelor and a Stone Mason living at 17 Viscounts Place. Their fathers are listed as Robert Watkin, gardener and John Nettleton, builder. In 1901 Selina Nettleton is aged 32, living on The Green, Seacroft with her husband James aged 35 who was born in Roundhay and is now working as a Bricklayers Labourer. Their children are Hilda aged 12 born in Scarcroft, Kelly aged 9 born in Meanwood, Florence aged 7, Selina 5 and

Doris aged 2 all born in Seacroft and William Watkin aged 31 a lodger (and probably Selina's younger brother) who is working as a Labourer on Roads, born in Thorner. James Nettleton dies and is buried in Seacroft St James' churchyard on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1906 age 41. Selina Margaret who has moved back to Scarcoft gets married again in Seacroft St James' on 3<sup>rd</sup> October in 1908. Selina is aged 38 and noted as a widow, her bachelor groom is Harry Monk, aged 27, a Miner from Seacroft. Selina's father is noted as Robert Watkin, deceased, Gardener and Harry's father is Arthur Monk also a Miner. They sign the register and one of the witnesses is Gertrude Leeks who was living as a visitor with the Watkin family in 1891. In 1911 they can be found living on The Green, Seacroft (a house with only 3 rooms including the kitchen): Harry Monks age 29, Miner (Hewer) born in Seacroft, wife of 2 years Selina Margarett (sic) aged 42, step children: Mary Ellen Nettleton aged 19, single, Domestic Servant born in Meanwood, Selina Nettleton aged 15, single, Domestic Servant born in Seacroft, Doris Jane Nettleton aged 12 a scholar, Harold William Nettleton aged 7, Cecil Nettleton aged 5 all born in Seacroft and Harry and Selina's baby daughter Violet Monks aged 2 born in Seacroft. Selina Margaret Monks of The Green Seacroft dies a year later and is buried on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1912 aged 45 in Seacroft St James'.

- Nephew George Smith who was living with the Watkin family in 1871 at 6 Bramham Road and was the son, as we mentioned earlier, of Ellen's sister Sarah Ann Smith, a spinster, he was baptised in Thorner in September 1869. The only further record I can find for him with any certainty was in 1901 he was living as a boarder at 11 Suffolk Street, Stockton on Tees, Durham with (possibly a friend) George Beck age 32 an Iron Moulder born in Holbeck, Yorkshire and his wife Lizzie A. aged 26 born in Norton, Durham. George is 31 years old, born in Thorner, and working in the Ironworks possibly as a C.a.rman (Carman? Not really legible).

**3. No. 5 Bramham Road – John & Ellen Smith:** We covered John Smith from the 1841 census, but after his death in 1875 his widow remains on Mill Hill, at no. 2 in 1881 and is working as a Charwoman, widow, aged 63. In 1891, still there, aged 75, living alone, widow, there is nothing filled in for employment. No further records can be found for Ellen Smith but she is no longer living on Mill Hill by 1901 so perhaps she goes to live with a child. There are a few records for the death an Ellen Smith in the following decade and her death could be one of those.

**4. No. 7 Bramham Road – John & Catharine Bowes family:** In 1851, living in Moor House, Hurst village in the parish of Marrick in north Swaledale John was living with his parents and grandparents: head of the family was his grandfather John Siddle age 64 a Farmer of 30 acres born in Hurst, Yorks., grandmother Margaret Siddle age 64 born in Holgate, Yorks., his father Thomas Bowes age 31 a Farm Servant born in Downholme (Swaledale) and his mother Ann aged 29, listed as being a Farmers Daughter, born in Helwith, Swaledale, John had 2 younger siblings Ann aged 3 and William 11 months old, they were all born in Marrick, Swaledale. I cannot find a suitable record for John Bowes in 1861 but as he is aged 16, he is probably a Labourer on a farm, perhaps nearer to Thorner because on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1869, aged 25, in Thorner St Peter's Church he marries Catherine Ann Stead who was aged 19, a spinster of Thorner. His father is confirmed as Thomas Bowes, Labourer and her father is Joshua Stead, a Miller. So, in 1871, living at no. 7 Bramham Road, John Bowes was an Ag. Lab. aged 26 and was born in Marrick, Yorkshire. His wife Catharine was 20 years old, was born in Thorner. His mother was living with them, Ann Bowes aged 49 born in Elwith(Helwith), Yorkshire. Later in 1871 (Oct-Dec) John and Catherine Ann Bowes have a son, Arthur but he dies in the same quarter, on 9<sup>th</sup> December that year and is buried with a shared headstone (first name) in St Peter's graveyard (photo right), Thorner. In 1881 the family are living in no 2 Station Cottage, Thorner, John Bows (sic) is aged 36, working as a Railway Platelayer born in Marrick, Durham; his wife Catherine is aged 30 and they have 4 more children: Thomas aged 7, Hannah 4, Albert 2 and baby John William aged 7 months all born in Thorner. Living with them at that time also is Joshua Stead, Catherine's father, aged 74 a widower born in Hambleton(?), Selby, Yorks. More sadness comes when son Ernest who was born on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1882 dies around June 1884 and is buried in Thorner with his name on his brother's headstone in the graveyard. In 1891, now living on Main Street, Thorner, John Bows is 46, a NER Platelayer, wife Catherine is 40 and the children living with them are: Thomas aged 18 a Gardener, Albert aged 12, John William aged 10 and Ada aged 6, all scholars. In 1901, living on Church Road, Thorner, John Bowes is 56 still working as a Platelayer on the Railway, wife Catherine Ann is 50, daughter Ada is now 16 and working as a Domestic Servant, and a new son, Harold who was born on 29 July 1893 should be aged 7 but is incorrectly recorded as being aged 22. In 1911, living in Thorner with no other clue as to address, John is 66 and still a Railway Platelayer, his wife of 41 years Catherine Ann is 60 and she states that 6 out of 8 children born alive are still alive (having lost Arthur and Ernest),



Ada is 26 and not working and young Harold is now 17 and working as a Gardeners Boy. In 1912 they lose another son, John William dies aged 32 and is buried under the headstone in Thorner, followed by his mother Catherine Ann Bowes dying in 1913 aged 62 and the last one on the headstone is John Bowes himself who dies in 1924 aged 79. His mother, Ann Bowes, nee Siddle, who was living with the family in 1871 died herself in 1887 in the Northallerton registration district. Not really connected to Church Hill Cottages but carrying on in the same family, Harold Bowes married in July 1919 in Thorner to Ruth Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Henry Brown and in 1939 they are living in Bardsey at no. 2 Station Cottages and Harold is working as a Signaller, they are still living there in 1961. Harold dies in 1892. Ada Bowes gets married in Thorner on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1927 to Fred Yates son of George Yates. By 1939 Ada has been widowed, is living at no. 3 Kensington Ave, Thorner with her single older sister Hannah Bowes and an invalid called William Elstub. In 1961 on the electoral register Ada Yates is still living at 3 Kensington Avenue, Thorner. I cannot find evidence that Ada and Fred Yates had any children but this may not be accurate. Ada died in 1967 and she was buried alongside Fred in Thorner St Peter's graveyard (photo right).



**5. No. 9 Bramham Road – William Watson:** William was covered in the 1861 census, above, when he was living with his brother Benjamin.

**6. No. 11 Bramham Road – Thomas & Elizabeth Swales family:** In 1851, living in Thorner but with no street address, Joseph Swales was aged 29, working as a Wheelwright born in Horsforth, his wife Sarah was aged 26 born in Rishworth, Yorkshire, their children were Thomas aged 6, Ann 5 and Zillah 3, all scholars and Eliza aged 1 all born Horsforth, and Joseph's sister-in-law Ruth Crawshaw aged 32, single, a Silk Reeler, born in Rishworth (so probably Sarah's sister). In 1861 Joseph and Sarah are 10 years older, he is still a Wheelwright and they are living on Back Street, (off Main Street) in Thorner; their children are Thomas now 14, Zillah aged 13, Stephen aged 9 born in Thorner, Sarah J. aged 6 and Hannah aged 3 both also born in Thorner. In 1866 there is a marriage in the Bramham registration district of a Thomas Swales and an Elizabeth Swann which is probably correct for this couple. In 1871 living at 11 Bramham Road, Thomas Swales is 26, an Ag. Lab. born in Horsforth, his wife Elizabeth is 21 and was born in Linton, their daughter Sarah is aged 3 and was born in Thorner. Moving away in 1881, possibly in search of employment, Living on Hunsworth Lane, Hunsworth (near Cleckheaton) Thomas Swales aged 36 is an Ag. Lab., Elizabeth is aged 30, their children: Elizabeth aged 13 is working as a Finisher at Worsted Mill, Martha Eliza is 9, Zillah (or Rosalie) is 7 both born Thorner, Jane aged 5, Alfred aged 3, John William aged 1 were all born in Hunsworth. In 1891 they have moved again but not far to Wood Nook in Liversedge, Thomas aged 46 is a (Car?) Teamer, Elizabeth is 41, daughter Elizabeth E. is 23 a Worsted Spinner (Drawer), Martha E. aged 20 is a Worsted Spinner (Drawer), Rosalie (Zillah) aged 17 is a Worsted Spinner (Rover), Jane aged 15 is a Worsted Spinner (Finisher), Alfred aged 13 is a Worsted Spinner (Bobbin Setter), John W. who is 11 years old is a Butcher, Joseph 9 and Richard 6 are both scholars. In 1901 they are still in Liversedge, at Lyne Fold; Thomas Swales (sic) is 56, a Teamster Carm(?) (a Teamster originally drove a team of pack animals pulling carts so it will be along these lines but the Carm word is clearly written but I have no idea what it adds to the role of Teamster). His wife Elizabeth is 50, son Alfred is 23 and doing the same job as his father, Teamster Carm, John W. aged 21 and Joseph aged 19 are both Pulley Makers and Richard aged 17 is a Worsted Overlooker. I assume Thomas and Elizabeth Swales die in the next 10 years as I cannot find them in the 1911 census and their 3 younger sons have all dispersed and married themselves. Sarah Swales who was 3 and living on Bramham Road in 1871 was baptised in Thorner on 26 July 1868 as Sarah Ellen Swales. By 1881 she has disappeared and I can find no record of death but in the 1881 census they have a daughter they didn't have before called Elizabeth E. Swales of 13 years and I wonder if this is the same child with a changed name, especially as Zillah's name changed to Rosalie between two later census returns.

**7. No. 13 Bramham Road - John & Mary Taylor family:** John is son of William & Ann Taylor and his full history was given from 1851 census.

**8. No. 15 Bramham Road – Bessy Wrigglesworth:** Bessy or rather Elizabeth Wrigglesworth was covered in the 1841 census.

**9. No. 17 Bramham Road – George & Elizabeth Wrigglesworth family:** This family were covered in the 1861 census



### 1881 Census – families from this date

Note: In this census the Mill House (2 separate residences), opposite the recessed 3 cottages on Mill Hill was still in evidence and inhabited by two separate families: Corn Miller John Hartley aged 38, his nephew, niece and a servant in no. 1 and Rose Burton a widow age 66 and her niece in the other. The only other properties from the Bramham boundary down to Mill Hill cottages were, in order listed: Nova Scotia, Norwood House, Thorner Grange, Kensington Terrace (7 entries), Kirkhill House and Vicarage. There is no evidence of the Manor House yet. So, continuing down the hill:

**No. 1 Mill Hill: Mary Spencer & son George:** Covered in 1861 census.

**No. 2 Mill Hill: Ellen Smith:** Covered in 1871 census.

**No. 3 Mill Hill: James & Mary Ann Taylor family:** James Taylor's early life was covered from the 1851 census when he was living with his brother John (below) and parents in Church Hill houses. So, this is a continuation. In 1881 James has moved into no. 3 Mill Hill (houses were listed from the top of the road from Kensington Avenue), he is 34, working as an Ag. Lab. born in Thorner, his wife Mary Ann is 31 and born in Linton, Yorkshire. Their children are: Ann Elizabeth aged 11, Emily 9, Jemima 7, Mary Jane 5, Joe 2 and baby Helena who is 6 months old, all born in Thorner. In 1891 they are still living on Mill Hill, James is 46, a Farm Labourer, wife Mary Ann is 42 and the children living with them are Annie Emily aged 22 and Mary Jane aged 15, both working as Domestic Servants, Joseph 13 a Farm Servant, Hilda 10, Nellie 8, James Alfred 4, Louise 3 all scholars and baby Amelia aged 1 year all born in Thorner. In 1901 the address is given as Bramham Road, Mill Hill: James 56 is now a Masons Labourer, Mary Ann 50, Joseph 23 and James Alfred 16 both working as Ag. Labs., Amelia 10 and Oliver 8.

In 1911 the census, as it was filled in incorrectly, gives us a bit of extra information under where the official enumerator has later crossed it out. (1911 is the first year when the householder, usually the head of house, fills out the form themselves – son Fred (James Alfred) has filled it in on this occasion). The family have moved out of Thorner in 1911 and their address is given as Dawsons Yard, Seacroft (a house with 5 rooms including the kitchen); James is 65 and working as a Cart Man for a Builder (Unable to Work), wife of 41 years is Mary Ann aged 60 and she states that 11 out of the 16 children born alive to them are still alive). They accidentally list 4 of the children who have died, but first are the children living there: Fred aged 24 Bricklayer for a Builder, Amelia aged 20 working as a Servant, Oliver aged 19 an Apprentice Painter and grandson Harold Wood aged 12 a scholar born in Leeds (Harold Wood was the son or stepson of daughter Mary Jane who married Horace Wood – see later). Then the 4 children listed and crossed out with ages that might refer to the age they died rather than their age at this date: Annie Elizabeth Taylor 36 – dead, Joseph 24 – dead, Daisy 1 – dead, Harry 5 months – dead. I will include a copy of this census return on the next page as it is a little unusual. There are two likely records of death for this couple but they would need verifying with a death certificate to be certain. In the Oct-Dec Q. of 1915 a Mary A. Taylor died age 65 in Leeds, in the Jan-Mar Q. 1917 James Taylor died age 70 in the Leeds registration district. Of their 16 children, in age order:

- Ann Elizabeth Richmond (born 3 or 4 months before her parent's marriage but later took father's(?) name of Taylor) was baptised on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1869. James Taylor was indicated as the father in the 1911 census return but it would be quite interesting to see her birth certificate. I cannot find a marriage, a death record or a census return after the 1891 census for Annie Elizabeth so can give you no information after she was 22 except that she is declared dead in the 1911 census aged 36. I have searched for a death record around 1905 but although there are several possibilities there are none with the exact name.
- Leila Taylor was baptised on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1871, after the 1871 census but she must have died before the 1881 census and there is no obvious record of death for her in Thorner, although there is for an earlier child named Leylah Taylor but she was an infant of John Taylor the brother of James.
- Emily Taylor was baptised in Thorner on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1872. She is living with the family aged 9 in 1881 and then I can find no other record for her. There are some possible ones but nothing concrete in Thorner.



- Jemima Taylor was born in the summer of 1874, was baptised, a year later, on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1875 in Thorner St. Peter's and was living on Bramham Road in 1881 with her family aged 7. In 1891 she is aged 16, living and working as a Servant down in Staffordshire for a Benjamin Butler aged 62 and his wife Elizabeth Butler aged 59. In 1901 she is aged 25, working in Headingley, Leeds as a Housekeeper for a widower named Francis Green aged 61. Later that year, on 31<sup>st</sup> August in Thorner St Peter's Jemima Taylor marries Mark Birdsall, a bachelor aged 26 from Tadcaster who is working as a Coachman. His father is Martin Birdsall a Farmer and her father, James Taylor is listed as a Labourer. Mark and Jemima both sign the marriage register and Hilda Taylor, probably her younger sister, is one of the witnesses. By 1911, judging by the place of birth of the children, the family have moved around a bit but ended up at Great House Cottage, Red Lane, Colne, Lancs (a house with 3 rooms including the kitchen), Mark Birdsall is aged 35, working as a Chauffeur, Domestic and was born in Toulson, Yorks., Jemima, his wife of 10 years is aged 35 and she states that all 4 of her 4 children born alive are still alive and are listed here: Leonard aged 6 born at Roundhay, Cecil aged 4 born at East Keswick, Lillian aged 2 born at Burleythorpe, Yorks. and baby son Leslie aged 1 month was born in Colne. In 1939 they are living at 20 Croft Street, Pudsey, Yorks. Mark Birdsall states that he was born on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1875 and he is a Labourer Steel Heavy Work, Jemima's birthday is 10<sup>th</sup> August 1875(?) and she is doing Unpaid Domestic Duties which is the standard phrase for a not-employed wife. She states her birthday is Aug 1875 but she was born in the summer of 1874 and her baptism was May 1875 so there is an error of memory there. Also her husband's birth year was 1874 and they were the same age so a miscalculation of the year of birth for both of them. Jemima Birdsall died aged 71, in the Bradford registration district in the spring of 1946. Later that year Oct-Dec it looks like Mark married again to a Mary E. Collett. He died in the Jan-Mar Q. of 1962 in Wharfedale registration district, aged 88.
- Mary Jane Taylor was born in the spring of 1876 and was baptised in Thorner on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1876. She lived for the first two census returns of her life, 1881 & 1891 with her parents. In the Oct-Dec Q. 1899 she married Horace Wood in Leeds using the name Jane Taylor. In 1901, living at Whinmoor, Barwick in Elmet, Horace Wood was 22, a Farm Labourer born in Hunslet, Mary Wood (nee Taylor) was 23 born in Thorner and they had a 3 year old son (a step son?). By 1911 their fortunes had dipped, the family were boarding with another larger family, 14 of them altogether in a house with 4 rooms (inc. kitchen) at Shafton Brickyard, near Barnsley: Horace Wood was 34, working as a Coal Miner, Hewer, saying he was born in Seacroft (not Hunslet), his wife of 11 years was Mary Jane Wood aged 35 born in Thorner. She states that 4 out of 6 of their children that were born alive are still alive and they are listed here (so Harold must have been a step child – he was in fact living in Seacroft with his (step grandparents James and Mary Ann Taylor – see earlier): Mary Elizabeth aged 8 was born in Seacroft, Ethel aged 6, Ellen aged 4, and George aged 2 were all born in Houghton near Barnsley. I am not sure where this couple went after this. There are some appropriate deaths in Bradford for Harold and Bramley for Mary Jane but I cannot confirm they are for this couple.
- Joseph Taylor born in the first 3 months of 1878 and was baptised on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 1878 in Thorner St. Peter's. He lived at home for the first two census returns in 1891 and in 1901 when he was working as an Ag. Lab. He died in the Holbeck registration district of Leeds in the Oct-Dec Q. 1901 aged 21.
- Eleanor (Nellie) Taylor was born around Sept 1880 and baptised 18<sup>th</sup> September 1881. She is named as Helena in the 1881 census and just a few months old, then named Nellie, aged 8, living with her parents on Mill Hill in 1891. In 1901 Nellie is working as a servant, aged 21, in a house in Potter Newton Park (Leeds) for a widow and her 4 adult children. On 9<sup>th</sup> January 1906 Eleanor Taylor, 24, Spinster of Seacroft gets married to John Deighton, also 24, bachelor, Joiner of Harehills Road, Leeds. Their fathers are George Deighton a Labourer and James Taylor, Labourer. In 1911, living at no 1 Conway Terrace, Leeds, a house with 4 rooms including the kitchen, John Deighton is aged 30, working as a Tramway Conductor for the City Corporation, born in Roundhay, wife of 5 years Eleanor Deighton is aged 29, born in Thorner, she has had one child and he is living with them, Wilfred Arnold Deighton aged 4 years born in Seacroft. I cannot find any more records that I can be certain apply for this lady, there are too many.
- There is a bit of uncertainty around Edith Taylor as it seems she is also known as Hilda Taylor. They are the same age and there is no duplication of record so I think they are possibly the same person. There is a record for a Hilda Taylor born in Oct-Dec 1882 (could be a Aug or Sept birth, you had a few weeks in which to register a birth) and the birth is registered in the Wetherby district but there is no registration record for an Edith Taylor. However, there is a parish record for a baptism of Edith Taylor in Thorner on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1883 and her birth is given in that record as 29<sup>th</sup> August 1882. But no baptism for Hilda. I have noticed however that there was another Edith baptised on the same day, 9<sup>th</sup> September, so I expect the Clerk writing

up the records later just made an error, so I shall go with Hilda as the correct name. The next record is the 1891 census and it is for Hilda Taylor aged 10 living on Mill Hill – she is mistakenly put as being older than Eleanor who is 8 but she is in fact the younger of the two so they were perhaps muddled at time of recording the census. In 1901, living in Headingley, Hilda Taylor, aged 17, born in Thorner, is working as a Servant for Henry and Gertrude Dixon aged 28 and 31 respectively, both born in Leeds. On 11<sup>th</sup> August 1906, spinster Hilda Taylor, age 22 of Seacroft marries Tom Hewson, a 24 year old bachelor, working as an Electrician, of no. 5 Queens Court, Leeds. Their fathers are Robert Hewson, Farm Labourer and James Taylor, Carter. Hilda and Tom sign the register and the witnesses are Fred Taylor and Amelia Taylor, Hilda's younger siblings. In 1911 the couple can be found living at 9a Dairy Street, Delph Lane, Leeds (a house with 4 rooms inc. kitchen): Tom Hewson aged 29 is working as an Electrical Switchboard Attendant for Municipal, born in Kirkby Fleetham, Bedale, Yorks., his wife of 4 years is calling herself Hilda Violet Taylor, she is aged 27 and she has had no children (born alive anyway), she is born in Thorner, Leeds. In 1939 they have gone to live (or perhaps were taking a holiday) in an apartment at 33 Sandylands Promenade in Heysham, Morcombe, Lancs. Tom states that his birthday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1882 and he is (was) an Electrical Engineer, Hilda V. Hewson says her birthday is 29<sup>th</sup> August 1880 (making her 2 years older than she is) and she is doing Unpaid Domestic Service. Hilda Hewson dies in the first few months of 1945 in Leeds, Yorkshire and Tom Hewson dies in the summer of 1965 aged 83. There was no clear evidence that they had children.

- James Alfred Taylor was born on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1885 and baptised in Thorner St Peter's Church on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1886. He lived with his parents for 3 census returns and was the son, Fred, who filled in the 1911 census return when he was a Bricklayer working for a Builder and the family were living in Seacroft at Dawson Yard. I cannot narrow down any further records for a James Alfred or a Fred in 1939 or for a marriage or death record – there are too many options to guess.
- Daisy Taylor was born on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1888, baptised on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1889 but sadly died in December that year and was buried on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1889 in Thorner St Peter's Church aged 15 months.
- Louisa Taylor was born on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1888 then baptised on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1890 when her younger sister Amelia was also baptised in St Peter's Church. She was living, aged 3, with her parents in the 1891 census but not in the 1901 census. I cannot find any more records for this girl but she is not listed as dead on the 1911 census mentioned above.
- Amelia Taylor was born on 19<sup>th</sup> September 1889 and baptised on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1890 along with her older sister Louisa mentioned above. She was just one year old when living with her parents, James and Mary Ann Taylor on Mill Hill in 1891. She is also living with them in 1901 on Mill Hill aged 10. And again in 1911 at Dawsons Yard, Seacroft, aged 20 working as a Servant. There are no more records after this time that I can be sure of.
- Henry Taylor was born 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 1890 and baptised on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 1890, but sadly he died in January 1891 aged only a few months and was buried on 1<sup>st</sup> February in Thorner.
- Oliver Taylor was born on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1891, baptised on 6<sup>th</sup> December 1891. He is living with his parents on Mill Hill aged 10 in 1901 and in 1911 he has moved with them to Dawsons Yard, Seacroft and is working as an Apprentice Painter aged 20. There is a likely date for the death of Oliver Taylor in Oct-Dec Q. of 1918 in the Wharfedale district. He would have been aged 27 but I cannot find a military record for him so maybe ill health was the cause. More research needed to prove this date relates to this Oliver.

**Nos 4,5 & 6. Mill Hill:** 3 houses recorded as unoccupied

(Then these are the recessed part of Mill Hill Houses)

**No. 7 but written as no. 4 Mill Hill: Stephen & Harriet Payley family:** Covered in 1841 census

**No. 8 but written as no. 6 Mill Hill: John & Mary Taylor family:** Most of this family was covered from the 1851 section when John was living on Mill Hill with his parents and siblings but to remind ourselves from 1881 John Taylor was aged 40, an Ag. Lab. born in Thorner, his wife Mary Taylor was aged 46 and was born in Bramham, their children were Charles Taylor aged 14, Ada Taylor aged 11, George Taylor aged 8, Herbert Taylor aged 7, Martha Taylor aged 3 and all the children were born in Thorner. We dealt with the deaths of John & Mary Taylor earlier plus their children Lilah, Anne, & Martha so here we will cover the following children living there in 1881.

- Charles Taylor was not living with his parents in 1891 and I cannot find him, but in 1901 he was back with them and his brother George, on Mill Hill aged 32 and working as a Teamer (? If read correctly – could mean he ran a ploughing team of horses). In 1911 he is living at no. 6 Church Hill, head of house, single aged 42

working as a Horseman on a Farm and sharing with his siblings, Ada Taylor, aged 40, single working as a Housekeeper and brother George Taylor, aged 37 working as a Cowman on a Farm. In the 1920 Electoral Register Charles and younger brother George Taylor are still living on Mill Hill. Ada is not mentioned on this occasion but was perhaps living there. (Other women were mentioned but Ada did not perhaps meet the property qualifications if she was there). In 1924 Charles dies and is buried and his name added to the family gravestone in Thorner St Peter's as mentioned above in 1851.

- Ada Taylor was baptised on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1870 daughter of John and Mary Taylor, John being noted as being a Labourer of Thorner. She was living with her parents in Mill Hill houses in 1871 and 1881. In 1891 she was aged 21 and working as a Domestic Servant at Nova Scotia (Farm) on Bramham Road for the Widow farmer Elizabeth Dalby and her 4 sons, 2 adult ones and 2 under 15. In 1901, aged 29, she had moved to Scarcroft where she was living on the Leeds and Wetherby Road working as a General Domestic Servant for Walker Conyers a 53 year old Tanner & Currier with his wife and 5 adult children. But by 1911 she had moved back to Church Hill living at no. 6, a house with 5 rooms including the kitchen, where, aged 40, she was working as Housekeeper, probably for the two single brothers she lived with, Charles aged 42 Horseman on a Farm and George aged 37 a Cowman on a Farm. Ada and younger brother, George Taylor, continued to live on Mill Hill and can be found there in the Electoral Registers of 1932 and 1935. In 1936 Ada & George Taylor have moved to no. 33 Kirkfield Lane. Ada Taylor died in the Jan-Mar Q of 1939 registered in the Wetherby district.
- George Taylor was baptised on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1873, son of John & Mary Taylor, a Labourer from Thorner at St Peter's Church, Thorner. He lived with his family in Mill Hill houses as recorded in the census return for 1881. In 1891. Aged 19, he is living and working as a Farm Servant at Rigton Carr, Bardsey-cum-Rigton for Francis Daniel, a Farmer, his wife and adult children. Another servant working there is 18 year old Mary E. Taylor but whilst she may be a cousin I have no knowledge of a connection between them. In 1901 he is back living with his parents and brother Charles on Mill Hill, aged 28 and also working as a Teamer on Farm. In 1911 he is living with brother Charles, sister Ada on Church Hill as listed in the above 2 paragraphs. George continues to live on Mill Hill with Charles (until he dies in 1924) and Ada (until she dies in 1939). I cannot find with any certainty the correct record of death for George Taylor, nor any more electoral register listings after 1939.
- Herbert Taylor was baptised on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1874 son of John and Mary Taylor of Thorner, Labourer. Herbert lived with his parents on Mill Hill as recorded in 1881. In the 1891 census he is aged 16 and now living and working at a Farm House on Main Street, Thorner for William Carr, a 69 year old widower and Farmer with his son and daughter, employed as a Farm Servant, Agriculture. On 4<sup>th</sup> February 1899 Herbert Taylor, bachelor, Labourer of Thorner marries Alice Jackson aged 21, a spinster of Thorner. Their fathers are listed as John Taylor, Labourer and Thomas Jackson, Police Constable. They sign Thorner Parish Register and the witnesses are John Henry Jackson and Minnie Jackson. In 1901, living on Church Road Thorner, Herbert Taylor is aged 25, working as a Stockherd on Farm, wife Alice is aged 23, and their two young children are Mary Emma aged 1 year and Thomas Jackson Taylor (named after her father) just 7 months old. In 1911, still in Thorner but no address given, a house with 3 rooms including the kitchen, Herbert Taylor is aged 35, a Shepherd Domestic, wife of 12 years is Alice aged 33, she states that all 4 of her 4 children born alive are still alive, and they are Mary Emma aged 11, Thomas Jackson aged 10, Alick aged 8 and Annie aged 6. In 1931 Herbert Taylor is living on Kirkfield Avenue with Alice and Annie Taylor. Alice Taylor died in the summer of 1932 and the last record I have for Herbert is in that year when he is recorded in the Electoral Register in Kirkfield Avenue living with his daughter (probably), Annie Taylor.

#### **No. 9 but recorded as no. 7 Mill Hill: William & Sarah Wrigglesworth family:**

This couple are covered in the 1841 section (first family). This information is about their daughter Esther Wrigglesworth who was living with them in 1861-1881 on Mill Hill:

Ester Wrigglesworth was baptised in Thorner on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1852 daughter of William Mawson (Wrigglesworth) and Sarah (Wrigglesworth) of Scarcroft, William Mawson, at that time, was noted as being an Innkeeper. She lived with her parents on Mill Hill as documented for them in the 1841 section above, until she got married.

Esther Wrigglesworth got married on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1883, as mentioned earlier, to George Peter Dalby a Thorner farmer, son of Robert Dalby, deceased (in 1861 Robert Dalby was a Farm Worker living in The Mexborough Inn and working for the landlord presumably on Mexborough Farm). Esther is aged 31 at the time of her marriage and George Peter Dalby is 24. In 1891 they are living in East Carlton (near Yeadon), George Peter is aged 32 a Farmer born in Thorner, Esther is aged 38 born in Scarcroft and their son Harold is aged 7, a Scholar, born in Thorner there are 3 servants (inc 2 farm servants) living with them. By 1901 they have moved to West Carlton and George is 42, still a Farmer, Esther 46 and Harold is 17, a Farmer's Son plus 2 servants.

In 1911 the address is identified as Hopewell Farm, West Carlton, George Peter Dalby is aged 52 a Farmer, employer, his wife of 28 years is Esther aged 55, who has had one child born alive/still alive, son Harold aged 27, Farmer's son working on Farm, his wife Florence aged 30 and 2 out of 2 of their children born alive are still alive and living with them: Fred aged 2 and Lucy aged 9 months, also 2 Farm Servants – a Waggoner on Farm and a Cowman, plus a female general servant.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1918, Esther Dalby dies aged about 64 and she is buried in Guiseley's St Oswald's churchyard along with her husband in 1934, her son in 1923 and his wife in 1950.



### 1891 Census – families from this date

In the 1991 census there is no mention of the Mill opposite the recessed part of Mill Hill Houses, so probably uninhabitable/demolished by then but the Manor House, Manor House Lodge and Manor House Cottage have been listed. Continuing down the hill we come to:

1. **Mary Linfoot, widow & 5 sons:** Living on Mill Hill in the first house listed after the Manor House, Mary Linfoot, a widow aged 51 from Appleton (Roebuck) was living with 5 of her sons, Amos aged 26 born in Farnley, A.(Albert) Henry aged 21 born in Ouseburn, Johnson aged 15 born in Wetherby, Edward aged 13 born in Bardsey, all working as Farm Labourers and son Ernest aged 10, a scholar, born in Tadcaster. Mary was baptised on 28 July 1839 in Bolton Percy, her name being Mary Elizabeth Johnson daughter of William and Anne Johnson. She got married on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1863 at Farnley St Michael's in the Kirkstall registration district to Robert Linfoot. In 1871 the couple were living in Hunsingore, just NE of Wetherby, Robert Linfoot aged 38 was an Ag. Lab. born in Hunsingore, Mary Eliz'th was 31 born in Appleton Roebuck and their first 3 children were Amos aged 6, a scholar, born in Farnley (the one near Kirkstall, not Otley), Alfred aged 3 born in Hunslet, and baby Albert Henry aged 1 born in Hunsingore. In 1881 the itinerant Farm Labouring family had moved, yet again to Up John (?), in Barwick in Elmet, Robert was 44, an Ag. HoLab. Mary E. was 42, sons Alfred was 13 a scholar born in Leeds, Albert 11 and William 8 both born in Hunsingore both scholars, Johnson aged 5, a scholar and Edward aged 3 both born at Rowley Grange, and baby Ernest 5 months born at Barnbow. (N.B. Rowley Grange, where Johnson and Edward were born is (in 2019) a ruined set of farm buildings on the right-hand side of the A58 as you head north from Scarcroft although it is just inside the boundary of Bardsey parish, I believe. It is beside the footpath that leads directly to Hetchell Woods). Robert Linfoot died shortly after the 1881 census and he was buried in Barwick in Elmet's All Saints Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1881 aged 45 years. Life must have been very hard for Mary Linfoot with 7 sons, the youngest being under one year old but she didn't marry again which is what the usual thing would have been at that time. The eldest who had left home in 1881 and was working on Nut Hill Farm near Stutton cum Hazlewood probably came home to help and the 13 year old probably gave up his schooling to go out to work. Certainly, by 1891 when the family had moved onto Mill Hill in Thorner she had 5 sons, Amos age 26, Albert Henry 21, Johnson 15, Edward aged 13 living at home going out to work as Farm Labourers and only the youngest, Ernest aged 10 was a scholar. Mary was living in the same house in the 1901 census return, aged 60, a Retired Laundress and living with her were sons Johnson (named after his mother's maiden name) aged 25 an Ag. Lab. born in Bardsey and Ernest aged 20 a Gardener, Domestic. In 1911 she is living in the same house, the first one listed after The Vicarage, on Church Hill, a house with 3 rooms including the kitchen: Mary Elizabeth Linfoot, widow aged 71, stating that 7 out of 7 children born alive are still alive, sons Johnson Linfoot age 35 a Farm Labourer, Horseman, Ernest aged 30 a Jobbing Gardener. According to the Electoral Register Mary Linfoot is living on Mill Hill up to and including 1922 when she is the only Linfoot listed as eligible to vote there. Mary Linfoot dies in the Jan-Mar Q. of 1923 aged 85 in the Tadcaster registration district but probably still living in Thorner at that time. Of her sons:
  - Amos Linfoot got married on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1897 to Annie Elizabeth Appleton at Stillingfleet near Tadcaster. In 1901 the young family were living on Hodgesons Terrace, Kirkgate, Tadcaster, Amos Linfoot was 31, a Boiler Foreman in Brewery, born Farnley (Leeds), wife Annie was 21 born Copmanthorpe, children: Martha Appleton aged 3, Alice 2 and baby Robert W(illiam) just 7 months all born in Tadcaster. In 1905 daughter Bertha Isabel was born but sadly died in less than 3 months. In 1911, living at no. 1 Stutton Grove, Tadcaster, Amos Linfoot is 44 a Brewers Labourer, his wife of 13 years is Annie Elizabeth aged 31, she states that 7 out of 8 of her children born alive are still alive and are listed here: Martha Appleton Linfoot aged 14, Alice 12 both born Tadcaster, Robert William aged 10 born Thorner, Gladie (Gladys May) 8 born Tadcaster, Thomas (Austin) Linfoot aged 4, Edith Annie aged 3 and baby John aged 1 all born in Stutton Grove. The couple go on to have the following more children Mary E. Linfoot in Jan Q. 1913, James in July Q. 1915, Bertha in Oct Q. 1918 and Cecilia in Jul Q. 1920 all in Tadcaster registration district (probably Stutton Grove). In 1939 they have moved to no. 2 Stutton Grove (from no. 1), Amos Linfoot gives his birthday as 14<sup>th</sup> May 1864 and his employment is Brewers

Labourer Retired, his wife Annie Elizabeth was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1879 and the only son listed and not redacted was Jack (probably born John) Linfoot born on 17<sup>th</sup> June 1909 and he is employed as a Bricklayers Labourer Heavy. Amos Linfoot died in the April Q. of 1940 aged 76 in the Tadcaster registration district. (N.B. in the 1939 pre-war Population Register of 1939, not a full census return, the people who were thought to be still alive when the document was made public relatively recently, were redacted out/blacked over)

- Albert Henry Linfoot was born in the last quarter of 1869 (26<sup>th</sup> Oct) in Hunsingore in the Great Ouseburn registration district. He lived with his parents/mother and siblings for the first 3 census returns in Hunsingore, Barwick in Elmet and then in Thorner. On 13<sup>th</sup> January 1897 at Crofton All Saints' Church, midway between Wakefield and Pontefract, the marriage took place of Albert Henry Linfoot, bachelor, Gardener, of Crofton Grange and Rose Jaques, spinster, also of Crofton Grange. The 1901 census finds them living on Wrays Street (High Street) Royston near Barnsley, Albert H Linfoot is aged 29, working as a Horse Reifxx? On Farm, wife Rose is 23 born in Doncaster (on 24 July 1877), two children are Frank 3 born in Pontefract and daughter Frances A(nnie) aged 1 year born in Halifax. Boarding with them at that time is William H. Eamo a Groom, Domestic aged 22 from Norfolk. In 1911 still on Wray Street in Royston life looks like it may have had a downward turn as Albert Henry is now aged 41 and working as a Coal Hewer, he is however living in a house with 5 rooms including the kitchen, his wife of 14 years, Rose, is 33 years old, she states that 3 out of 4 of her children born alive are still alive and they are Frank aged 13, Frances Annie aged 11, Ernest aged 7 but baby Louisa who was born in January 1902 died aged 2 months old. Within a few years the family have moved to no. 1 New Street in Hemsworth, just a little south of Crofton where they are recorded at the same address on the Electoral Register between 1918 and 1939: Albert Henry Linfoot, wife Rose, and children Frank and Frances Annie Linfoot. In 1939 Albert Linfoot's employment is given as Colliery Labourer Below (ground), Rose is assigned the usual label of Unpaid Domestic Duties and son Frank, who was born on 13 Aug 1897 is a Colliery Electrician Below. Frances Annie Linfoot's details have been redacted at this point probably because at the time of the official release of the document there was no evidence available that she was dead. Albert, Rose and son Frank were living in the same house in 1950 according to the Electoral Register and Albert H. Linfoot died in the Apr-Jun Q. of 1952 aged 82 in the Staincross, near Barnsley registration district.
- Johnson Linfoot was born at Rowley Grange (Scarcroft) in Bardsey parish and was baptised on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1878 in Bardsey All Saints' Church and was given his mother's maiden name as his forename. He lived first in Barwick in Elmet with both parents and then with his widowed mother in Thorner on Mill Hill. In 1911 there his employment was noted as Farm Labourer Horseman. He died in the spring of 1915 aged 38 and was buried in Thorner St Peter's on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1915.
- Edward Linfoot was also born at Rowley Grange on 26 June 1877 in Bardsey parish. He Lived in Barwick in 1881 where his father died when he was about 4 years old, then on Mill Hill, Thorner in 1891, with his mother and siblings working as a Farm Labourer aged 13. In 1901 Edward, aged 23 was working as a Horseman on a Farm for a Widow named Ann E Todd and her 4 adult children on King Lane, Alwoodley. In 1911 Edward Linfoot is still single, aged 33, living as a Visitor at The Ranchos(?), Burn near Selby, working as a Horseman, born in Bardsey. He is staying with John Kerby Houlding a 55 year old, married, Inn Keeper and family. In the last quarter of 1919 Edward Linfoot and Mary Maltby were married in the Wetherby registration district and they had a daughter named Mary in the spring of 1921. In 1939, living on Main Street, Thorner Edward Linfoot, who was born on 26 June 1877 was working as a Gardener Domestic and his wife Mary who was born on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1883 was doing Household Duties, there are 2 names after them that are redacted, one maybe their daughter Mary Linfoot but I cannot find another child for them so it may have been a spouse for Mary, a child or a lodger. The Barkston Ash Electoral Register for Thorner shows Edward and Mary Linfoot living on Main Street, Thorner between/including 1935 and 1960. Edward Linfoot dies aged 91 in the summer of 1968 registered in the Barkston Ash registration district.
- Ernest Linfoot was born in Barwick in Elmet on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1880 and was baptised there in All Saints' Church the following month on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1880. He lived in Barwick with his parents and siblings in 1881 but had moved to Thorner Mill Hill to live with his mother for the next 3 census returns in 1891, 1901 when he was 20 and working as a Gardener, and 1911 when he was aged 30 and working as a Jobbing Gardener. In the spring of 1919 Ernest Linfoot marries in Hitchin, Herts to a lady named Fanny P Brown but I suspect she is a widow, nee Cherry, and was previously married to Frank Brown in 1904 and she has some children by her first marriage but more research is needed on this one. Edward Linfoot



and Fanny probably have 2 of their own children, Ernest Linfoot in July Q. 1923 and Dorothy M. Linfoot in Oct Q. 1924 both in the Hitchin district. In 1939 living at 22 The Crescent, Hitchin, Ernest Linfoot gives his birthday correctly as 30<sup>th</sup> October 1880 and he is working as a Nursery Gardener and Fanny F. Linfoot who is born on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1885 is doing Unpaid Domestic Duties. Ernest Linfoot dies in the Hitchin, Hertfordshire area in the Oct Q. of 1952 aged 72.

2. **Ellen Smith**: Ellen was covered from the 1871 census return.
3. **James & Ada Standage** In 1891, living on Mill Hill, James Standage aged 30, a Farm Labourer born in Wetherby and his wife Ada F(lora) age 21 born in Thorner. James Standage had been born on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1861 when the family were living in Forest Cottage, Great Ribston with Walshford as noted in the 1861 census: parents Francis Standage age 29 a Farm Labourer from Hunsingore and his wife Mary age 25 from Newton on Ouse, children: Ann aged 5 born in Hunsingore, John aged 3 and baby James aged 2 months both born in Walshford. In 1871 the family had moved to Hollin, Harewood, Francis Standage aged 38 was now a Farm Bailiff, wife Mary was 30, children Ann aged 15 was working as a Servant Domestic, John aged 12 a Farm Servant, James aged 10, William age 7 and Margaret Hannah aged 4 were all scholars and all born Hunsingore and baby Francis aged 7 months was also born in Hunsingore. James had left home by 1881 and he had moved to Mount Farm in Alwoodley where he was working as a Farm Servant Indoor aged 20 for Joseph Smith, wife Mary and 6 children, a Farmer of 145 acres. On 9<sup>th</sup> November 1889 at Farnley St Michael in the Bramley registration district, James Standage married Ada Flora Richmond. We find them on Mill Hill in Thorner in 1891. By 1901 the family have moved onto Butts Garth, Thorner: James Standage is aged 40, a Horseman on Farm (Ag.Horse), wife Ada Flora is aged 30, children: John William aged 9, Florence Eliza aged 6, Doris Hilda aged 8 months all born Thorner. In 1911, still on Butts Garth, a little more information is revealed, James Standage is 50 years old, working as a Farm Labourer, his wife of 21 years Ada is aged 40 and she states that 5 out of 6 children born alive to the couple are still alive, living with them are John William aged 19 a Grocer Cartman, Edith aged 13 a scholar, sadly Hilda is age 10 and is listed as being an Epileptic (not a scholar), Edward is 7 and a scholar. The missing daughter in the 1911 census is Florence Standage aged 16 and she is working at that time as a Female Servant, one of four female servants, for the two Miss Nussey's at Bramley Grange, a house with 22 rooms including the kitchen. It is Miss Ethel Beatrice Nussey aged 38, single, living on private means born in Headingley and her sister Hilda Mary Nussey aged 36, single, living on Private Means also born in Headingley. James and Ada Standage with voting age son John William live on Main Street, Thorner from the 1919 to the 1921 electoral register, but by 1923 James and Ada Standage are the only voters, living at Scarcroft and in 1936 it is identified as Brook Cottage, Scarcroft. In the 1939 pre-war register, at Brook Cottage, Scarcroft, James Standage who was born on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1861 a Farm Horseman Retired and (his wife) Ada F. Standage born on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1870 were the only family living there. James Standage dies in the Oct-Dec Q. of 1940 aged 80 registered in the Wetherby district, Ada F. Standage dies in the Oct-Dec Q. 1946 aged 77 registered in the Leeds district. Whilst I haven't gone into their children's lives fully, I can state that Doris Hilda Standage does not let Epilepsy get in her way and she marries Francis W. Flint in Oct Q. of 1920 in Wetherby district and she has at least 3 children. And Florence Eliza Standage marries Fred Lonsdale in March Q. 1921 in the Wetherby district and they have 4 daughters and one son.
4. **Joseph Midgley** in 1891 was living alone on Mill Hill, aged 45, born in Thorner working as a Blacksmith. He was baptised on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1845 son of Joseph and Martha Midgley a Joiner of Thorner. In the 1851 census they were living in Thorner but exact address is not given: Joseph Midgley aged 39 was an Ag. Implement Maker born in Keswick, his wife Martha aged 39, born in Harewood and their children, Mary Ann aged 15, George aged 13, Albert aged 10, Joseph aged 8, Edwin aged 4 and William aged 1 all born in Thorner. In 1861 they are living on Main Street: Joseph Midgley, 49, Agricultural Implement Maker born in East Keswick, wife Martha, aged 49 born in Harewood, children: Mary A. aged 25, a Dressmaker, George aged 23 also an Agricultural Implement Maker, Albert aged 20 a Blacksmith, Joseph aged 16 a Blacksmith Apprentice, William aged 11 and John H. aged 8 both scholars and all born in Thorner. In 1871 the family had moved to no. 2 Butts Garth, Thorner: Joseph Midgley aged 60 is an Implement Maker born in East Keswick although he is noted as being married his wife is not present. Children living with him are Mary H. aged 34, a Dressmaker, son Albert aged 30, a widower, a Blacksmith, grandchildren (probably Albert's children) Annie Midgley aged 7 and Emily Midgley aged 6, both scholars, and son Joseph Midgley aged 24, a Blacksmith, all born in Thorner.

In 1881 Joseph Midgley aged 33 is Boarding with William & Mary Ann Hoggett a 75 year old Retired Farmer on Main Street, Thorner, Joseph is working as a Blacksmith. In 1891 he is on Mill Hill living alone as mentioned above. Joseph Midgely dies in the first Q. of 1901 in the Wetherby registration area, aged 57.

5. **Unoccupied**

6. **John & Mary Taylor & daughter:** This Taylor family were covered from 1851 and continued in 1881 census returns.

7. **Stephen & Ann Burley:** In 1891 Stephen Burley, aged 68, Living on Own Means, born in Wetherby was living with his wife, 70-year-old Ann Burley who was born in Hastings, (East) Sussex. Stephen started life and was baptised in Collingham's St Oswald Church on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1822 son of Richard & Mary Burley. His father, Richard Burley died and was buried in Collingham's St Oswald aged 50 on 12<sup>th</sup> April 1837 at the time he was living in Micklethwaite near Wetherby. So, at the time of the 1841 census return Mary Burley, his mother, aged 45 was living on the High Street in Wetherby and working as a Publican. Her children, living with her were John aged 20, a Joiner, Stephen aged 15, a Taylor's Apprentice, William aged 15 a Well Wright Apprentice (clearly written but should it be a Wheel Wright?), Ann aged 13 and Eleanor aged 10, all born in Yorkshire. By 1847 Stephen had found his way down to London which is perhaps where he met his future wife Ann Tapsell. Ann had been baptised on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1821 daughter of Robert and Ann Tapsell. Stephen and Ann married in St Marylebone, Westminster on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1847, they were both of full age (i.e. over 21), a bachelor and a spinster, Stephen was living on Charlotte Street and Ann on Clarendon Street. The fathers listed in the parish register were Richard Burley, Farmer deceased and Robert Tapsell, Fishmonger. In 1851 the couple were living at 16 Fellows Street North, Shoreditch, Stephen aged 28 was working as a Tailor, born Wetherby, wife Ann was 29 born in Hastings, Sussex and their baby son, Stephen was one year old and born in Camden Town, London. In 1861 the expanding family were living at 18 Forrest Street, West Leeds; Stephen Burley now aged 38 was a Taylor, Ann aged 40 and their children George aged 9 born in London, Middx, Grace aged 8 born in Lambeth, Surrey (London), Eleanor aged 6 born Wetherby all scholars, William aged 3 and baby Sarah 9 months were both born in Leeds. In 1871 the family were living at 55 St Luke Street, Leeds; Stephen aged 48 a Taylor, wife Ann aged 50, children Grace aged 18, a Machinist, born London, Eleanor aged 16 also a Machinist born Wetherby, and William aged 13 born Holbeck. In 1881 the couple are living on 5 Cross Lisbon Street, Leeds St. Paul's; Steven Burley is aged 58, a Tailor born Wetherby and wife Ann is 60 born Hastings. Then in 1891 Stephen and Ann Burley come to Mill Hill, Thorner as noted above. Stephen Burley is still there in 1894 on the Electoral Register although that maybe a little out of date as there is an appropriate record of death for a Stephen Burley in the Hunslet area in the April-June Q. of 1893 aged 70 therefore born around 1823. I cannot find any accurate records for Ann Burley after the 1891 census but she may have gone to live with one of her children.

8. **James & Annie Emily Taylor & 7 children:** This Taylor family were also covered from 1851 and continued in 1881 census returns.

9. **William M. Wrigglesworth & housekeeper:** This man is covered from the 1841 census above.

### 1901 Census – families from this date

In 1901 the address of the houses is Bramham Road, Mill Hill. The houses are not numbered but it does state how many rooms are occupied if less than 5.

1. **Mary Linfoot, widow & 5 sons in 4 rooms:** See 1891 census for details.
2. **Albert Graham, wife & 2 boarders in 4 rooms:** In 1901 Alfred (sic, but incorrectly recorded) Graham is aged 42, working as a Chimney Sweep, on his own account (self-employed) and he was born in Wetherby. His wife is Mary Elizabeth aged 39 born at Woodhouse, living with them are two Boarders: Bedford Young aged 11 and James Alfred Bland aged 8 both born in Thorner. Albert Graham was born in Wetherby and baptised on 29<sup>th</sup> February 1860 in Wetherby St. James' Church son of James & Jane Graham, Chimney Sweep of Wetherby. In the 1861 census, living at Akers Court, Wetherby, his father James Graham is aged 30, a Chimney Sweep born in Huddersfield, his wife is Jane Graham aged 31 born in Colne, Lancs. and sons Thomas aged 7 born in Paddock (Huddersfield) and Albert aged 1 born in Wetherby. In 1871 and living on Bishopgate, Wetherby the family are 10 years older, James 40 a Chimney Sweep, wife Jane 41, Thomas 16 is also now a Chimney Sweep, Albert 11, John 7 and Sarah Jane 4 both scholars and baby Mary Ann aged 1 all born Wetherby. In 1881, now living on Horsefair, Wetherby, James Graham is aged 49, still a Chimney Sweep, wife Jane 50, children: Albert 21 and John 16 both Chimney Sweeps, Mary A. 11 a scholar and James 8 a scholar both born Wetherby. On 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1882 in Leeds St. Matthews Church (Chapel Allerton) Albert Graham, of full age, Bachelor, Chimney Sweep of 2 Back Reuben Street marries Mary Elizabeth Howgate aged 19, a spinster of the same address. Their fathers are listed in the register as James Graham, Chimney Sweep and John Howgate also a Chimney Sweep. Albert Graham signs the register with his mark X but Mary Elizabeth signs her own name. In 1891 the couple have moved to Main Street, Thorner: Albert Graham is aged 29, a Sweep, wife Mary Elizabeth Graham is aged 28, and a visitor living with them is one year old Bedford Young who was born in Thorner. In 1901, as listed above, they have moved to Mill Hill cottages and in 1911 they are still there, living in 3 rooms including the kitchen, Albert Graham is aged 50, still a Chimney Sweep, his wife of 28 years, Mary Elizabeth is 49, they state they have had no children, and living with them still is James Arthur Bland, aged 19 who does General Farm Work, and was born in Thorner. In the 1926 Electoral Register both Albert and Mary Elizabeth Graham are still living on Mill Hill but by 1932 Mary Elizabeth is living there alone and again in 1935 and by 1938 Mary Elizabeth Graham is living on Kirkfield Lane. Albert Graham dies age 67 in the Apr-Jun Q. of 1927. I could find no firm date of death for Mary Elizabeth Graham in the 20 or so years following 1938 but there are one or two possible deaths, away from Thorner which could be her death. All I can find out about the two lads living with the Graham family in their childhood on Mill Hill was that Bedford Young was born in the Apr-Jun Q. of 1889 in the Wetherby district and was living with the Grahams in the 1891 census aged 1 and in 1901 on Mill Hill with them aged 11, but no further information. And all I can find for James Arthur Bland is that he was born on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1892 and baptised on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1893 son of the 'spinster' Annie Bland in Thorner.
3. **John William Nettleton, wife Jane Elizabeth and family in 4 rooms:** In 1901 on Mill Hill, John William Nettleton was 44, working as a Mason's Labourer, born in Thorner, his wife Jane Elizabeth was 39 and born in Skirpenbeck, Yorks. (near Stamford Bridge), their 3 sons are Walter aged 14, John Hy (Henry) aged 11 and Arthur aged 4 all born in Thorner, also their married daughter Annie Elizabeth Pickering aged 21 born in Scarcroft, son in law Benjamin Pickering aged 40, Quarry Man, Stone, born at Monk Bretton, baby grandson Wilfred 11 months old, born in Thorner.  
John William had been baptised in Thorner St Peter's on 8<sup>th</sup> April 1855 son of William and Ann Nettleton, Farmer of Thorner. In 1861 living on Main Street, John William Nettleton aged 6, a scholar, is living with his grandparents: John Nettleton aged 66 a Retired Stone Mason born Thorner and Mary A. Nettleton aged 64 born in Harewood. John William's parents are, at this time, living on Butts Garth so I will list them here so you can see his siblings: William Nettleton aged 33, a Farmer, born Thorner, wife Ann aged 32, born Thorner, children: Henry aged 4 and Mary E. aged 4 both scholars and baby Edwin aged 1 all born Thorner plus a servant (Cartman) Joseph Rollinson aged 15 born Thorner. In 1871 John W. Nettleton aged 16, born in Thorner, is working as a servant, a Page Boy, in a house on Spencer Place (North Side), Chapeltown, Leeds for 36 year old Robert Seddon, his wife, 4 children and 4 other servants. John Seddon seems to be a Principal in a College but it's not easily legible. In 1881 living at 23 Lands Lane, Leeds St Peter's (Central

Leeds) John W. Nettleton, aged 26, born Thorner is working as a Coachman (domestic) for George Tate aged 39, his wife and 4 children plus 6 other lodgers and 1 domestic servant. George Tate's employment is Temperance Hotel Keeper. In 1885, Apr-Jun Q. John William Nettleton marries Jane Elizabeth Green in the Wetherby registration district. Jane Elizabeth Green was born 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1861 in Pocklington record district. In 1891, living on Main Street Thorner (at the junction with Mill(ner) Lane) John William Nettleton is aged 38, a Stone Mason's Labourer, wife Jane E. is aged 29 and born in Skirpenbeck, Yorks., their children are: Annie E. G. Nettleton aged 11, a scholar born Scarcroft, Yorks., Mary Alice aged 8 and George H. aged 6 both Scholars born Thorner, Walter aged 4 and John H. aged 1 month all born Thorner. For those of you still awake you will have noticed that the three eldest children were born before John William Nettleton's marriage to Jane Elizabeth Green. All 3, Annie Elizabeth, Mary Alice and George Herbert were registered on the BMD Index with the surname Green. Actual Birth Certificates, not just the Index, may show who fathered the three eldest children but this is what we know: In 1881 Jane Elizabeth Green, aged 19, born Skirpenbeck, was single and living at 22 Main Street Thorner, with her baby daughter Annie Elizabeth Green aged 1 year, born in Scarcroft, and her parents Thomas Green aged 55 a Railway Labourer from Nidderdale, Yorks. and mother Jane Green aged 50 born Welton, Yorks. On 28<sup>th</sup> May 1882 Annie Elizabeth Green was baptised in Thorner, her mother was given as Elizabeth Green, no father was recorded, but a birth date of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1879 was written in the margin, as other entries on the page were also annotated. 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter, Mary Alice Green/Nettleton was born on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1882 but she was not baptised at Thorner St Peter's until 26<sup>th</sup> May 1890 in a group baptism of 3 siblings, children of John William and Elizabeth Nettleton. Her siblings also baptised on this date were Walter born on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1886 and George Herbert born on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1884 (3<sup>rd</sup> one born before his mother's marriage).

In 1901 the family were living on Mill Hill as detailed above and in 1911, living on Church Hill, Thorner, John William Nettleton aged 55 is working as a Bricklayers Labourer, born Thorner, his wife of 25 years Jane Elizabeth is aged 49, she states that 8 out of 9 of her children born alive are still alive, she was born in Skirpenbeck, and the children living with them are Arthur, aged 17, Under Gardener born in Shadwell, Charles Ed. aged 14 was working as a Grocers Errand Boy, Eva Jane aged 8 and granddaughter Beatrice A(gnes), aged 8, both scholars, were all born in Thorner. (We will cover later that Beatrice Alice's mother is Mary Alice Nettleton.) John William and Jane Elizabeth continue to live on Mill Hill up to 1915 at least, according to the Electoral Register, but by 1918 they have moved to Main Street Thorner. They are still on Main Street in 1921 but in the July Q. 1921 John William Nettleton dies aged 66 and is buried in Thorner. Jane Elizabeth Nettleton continues to live on Main Street according to the Electoral Register, alone up to 1928 but in 1925 she is joined on the register, by her 25 or 26 year old daughter, Eva, and they live together on Main Street until 1938. But in 1939 they are living at 4 Hawkhill Ave, Guiseley, Yorks.: Jane Elizabeth Nettleton born 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1861, doing Unpaid Domestic Duties and Eva Jane Nettleton (her daughter) born 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1903 working as a Daily Domestic, living in a house with another family (more of whom later), including Beatrice Agnes Germaine who is the granddaughter of Jane Elizabeth Nettleton, daughter of Mary Alice Nettleton (Eva's sister). Jane Elizabeth Nettleton dies in the Oct Q. of 1943 in the Wetherby district, aged 66. She is buried in Thorner and shares the headstone above with her husband and daughter, Eva Jane. More on the lives of the 8 children of John William and Jane Elizabeth Nettleton still alive in 1911 (one maybe died before baptism and between census returns as I cannot find the 9<sup>th</sup> child born alive), as follows:



- Annie Elizabeth Green (later called Nettleton) born on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1879 and baptised 28<sup>th</sup> May 1882. In 1881 she is living with her mother and her 'Green' grandparents, by 1891 she is living with her mother and (step?) father on Main Street Thorner and, interestingly, she is given an extra initial which may stand for Green (she is listed as Annie E.G. Nettleton) so maybe not officially adopted yet. In 1901 she is with her parents on Mill Hill and In 1911, living with her parents, as listed above, 'their married daughter

Annie Elizabeth Pickering aged 21 born in Scarcroft, son in law Benjamin Pickering aged 40, Quarry Man, Stone, born at Monk Bretton, baby grandson Wilfred 11 months old, born in Thorner'. In the Jan-Mar Q. of 1901 Annie Elizabeth Green (so not officially adopted) married Benjamin Pickering in the Wetherby district. Benjamin was actually born in the spring of 1854 and baptised at Monk Bretton St Paul's, near Barnsley, on 26<sup>th</sup> November in 1854 son of John & Ann Pickering, Coal Miner of Monk Bretton. Benjamin had been married before in 1875 to a 28 year old widow, Jane Maines (nee Roberts) in Barnsley St John the Baptist Church. I can find no more information about him except in 1911 he was possibly lodging in the town of Church in Lancs., working as a Bricklayers Labourer, aged 57 and born in Barnsley, he states he is married although like the other lodgers he is not living with any family. I can find no information after 1901 for Annie Elizabeth Pickering (nee Green). I can also find no further record for baby Wilfred Pickering after the 1901 census and his baptism on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1901 (born about May 1900) in Thorner St Peter's where he is described as Wilfred son of – (a dash in place of the father) and Annie Elizabeth Pickering of Thorner. Had the father died? If so, the vicar would probably have put that Annie Elizabeth was a widow. Did they all emigrate? A note here: Wilfred's baptism was on the same date as two of his mother's 'step' siblings were baptised, Arthur and Charles Edward Nettleton. More research is needed.

- Mary Alice Green (at birth but later called Nettleton) was born on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1882 but was baptised along with her two younger siblings in Thorner St Peter's on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1890, daughter of John William and Elizabeth Nettleton of Thorner, Labourer (father's occupation). She lived with her parents on Main Street in 1891 and Mill Hill in the 1901 census. On 4<sup>th</sup> December 1902, aged 19, Mary Alice has a daughter, Beatrice Agnes Nettleton, and she is baptised in Thorner St Peter's on 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 1903, no father is recorded. In 1911 Mary Alice Nettleton is working as a 28 year old General Servant (Domestic) in Headingley, Leeds, for Charles William and Lucy Lillie and their 9 children in a house with 11 rooms. Beatrice Agnes, her daughter, is being brought up alongside her same aged aunt, Eva Jane Nettleton, both aged 8, with the Nettleton family on Church Hill. On 13<sup>th</sup> April 1914 Mary Alice Nettleton, a 30 year old spinster of 426 Meanwood Road, marries John Charles Germaine, a 29 year old bachelor, a Dyers Labourer of 11 Bussey Court, their fathers are listed as John Edward Germaine, a Dyers Labourer deceased and John William Nettleton, Mason. Mary Alice's younger brother Walter Nettleton is one of the witnesses. Their children are Charles (born 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1915-died in Rochdale, Lancs. aged 88), Herbert Arthur (born July Q. 1917-dies Sept 1925 and is buried in Guiseley on 23 Sep 1925), Jack Germaine (born 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 1921 dies aged 25 on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 1944 and is buried in Imphal, Manipur, War Cemetery in NE India about 20 miles from Myanmar (Burma), He was a Corporal in the Royal Engineers, Reg no. 2142538) married to Dorothy Joan Germaine of Guiseley), Walter Germaine born 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 1921, and Ivy Germaine born Jan 1924. Their mother, Mary A. Germaine (nee Green/Nettleton) dies in the Jul Q. of 1939 aged 56, in the Wharfedale registration district. Later that year, in the September 1939 pre-war population record, and as I mentioned above under Mary Alice's mother's details, this is the full family entry: Living at 4 Hawkhill Avenue, Guiseley: John Charles Germaine born 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1883, widower, working as a 'Productive Process Worker Dry', Beatrice Agnes Germaine born 4<sup>th</sup> December 1902 (this is Mary Alice's first daughter who has taken her stepfather's surname), single, working as a Mental Nurse, a person who has been redacted (probably either son Charles or Jack), (son) Walter Germaine born 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 1921, single, Mental Nurse, (daughter) Ivy Germaine born 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 1924 single, Unpaid Domestic Duties, (mother in law) Jane Elizabeth Nettleton born 5<sup>th</sup> October 1861, widow, Unpaid Domestic Duties and (sister in law) Eva Jane Nettleton born 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1903, single, Daily Domestic. I can find no further information of Beatrice Agnes Nettleton/Germaine.
- George Herbert Green (at birth but later called Nettleton) born 21<sup>st</sup> June 1884 and baptised with his 2 siblings on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1890. In 1901 he is working for the landlord of the New Inn, Scarcroft, aged 18, as a Groom & Tapster. On 13<sup>th</sup> April 1909 at Burmantofts Congregational Church, Leeds, George Herbert Nettleton a bachelor aged 24, working as a Groom (domestic) at Red Hall, Roundhay, Leeds, marries Hannah Booker a 23 year old spinster, working as a Domestic Servant and living at 10 Industrial Terrace, Leeds. Their fathers are listed as John Wm Nettleton, Bricklayer and Edwin Booker, Farmer. In 1911 the young couple can be found living at Cottage, Hawkcliffe House, Steeton, Keighley, Herbert (he has dropped the George) is aged 27 and working as a Coachman (domestic), born Thorner, his wife of 1 year is Hannah aged 26 born Preston, Yorks., and their first child is 7 month old baby Muriel who was born at Kilham, Yorks. In 1939, still married but living alone and working as a Jobbing Gardener his address is 'Field at the rear of 130 Banks Lane, wooden hut', Keighley, Yorks. His birthday is given as 21 July (was June in baptism register) 1884. His wife, Hannah Nettleton, nee Booker is living in 1939 with (probably)

her brother Ernest Booker at 103 Carr Moor Side, Leeds. He is widowed and has 5 probable children living there (4 redacted so probably still alive at time of publishing) but one, Alfred Booker born 21 June 1925 aged about 14 is working as a Moulders Apprentice. I have no more records for him after this.

- Walter Nettleton born 11<sup>th</sup> May 1886, baptised 26<sup>th</sup> May 1890 along with 2 older siblings on the same day. He is living with his parents in 1891 and 1901 but in 1911 he has travelled to Derbyshire where he is working as a Gardener (domestic) aged 24 for a 71 year old invalid man and his wife living at 31 The Terrace, Pleasley, Derbyshire (a house with 5 rooms including kitchen). I can find no further information for Walter Nettleton.
- John Henry Nettleton born 21<sup>st</sup> February 1891, baptised 1<sup>st</sup> May 1892 son of John William and Jane Elizabeth Nettleton of Thorner, Labourer. (In the Parish Baptism Register JHN's birth is clearly written as the 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. but in all his later records he gives the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. as the date of birth. Either the Parish Record had the incorrect date put in due to clerical error or the family were incorrect remembering it at some point in his life – sight of a birth certificate may clear this up). John Henry is living with his parents in 1891, when 1 month old, on Main Street and in 1901 on Mill Hill. On 31<sup>st</sup> March 1909, aged 19 years and 1 month, John Henry Nettleton enlists, Reg. no. 36651, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers which seems to have been connected to India. Mr Ledgard of the Manor House Thorner gave an employer's reference stating that he was working for him as an Assistant to Groom and Gardener for 2.5 years and that his character was sober, honest, excellent in every aspect. John Henry's physical description on enlisting was, 5ft 7.25 inches tall, weight 121 lbs, chest expanded 35.5 inches, fresh complexion, hazel eyes, light brown hair, with a one inch scar to the back of his head, religion C. of E. He served with the colours for 7 years and the reserves for 5 years possibly because of an injury. In January 1917 he is transferred to being a Private in the 16<sup>th</sup> Bttn of the York & Lancs Regt. of the Royal Engineers Railway Works. In a letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1917 John Henry was one of the soldiers "urgently required for the Railway Operating Division of the Royal Engineers but as a volunteer only, as if not up to the task, they would be downgraded to a Sapper" (possibly in this instance a Private who digs trenches). Whether he went to Europe or not I don't know but on 14<sup>th</sup> July 1917 he is absent without leave for 2 days and given 10 days CB (Confined to Barracks) and forfeits 3 days' pay. At some point he worked as a Sanitary Orderly and also a Cook Orderly, on his assessment it states he is "sober, hardworking and trustworthy". On his pension form, under the section of Disability it lists VWH(?), Malaria (probably caught in India) and GSW (Gun Shot Wound) of the left thigh. His degree of disablement was noted as being 1%. In Oct Q. 1918 John H. Nettleton marries Nellie Little in Walsall, Staffs. It appears they had at least 2 children: Desmond Nettleton July Q. 1922 and Brian Nettleton in Jan Q. of 1929 both in the Wharfedale district of Leeds. In the 1939 registration they are living at 23 West End Terrace, (on or near) Otley Road, Aireborough, W. Yorks. which is an area of Guiseley. John Henry gives his birthday as 28 Feb 1891 (same as his military record) and he is working as a Mental Nurse (the same as his niece and nephew, son of his late sister Mary Alice Geramaine also living in that area of Guiseley, detailed above), his wife Nellie Nettleton was born on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1894 and doing Unpaid Domestic Duties. There are two people living with them that have been redacted – probably their sons). Nellie Nettleton, his wife, dies aged 67 in the Jan Q. of 1961 in Wharfedale. There is a record of death for John Henry Nettleton giving his correct birthday of 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 1891, aged 83, in the Jan Q. 1975 in the Radford, Notts. area – he had possibly gone to live with one of his sons.
- Arthur Nettleton born in the last 3 months of 1893 in the Wetherby record district, baptised 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1901 (at same time as brother Charles Edward). He lived with his parents on Mill/Church Hill as recorded above in the 1901 and 1911 census. He went missing/died in France whilst in service on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1915, serving as a Private with the 1<sup>st</sup> Bttn Northumberland Fusiliers, service no. 3065. His Mum received 5 shillings (a week/month/year?) for life. As well as the usual British War Medal and Victory Medal he was awarded the 1914-1915 Star. Wikipedia states "Like the 1914 Star, the 1914–15 Star was never awarded singly and recipients were also awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal. The three medals were



Northumberland Fusiliers in a reserve trench at Thiepval, September 1916.



sometimes irreverently referred to as Pip, Squeak and Wilfred after three comic strip characters, a dog, a penguin and a rabbit, which were popular in the immediate post-war era. Pip represented either of the two Stars, Squeak represented the British War Medal and Wilfred represented the Victory Medal”.

- Charles Edward Nettleton born 14<sup>th</sup> Sep 1896, baptised 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1901 in Thorner St Peter’s Church (at same time as brother Arthur). He lives with his parents in the 1901 Mill Hill census and the 1911 Church Hill census. In 1915, whilst living at 105 Spring Cottage, Greenhead Lane, Utley, near Keighley he enlists for the army in the Royal Field Artillery Territorial Force as a Gunner. He gets a field punishment that year for not wearing his box respirator in the field in France. Demobilized on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 1918. Like Arthur he was also awarded the British War Medal, the Victory Medal and the 1914-1915 Star. On 20<sup>th</sup> December 1924 at Keighley, 28 year old bachelor, Charles Edward Nettleton of 4 Stone Grove, Steeton marries Elizabeth Hannah Wilkinson, a 26 year old spinster from High Fold, High Utley (both places near Keighley), her father is given as Thomas Wilkinson a Labourer. They have at least one son, Kenneth A. Nettleton in the Jan Q. of 1929. In the electoral register of 1934, the couple are living at 77 Stonycroft Lane, Keighley and in 1938 at 77 Green Head Road, Keighley. His record of death is in the Apr-Jun Q. of 1970 aged 73 in the Worth Valley Record district, south of Keighley.
- Eva Jane Nettleton is born 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1903 but I can find no baptism record for her. She is living with her parents in the 1911 census on Church Hill as detailed above. In the 1925 electoral register she is now showing as living with her mother (whom she may have been living with all along) and they live together on Main Street until 1938. But in 1939 they are living at 4 Hawkhill Avenue, Guiseley, Yorks.: “Jane Elizabeth Nettleton born 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1861, doing Unpaid Domestic Duties and Eva Jane Nettleton (her daughter) born 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1903 working as a Daily Domestic”, living in a house with the family of her recently late, oldest sister, Mary Alice Germaine (nee Green), (as noted above in full under Mary Alice). Although, in 1939 the Barkston Ash Electoral Register also shows them living on Main Street in Thorner so they may have been moving between family houses to help out with the death of their sister/daughter Mary Alice. Eva Jane Nettleton continues to live on Main Street, Thorner up until the 1960 electoral register. Then there is a gap in the information available until her death in 1991. Probate for Eva Jane Nettleton reads: “1991 Nettleton, Eva Jane of 2 Scott Hill Close Thorner Leeds West Yorks. died 25<sup>th</sup> January 1991 Administration Winchester 23rd May Not exceeding £115,000.” Global Gravestone Index states she is the 3<sup>rd</sup> and last name on a gravestone in Thorner St Peter’s Churchyard after her parents John William Nettleton and Jane Elizabeth Nettleton (shown above). She died aged 89.

#### 4. One house unoccupied

5. **Ellen Elizabeth Jackson (nee Taylor), widow living in 4 rooms:** In 1901 Ellen Elizabeth Jackson, widow, aged 51, born in Thorner is living alone, she is working as a ‘Laundress, Wash’, and works from home. Her life is detailed under her parent’s residency on Mill Hill, William and Ann Taylor, from 1851, above.

6. **John & Mary Taylor and 2 adult children in – rooms (left blank):** See 1851 and 1881 census for details.

7. **James & Mary Ann Taylor and children in 4 rooms:** See 1851 and 1881 census for details.

8. **John & Annie Noble and family in 4 rooms:** John Noble is aged 52 in 1901, working as a Foreman on Farm, born in East Keswick, his wife Annie is aged 51 born in Bramham, their two sons are Richard aged 16, a Groom (Domestic) and Edward aged 13 both born in Wothersome, also grandson John Cyril Noble aged 4 also born in Wothersome. John Noble had been born in Jan-Mar 1849 Tadcaster registration district but baptised at Harewood All Saints Church, son of John & Ann Noble of East Keswick, Labourer. In 1851 he was living as a visitor in the village of Dunkeswick, just north of Harewood, perhaps with a grandparent although it wasn’t stated, but his mum had a 2 month old baby at the time in East Keswick. The record for 1851 has head of house as Mary Pickard aged 50 a widow born Lofthouse, her children: Sarah aged 16, Daniel aged 16 both born Dunkeswick, granddaughter Mary A. Standcliff age 4, and visitor John Noble aged 1 (he was very nearly 2) born in East Keswick. In 1861 at West End, East Keswick he is living with his parents and siblings: William Noble aged 36, Farm Labourer, born East Keswick, his wife Ann Noble aged 33 born East Keswick (or Weeton in 1851), children written in this order: William aged 10, daughter Ma\*\*\*\*\* (name illegible) aged 8, Eliza A. aged 6, Mary aged 4, all scholars, Frederick ,son, aged 1, and John Noble, son, aged 12, scholar, all born East Keswick.

In 1871 on Stubbing Moor (near Wothersome), Collingham: Ann Noble is the first entry and her position is written as wife then in brackets 'Head abroad' which as he is a Shepherd I would guess means abroad in the countryside as it was possibly lambing season (2<sup>nd</sup> April), rather than out of England: so the census reads Ann Noble, aged 44, married, Shepherd's Wife born in Weeton, children: John aged 22, Ag. Lab., William aged 20, also an Ag. Lab., Hannah 17, Servant (out of employ), Frederik J. 11, Lucy 6 both scholars, Margaret A. 3 all born East Keswick. On 1<sup>st</sup> February 1873, at Collingham St Oswald's, John Noble aged 23, bachelor, Labourer of Stubbing Moor, Collingham marries Annie Richardson, a 23 year old spinster also living on Stubbing Moor. Their fathers are listed as William Noble, Labourer and Christopher Richardson, Blacksmith. In the 1881 census, living in one of 3 properties entitled Old Dog Kennels, Wothersome: John Noble is 32, a Farm Labourer from East Keswick, his wife Annie is aged 31 born in Bramham, Yorks., children are George age 7, Henry aged 5, Clara aged 3, Elizabeth A. aged 1 all born in Wothersome. In 1891 (their son Henry Noble is missing, perhaps as a 15 year old he may be an apprentice somewhere), living in Wothersome: John Noble is aged 42, Farm Labourer, wife Annie is 41, children: George 17 a Farm Labourer, Clara 13, Elizabeth 11, John 8, Richard 6 all scholars, Edward 3, all born in Wothersome.

In 1901 as given above just 2 sons living with them on Mill Hill, Richard and Edward but in 1911 on Church Hill, living in a house with 4 rooms including kitchen, John Noble is 62, a Farm Labourer, wife of 38 years is Annie, aged 62, she states that all of the 7 children they had born alive are still alive, living with them are son George, aged 38, single, a Farm Labourer, Horseman, born Dog Kennels, Wothersome, and grandson John Cyril Barnes Noble aged 14 who is working on a farm, born in Wothersome. John Cyril B. Noble was born Apr Q. 1897 and is the son of Elizabeth Noble and perhaps somebody named Barnes but in his baptism on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1899 the vicar of Thorner, Joe Pentycross Whitworth, (or his clerk) puts that John Cyril Barnes Noble is just the son of Elizabeth Noble and puts a line through the space where the father's occupation should be, whereas most clergy at that time would put 'illegitimate', 'bastard', 'spurious', 'baseborn', or 'single woman' – he was perhaps ahead of his time - there are several instances of him doing this! In 1901 Elizabeth Noble was a 21 year old General Servant Domestic living and working for George Beecroft Winter in Butts Garth (possibly Butts Garth House as he is a man of private means) and there are no other properties listed in that census next to him with the address Butts Garth. She would have needed to work and couldn't have her son with her, then in 1903, on 25 November, she gets married in Thorner St Peter's to Fred Sweeting a 24 year old bachelor, Farm Labourer, living in Bilton-in-Ainsty, son of William Sweeting a Farm Labourer. She gives her name as Elizabeth Lucy Ann Noble, age 23, spinster of Mill Hill, Thorner daughter of John Noble also a Farm Labourer. The family with children, are living in the first house listed on Main Street, so possible 'Den Sweeting's' house at the bottom of Church Hill on the corner of Milner Lane.

But I digress, we were talking about John and Annie Noble. John Noble dies in 1915, aged 66, and was buried in Thorner St. Peter's on 18<sup>th</sup> August. His wife Annie Noble is still living on Mill Hill in the 1920 electoral register, along with son George Noble and grandson John Cyril Noble. Annie Noble dies aged 75 in the Jan Q. of 1925 in the Wetherby record district. John Cyril B. Noble dies in the Wakefield district, aged 77 in 1974. Of John and Annie's children:

- George Noble was born around 1874 but as there was another George Noble in Thorner within a year of this one, when he is not living with his parents, I cannot clarify which is which.
- Henry Noble born Oct-Dec Q. 1875 in Wetherby district (family living at Wothersome) and lived with his parents in 1881. In 1891 aged about 15 he is probably working on a farm somewhere but his record is not evident. In 1898 Henry Noble, aged 23, a bachelor, Carter, of 26 Dragon Terrace, Harrogate marries Elizabeth Horton, a 21 year old spinster, daughter of James Horton a Coachman. In 1901 they are living at 20 College Road, Harrogate: Henry Noble aged 25 is working as a Builder's Carter Farm, born in Bardsey (Wothersome seems to have moved from Collingham Parish to Bardsey I think), his wife Elizabeth is aged 22, born in Denbigh, N. Wales, and Henry's brother is living with them, John W. Noble, aged 19, single, a Bricklayer's Labourer born in Bardsey. In 1911 the family have moved to (Main) Street, Howe, nr Bedale, Yorks.: Henry Noble is 34, a Horseman on Farm, born in Bramham, his wife of 13 years, Elizabeth is aged 32, born in Trefnant (nr Denbigh) N. Wales, their only daughter Amy Kathleen is aged 3, born in Sinderby, N. Yorks.
- Clara Noble was born Oct-Dec Q. 1877 Wetherby district and lived with her parents in 1881 and 1891. In 1901 she is living and working as a General Servant Domestic on Manor Farm for Darcey Tessofo(?) a 21



year old Farmer and his Uncle & Aunt, William & Mary Dale a 67 year old Lead Merchant, Clara is 24 and born Bardsey. In 1911 she has moved to Blenheim Farm (on Main Street?), aged 31, working again as a General Servant Domestic, born Bramham (Wothersome seems to be between 3 parishes), she is working for John and Lily Revis, Farmers, born Thorner. On 1<sup>st</sup> February 1913 she gets married in Thorner St. Peter's church, aged 35, a spinster, living on Church Hill, Thorner to Henry Dykes, a 27 year old bachelor from Lotherton, Aberford working as a Farm Labourer, his father is George Dykes a Farm Labourer. The two witnesses are Clara's siblings Richard Noble and Elizabeth Lucy Ann Sweeting.

- Elizabeth Lucy Ann Noble, was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1880 in the Wetherby district but baptised on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1880 by the Primitive Methodists of 'Leeds, Richmond, Tadcaster, Wighill' (so not sure where this service took place) whilst the family were living at Wothersome their address being given as Old Kennels, Bardsey Liberty, parents John and Annie Noble, and John was a Labourer. I covered her above mentioning her child John Cyril Barns Noble.
- John William Noble was born in the Jul-Sep Q. of 1882 in the Wetherby registration district whilst his parents were living in Wothersome which came under the parish of Bardsey at that time. He was living with them in the 1891 census. In 1901 he had moved to Harrogate however, to live with his older brother Henry Noble and his new wife Elizabeth in the Harrogate St Mary's area. John W. was 19 and working as a Bricklayers Labourer, born in Bardsey, W. Yorks. The next series of records for John William Noble do have more than coincidental links to each other but the dates of birth and no connection with his childhood family means that I put in a slight caution here as to their accuracy. There is a marriage in St Mary's Church, Harrogate on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1901 to Annie Louisa Ainsworth for John William Noble. I cannot find the family in 1911. There is a military record which mentions this couple for John William Noble of Fieldhead Lane, Birstall which mentions the marriage date and place. It also states they have 4 children named Lily born 12 Feb 1902 at Dacre Banks (near Pateley Bridge); Herbert born 21<sup>st</sup> June 1905, Wetherby; Harold born 28<sup>th</sup> July 1907 Wetherby and Doris born 27<sup>th</sup> December 1909 in Morley. When Doris was baptised on 19 Jan 1910, parents John & Annie Noble were living in Churwell and John was a Farm Labourer. Going back to the military record mentioned above, it was dated Jan 1917 and John states he was 37 years old which makes him born in 1880. His employment at that time was Road Sweeper. He enlisted in the Royal Garrison Artillery and his rank was Gunner. In the 1939 population record, living at 247 Moor Lane, Spenborough, W. Yorks. (between Dewsbury and Birstall), John W. Noble gives is date of birth as 18<sup>th</sup> June 1887 and he is working as a Builders Labourer, Annie L. Noble was born on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1888, Doris Noble was born 26<sup>th</sup> December 1909 (not 27<sup>th</sup> on given military record) and was working as a Worsted Reeler, Frederick Ainsworth was living with them too, perhaps Annie's younger brother, he was born 18<sup>th</sup> July 1899 and was working as a Colliery Hewer. A likely date of death for this John William Noble is July-Sep Q. of 1955 in the Spen Valley, aged 73 (i.e. born 1882). These records probably are correct for this John William Noble and certainly there are no other appropriate ones.
- Richard Noble was born in the Jan-Mar Q. of 1885. He lived with his parents in the 1891 and 1901 census returns. In 1911 he is one of 18 staff, working as a 26 year old Groom, single, born Bardsey, at The Mansion Hotel, Rounday. His employers were Mr Craven Gilpin a 36 year old Hotel Keeper & Farmer, his mother Sarah Ann Christina Gilpin, his wife, 4 children and one niece. The following paragraph was found on a website which gives a little insight into the Gilpins running the Mansion, Roundhay: *The house was managed for over 120 years by the Gilpin family, the most famous of whom was Craven Gilpin. He pioneered professional outside catering from The Mansion and his reputation was such that King George V requested to meet him after a royal banquet at Leeds Town Hall in 1933.* In October 1914 Richard Noble joins the Army Remount Service of the Army Service Corps, aged 29, single, father John Noble of Church Hill, Thorner. The Army Remount Service where he served was responsible for the Provisioning and training of horses and mules to all other units. They started serving in India and Richard may well have served over there, but he also served in France. His description was given as 5ft 6ins, blue eyes, fair skin, light brown hair, Church of England faith. His role was given as



Strapper and then later as Driver. In 1916 Richard Noble aged 30, a bachelor, gets married in Christ Church, Harrogate to Edith Annie Richardson, a 25 year old spinster living at 11 Regent Street, Starbeck, Harrogate. Her father was given as John Bramley Richardson, painter. Richardson was Richard Noble's mother's maiden name so Edith Annie Richardson could easily have been a cousin. In his military records but I cannot find a birth index record, he states that they have a daughter, Kathleen Noble born on 7<sup>th</sup> February 1915 (pre-marriage) in Harrogate. In the 1935 electoral register, Richard and Edith Annie Noble are living at Butterfield House, Forest Lane, Knaresborough. In the Apr-Jun Q. of 1937 in the Knaresborough district Richard Noble dies aged 52.

- Edward Noble was born in the July-Sep Q. of 1888 in the Wetherby district. He lived with his parents and siblings in Wothersome as recorded in the 1891 and 1901 census returns above. On 4<sup>th</sup> July 1910 at Shadwell St Pauls' Church, Edward Noble a 25 year old bachelor, living in Scarcroft and working as a Farm Labourer, son of John Noble, Farm Labourer, married Lillian Newband, a 17 year old spinster of Saville Terrace, Shadwell, daughter of Arthur Newband a Labourer. In 1911, living on Holywell Lane B.(Back?), Shadwell (a house with 2 rooms including kitchen) Edward Noble was 23, working as a Farm Labourer, born in Bardsey, his wife of 1 year was Lillian Noble aged 18, 0 children, born Whinmoor. I can find no WWI records for Edward Noble and the only other record which may or may not be relating to this couple are six children with the surname Noble and their mother's maiden name was Newband as follows: April Q. 1819 George E. Noble in Holbeck, Jan Q. 1919 Nellie Noble in Dewsbury, April Q. 1916 Frank Noble in Dewsbury, Oct Q. 1919 Stanley in Dewsbury (he may also be related to the record of death for Stanley Noble Jan 1987, age 67 in Dewsbury); and then born last, a pair of twins, Jan Q. 1927 Peter and Mary Noble in Dewsbury. As I say, the mother's name for the above children was Newband which is quite an unusual name so these are quite likely their children but I think they must have moved away or abroad as I can find no further information with any certainty.

### 1911 Census – families from this date

In 1911 the address of the houses is given individually by the householder himself. They also have to put how many rooms there are including the kitchen, how many years they have been married to each other if both of the couple is present, and how many children were born alive and are either now dead or still alive, to that couple. I have taken them in the order they were taken and coming after the Manor House, Gate House, Vicarage, so starting at the top of the houses on Church Hill itself and ending with the 3 in the recessed area.

1. **Mary Elizabeth Linfoot, widow and sons:** Living in a house with 3 rooms she just gives her address as Thorner. See the 1891 census for this family.
2. **Albert & May Elizabeth Graham and relative:** Living in a house with 3 rooms he just gives their address as Thorner. See the 1901 census for this family.
3. **John William & Jane Elizabeth Nettleton and family:** Living in a house with 3 rooms he gives their address as Church Hill, Thorner. See the 1901 census for this family.
4. **Colin & Rose Greaves and family:** Living in a house with 3 rooms he just gives their address as Thorner. Colin Greaves is aged 39, a Farm Labourer born in Harewood, his wife of 13 years duration is Rose, aged 39 born in Moortown, Leeds and she states that all four of her children born alive are still alive, living with them, they are: Mary Elizabeth aged 12 and William aged 11 both at School, born Harewood, Frank 5 born Harewood and Bertie 3 born in Bardsey. Colin Greaves was born on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 1872 in Wike and baptised 2 months later on 7<sup>th</sup> December at Harewood All Saints, son of William & Sarah Greaves of Wike, Labourer. In 1881, living in Wike, William Greaves was 57 a Farm Labourer born in Wike, wife Sarah aged 47 born in Dunkeswick, children Sabina aged 16 and Collin (sic) aged 9 both born in Wike and mother (in-law) Mary Pickard, widow, aged 79 born in Harewood. (N.B. Mary Pickard and this daughter Sarah, in 1851, when Sarah was 16, had baby John Noble staying with them in Dunkeswick as recorded on page 34 above so some sort of family or friend connection here). In 1891, living in Wike, Colin Greaves is aged 20 and one of two Farm Servants living with the Farmer, William Crowther aged 62, wife Elizabeth aged 61 and their 5 children. In 1898 on 4<sup>th</sup> January, at Moor Allerton St John's nr Leeds, Colin Greaves a 26 year old bachelor, Farm Labourer living in Wyke (sic) in the Parish of Harewood married Rose Marston, a 27 year old spinster from Moortown working as a Domestic Servant. Their fathers are given as William Greaves and James Marston, both deceased Farm Labourers. In 1901 living in North Wike, Colin Greaves is 29 a Carter on Farm (Ag. Horse) born Wike, his wife is Rose aged 30 born in Moortown and their two children are Mary E. aged 2 born Wike and William aged 1 born Wike. Colin & Rose Greaves are living on Mill Hill in 1921, according to the electoral register, also in 1927 but by 1928 they had moved to Kirkfield and the electoral register on that date includes: Colin Greaves, Rose, William, Frank and Bertie. On 11<sup>th</sup> August 1929 Colin Greaves died aged 57 and was buried in Thorner St Peter's graveyard. His wife Rose/Rosa died on 8<sup>th</sup> February 1953 aged 82 years and they share a gravestone which reads: "Loving Memories of/ Colin/ Greaves /died 11<sup>th</sup> August 1929 /aged 57 years /Also/ his dear wife/ Rosa/ died 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1953/ aged 82 years." In 1953 Rose had last been living with son Frank at 27 Kirkfield Lane, Thorner, according to the electoral register. Of their children:



- Mary Elizabeth Greaves baptised in Harewood All Saints: "Mary Elizabeth (daughter of) Colin and Rose Greaves, Labourer of Wike, born on November 10<sup>th</sup> 1898, baptised 29<sup>th</sup> January 1899". She was living with her parents in 1901 and 1911. In Apr-Jun Q. of 1923 Mary E. Greaves married Cyril Nettleton in the Wetherby district (probably in Thorner St. Peter's) and in the 1939 register they are living at 2 Kirkfield Avenue, Thorner, Cyril gives his birthday as 12 Apr 1894 and he is working as a Builder's Labourer and Mary E. gives 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 1899 (sic) (baptism register gave d.o.b. as 10 Nov 1898.) she is doing the usual female 'Home Duties'. I can find no children born to this couple in the Wetherby registration district. Mary

Elizabeth Nettleton, "born 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 1898 died in Leeds registration district, West Yorkshire, in the Jan Q. of 1987 aged 88".

- William Greaves baptised in Harewood All Saints: "William (son of) Colin and Rose Greaves, Labourer of Wike, born on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 1900, baptised 29<sup>th</sup> April 1900". He was living with his parents in 1901 and 1911. I can no further records for this man.

- Frank Greaves born 6<sup>th</sup> (or 5<sup>th</sup>) April 1905 in Wike, lives with his parents/mother until at least 1939 when he and Rose are living at 27 Kirkfield Lane, Rose Greaves gives her birth date as 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 1870 and Frank Greaves as 6<sup>th</sup> April 1905, he is working as a General Labourer Heavy Work. In the Second World War he becomes a Japanese Prisoner of War in the period between 1942-1945. In the records his rank is Sapper, "Service no. 4608502, Reg: 287 Fd Coy. R.E. Army, Sapper", his date and place of birth: 5<sup>th</sup> (sic) April 1905, Wike near Leeds, he gives his mother's name: Rose, captured in Singapore, his occupation given as Occ. Labourer". In 1953 he is back living with his mother at 27 Kirkfield Lane, Thorne. The last record I can find for Frank Greaves is the 1960 Electoral Register when he is apparently (no other voters at that address) living alone at 2 Kirkfield Avenue, Thorne.

- Bertie Greaves was born in the April Q. of 1908 in Bardsey (Wetherby district) and he lived with his parents as recorded in the 1911 census return, both records under that name. I can however find no other exact records for Bertie. He may have been an Albert, Robert, Herbert, Hubert etc but I cannot find anything relevant.

5. **William & Sarah Ann Roberts:** In 1911, living in a house with 3 rooms he just gives their address as Thorne. Their story is given under the 1851 census return where Sarah Ann, nee Hargreaves, is living with her parents and siblings on Mill/Church Hill.
6. **Ellen Elizabeth Jackson, widow:** Living in a house with 2 rooms she just gives her address as Thorne. See her life as detailed from 1851.
7. **Robert & Sarah Scott and family:** Living in a house with 4 rooms he gives their address as Church Hill, Thorne: Robert Scott is aged 49, a Farm Labourer, born in Bramham, Yorkshire, his wife of 26 years is Sarah and she states that 6 out of her 12 children born alive are, at this point, still alive, she is aged 46 also born in Bramham, their children living with them are: Lilly Scott aged 24, single, No Occupation, Emma Scott, aged 19, single, a Domestic Servant, Gertrude Scott aged 15 single also a Domestic Servant and Arthur Scott aged 14 at school, all born in Bramham. Robert Scott was born in the Dec Q. of 1862 in Bramham and baptised there on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1863, son of Jane Scott so probably illegitimate as no father is mentioned. In 1871 he is living in Bramham on York Road with his Grandparents: George Scott aged 55 a Groom born Wetherby, and Alice Scott aged 60 born Bramham, their two sons living with them are John aged 23 a Road Man and Thomas aged 15 a Labourer both born Bramham. In 1881 he is still living with George Scott aged 72 a Labourer born Wetherby, his wife Alice aged 75 born Bramham, and their two sons John aged 34, Labourer and Thomas aged 28 a groom, Robert is listed as a nephew this time, aged 18, Mason's Labourer and two grandchildren are living with them: Emily aged 6 and Mary Ann aged 4 all born Bramham. On 8<sup>th</sup> November 1884 in Bramham, Robert Scott, son or grandson(?) of George Scott, marries Sarah Richardson who is daughter of Robert Richardson. In 1871, Sarah Richardson was living with her father Robert Richardson aged 42 a Gardener born Bramham, her mother Sarah Richardson aged 43, siblings: John aged 21 Labourer, Ann aged 15, Harriett aged 13, George aged 11, Sarah herself aged 7 and younger brother Robert aged 3, all were scholars and all were born in Bramham. After their marriage, in 1891, they are living on Church Street, Bramham, Robert Scott is aged 26, working as a Labourer for a Mason, wife Sarah is aged 25, and their two children Lilly is aged 5 all born in Bramham and Cecil is aged 4 born in Leeds. In 1901, living at Hill Top, Bramham, Robert is 36, a Masons Labourer, Sarah is 34, Lily (sic) is 15, Cecil is 14, Harold is 10, Emma is 9, Gertrude is 6 and Arthur is 1 year old, they were all born in Bramham. There is a record for the death of a Robert Scott, aged 64 (i.e. born in 1862) in the April Q. of 1926 in the Wetherby district which is possibly this Robert Scott but there are others living in the area so I can't be sure. The burial record that matches up with the Wetherby death is in Harewood so the family could have moved there or it could be a different Scott family. I could not find with any near certainty an entry in the Electoral Register for him in Thorne or

Harewood. I also could not find any likely death record for Sarah Scott in the area. Of their children who lived on Church Hill in 1911: Lily Scott was born in the July Q. of 1885, Emma Scott was born in the Oct Q. of 1892, Gertrude Scott was born in the Oct Q. of 1894 and Arthur Scott was born in the April Q. of 1900 all in the Wetherby district whilst the family were living in Bramham, Yorkshire. They were living with their parents and siblings in 1901 in Bramham and in Thorne in 1911. There are no more likely records for this family so they may have moved out of West Yorkshire shortly after 1911.

8. **Siblings: Charles, Ada and George S. Taylor:** Living in a house with 5 rooms he gives their address as Church Hill, Thorne. See their lives as written up under the 1881 census.
9. **John & Annie Noble and family:** Living in a house with 4 rooms he just gives their address as Thorne. See their lives as written up under the 1901 census.

## Some Electoral Registers for Thorner in the Barkston Ash district from 1920 to 1938

This list is not an accurate record of all residents as there are different qualifying criteria and not everyone wishes to register even if eligible for voting. It also may include names of people living at the foot of Church Hill or higher up from the cottages. They are not always up to date.

### 1920 in alphabetical order:

#### Address: Church Hill

Airey: Herbert

Brook: Lillie Claremont

#### Address: Mill Hill

Coulson: Albert and Mary

Hardcastle: Thomas and Mary

Graham: Albert and Mary Elizabeth

Greaves: Colin and Rose

Noble: Annie, George and John Cyril Barnes

Linfoot: Edward and Mary

Sweeting: Elizabeth Lucy Ann and Fred

Taylor: Charles and George

1928 in alphabetical order (I don't know if they filled out their own form and therefore there is a mixture of Mill Hill and Church Hill but it is all the same place (i.e. the Wilson surname – are they living in the same house?) or is it two different parts of Church Hill)

#### Address Church Hill:

Airey: Herbert and Hannah Mary

Barrington: George Edwin

Jacques: John and Millie

Wilson: Helena

#### Address Mill Hill:

Bowes: James and Doris

Graham: Mary Elizabeth

Noble: George

Sweeting: Fred, Elizabeth Lucy Ann, Wilfred

Taylor: Ada

Wilson: George

### 1932 in alphabetical order

#### Address Church Hill:

Airey: Herbert and Hannah Mary

Buttle: James Henry and Eliza

Douglas: Arthur and Bertha

Green: Ellen

Jacques: John and Millie

Wadkin: Henry, Mable Ellen and William

#### Address Mill Hill:

Douglas: Fred

Graham: Mary Elizabeth

Noble: George

Sweeting: Fred, Elizabeth Lucy Ann, Wilfred, Reginald

Taylor: Ada and George

**1936 in alphabetical order**

Address Church Hill:

Airey: Herbert and Hannah Mary  
Colbert: Claud  
Crossley: George and Edith  
Douglas: Arthur and Bertha  
Green: Ellen and Joe  
Jacques: John and Millie  
Wadkin: William

Address Mill Hill:

Graham: Mary Elizabeth  
Noble: George  
Sweeting: Fred, Elizabeth Lucy Ann, Wilfred, Reginald  
Taylor: Ada and George

**1937 in alphabetical order**

Address Church Hill:

Airey: Herbert and Hannah Mary  
Colbert: Claud  
Crossley: George and Edith  
Douglas: Arthur and Bertha  
Green: Ellen and Joe  
Wadkin: William

Address Mill Hill:

Graham: Mary Elizabeth  
Noble: George  
Sweeting: Fred, Elizabeth Lucy Ann, Wilfred, Reginald  
Taylor: Ada and George

**1938 in alphabetical order**

Address Church Hill:

Airey: Herbert and Hannah Mary

Address Mill Hill:

Noble: George  
Sweeting: Fred, Elizabeth Lucy  
Ann, Wilfred, Reginald

Kirkfield Lane

Crossley: George and Edith  
Graham: Mary Elizabeth  
Green: Ellen and Joe (no. 31)  
Taylor: Ada and George (no.33)  
Wadkin: William (no.31 also)

At some point in the 100 or so years between the production of the 1834 Teal Map and 1933 the ownership of the land and the cottages changed hands from the Tarboton family to the Mexborough Estate. In 1933 Mexborough's Agent, Mr. J. Richardson presented Wetherby Rural District Council (RDC) Housing & Town Planning (H&TP) Committee with a letter of protest from the tenants of the houses to the proposed demolition of the cottages due to their suggested uninhabitable condition.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 1936 Demolition Orders were served on the cottages to Mexborough Estates and they were vacated on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1938.

Between 1937 and 1938 the Electoral Registers show that the tenants were moved from Church Hill into the newly built houses on Kirkfield Lane with Mr George Noble perhaps being the last inhabitant of them although the Electoral Registers are not a conclusive or accurate way to measure this and he may have been cohabiting with another family on the Hill. The Airey and Sweeting families were probably living at the bottom of Church Hill in the two houses on the left hand side, one of which is currently still standing and was still occupied by Den Sweeting as late as 1996/7 (but these houses are not part of the houses being researched in this document).\*

In May 1938 Mr Richardson on behalf of Mexborough Estate pointed out to Wetherby RDC that it would be dangerous to completely demolish the 9 cottages on Church Hill as the Demolition Order required, so he submitted his proposal to render the properties safe but at the same time uninhabitable. This was agreed provided the properties were cement washed to render them less unsightly. Around this time the Council agreed to the internal fittings being removed and three houses were retained as pig sties, probably the three at right angles to the road as they had some land in front of them.

But by October 1946 Colonel Ledgard (possibly the same Ledgard family who resided in the Manor House in Thorner in 1946) of Wetherby RDC H&TP Committee proposed to have the Demolition Order enforced due to the unsightly condition of the site and this was seconded. In the following month it was reported that Mr Richardson was arranging for the above mentioned demolition to take place. In 1949 Thorner Parish Council are talking about the dangerous state of the wall on Church Hill and Mexborough were written to, to rectify this situation too.

In 1935 a Wetherby RDC Overcrowding Survey reports on the size of 5 of the properties which were at this time scheduled for demolition but still lived in. There is no reference to which house on Church Hill they were but the house dimensions for the following 5 families were:

Mr & Mrs G. Crossley and 3 children of 5 years, 4 years and 9 months: Kitchen 14ft 3in x 16ft 9in, Bedroom 14ft x 18ft, Attic 10ft 3in x 18ft 9in.

Mrs E. Green, and 2 others: Kitchen 15ft x 14ft 9in, Bedroom 17ft 6in x 14ft 2in, Attic 10ft x 17ft 8in.

Mr & Mrs J. Jacques, children of 17 years, 15 years, 7 years: Kitchen 14ft 6in x 16ft, Bedroom 18ft 6in x 14ft, Attic 17ft 6in x 8ft.

Mr & Mrs A. Douglas and 1 other: Kitchen 13ft 11in x 15ft 7in, Bedroom 13ft 8in x 18ft, Attic 17ft x 4ft 6in.

Mr & Mrs F. Sweeting and 4 others: Kitchen 14ft 5in x 13ft 4in, Bedroom 14ft 7 x 8ft 2in, Attic 14ft 6in x 14ft 3in.

\* An interesting addendum to these two houses is that in July 1947 It was resolved by Wetherby RDC Public Health Committee that a Statutory Notice be served on the Mexborough Estates requiring the conversion of privy middens to WCs at the houses occupied by Airey and Sweeting at Church Hill, Thorner, and that in November that year it was resolved that a sum of £11 be contributed by the Council in each case.



### Some other notes and sources of information:

1. In the census returns the last time the Mill and related house, opposite, was mentioned was in 1881. The first time the Manor House was mentioned was in 1891. Therefore the photo used earlier and on the display board was from the mid 1880's at the earliest.
2. I am informed that there were 2 WCs for these 9 cottages. One was to the right of the hill side cottages (I am told a red brick wall can still be seen there) and there was a similar one down the hill, near the stables.
3. The mill on the other side of the Church Hill opposite the 3 lower, set back cottages, was steam driven and for grinding corn.
4. The National Birth, Marriage and Death Records were started in 1837 and only the Index information is given online which gives the 3-month (Quarter) and year of the event plus the registration town/district. For more accurate and detailed information you will need to apply for a certificate from the Government (<https://www.gov.uk/order-copy-birth-death-marriage-certificate>) which currently (2020) costs £11 each if you can find the Volume number and the Page number from the Index. This information is free online if you look for it. The certificates cost more if the Government have to look up the volume and page number. They can cost a lot more if you use a website like Ancestry Co UK or Find My Past as they add an admin fee.
5. Prior to 1837 it was a legal requirement to keep Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in a parish church register regardless of your faith. Parish Registers, if they have physically survived start reliably from the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century although some parishes were recording earlier. They were backed up by a Bishop's Transcript of the information which is often available online if the Register is not. Age, Damp, Fire and the expertise and literacy of the Parish Clerk can have an unfortunate effect on these records. Not all parish registers have been transcribed and made available online so if you cannot find a record you are expecting to find there are many reasons for it. Parish Records in their original form or on microfiche are usually available at the County Record Office or, sometimes, local libraries and churches have kept a transcript. Thorner Church should have typed transcripts available as I typed them up about the year 2000 although the inconsistency of the spelling of the surnames caused me difficulties.
6. Whilst I have taken every care in creating this document in connection to accuracy, I apologise now if I have made typographical errors i.e. transposed figures in a date turning 1869 to 1896, and not spotted it. If this document is relevant to your family history, I suggest you double check all my findings. I have only used the websites: Ancestry.co.uk, the 'Find a Grave' website linked in with Ancestry and Google Maps to check locations I am not familiar with.
7. This document has been researched and written by Sue Schofield in Thorner. Any mistakes are mine only and for which I apologise.