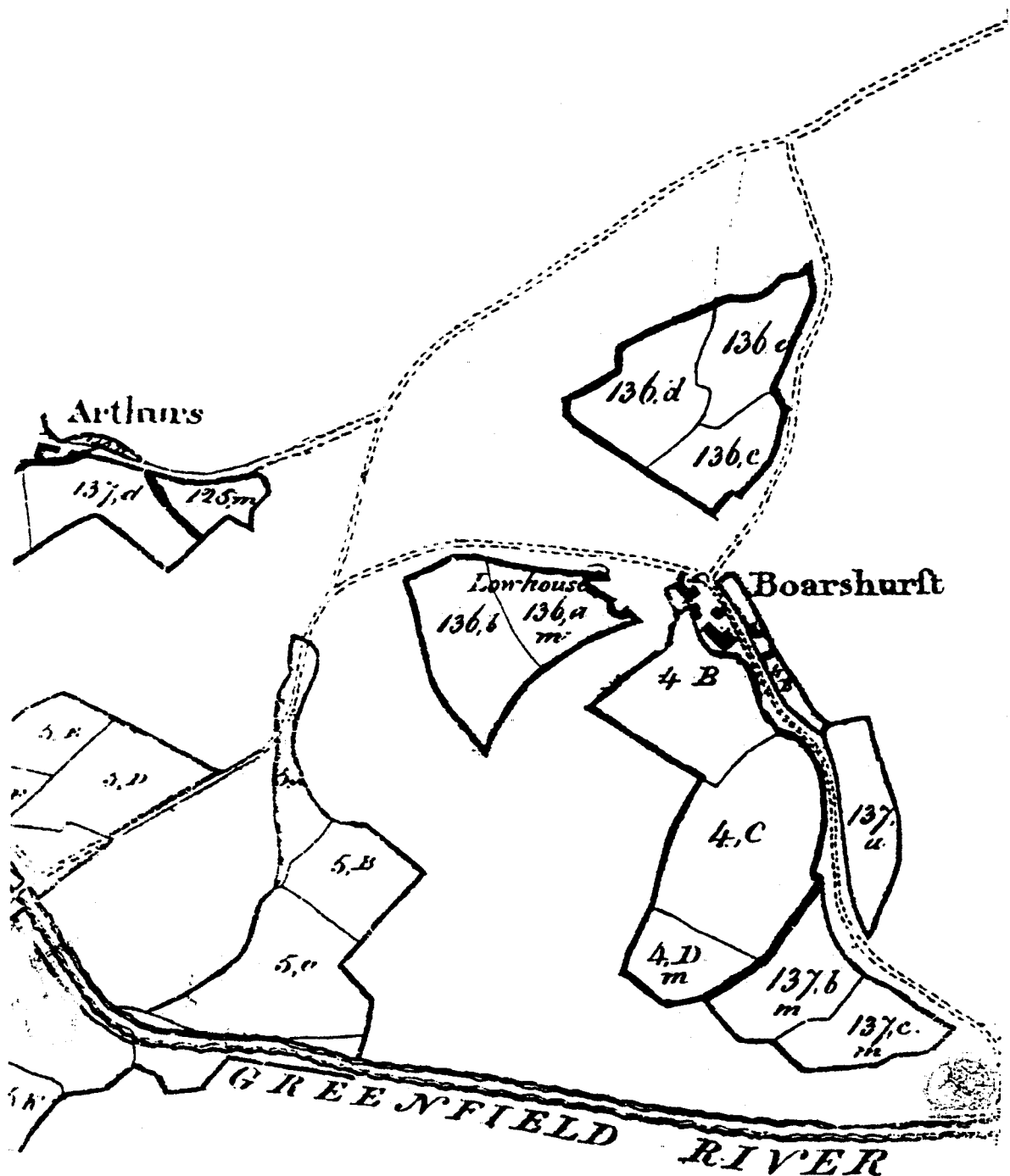


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Cover: Boarshurst and environs as depicted on "A Map of the Inclosures in the Parish of Saddleworth belonging to James Farrer", 1770. (Approximate scale is 11 inches to the mile).

CHARLES CLEMENT WALLACE AIRNE

1917-1995

Vicar of Lydgate 1958 - 1984

Canon Emeritus of Manchester Cathedral

Saddleworth Historical Society Archivist

Our obituary for Pat takes the form of the address given at his funeral by The Revd. Canon John Sykes, B. A., Team Rector of Oldham Parish Church and Chaplain to H. M. The Queen.

Charles Clement Wallace Airne (Pat)

Pat was born on the 3rd December 1917 on the Isle of Man, but was brought up in Manchester, where he attended William Hulme Grammar School. In 1940 he was called up and served in the RAF as a wireless operator, serving in Egypt, Sicily and Malta, as well as at home. After the war he went up to Selwyn College, Cambridge, and read History, following his father in his chosen subject. His father was a well-known historian and author. After Cambridge he went to Queen's College, Birmingham, to prepare for the priesthood. As most clergy did in those days, Pat served two curacies, the first at St. Thomas, Eccleston, and the second at St Andrew, Roby, both in the diocese of Liverpool.

In 1953 Pat moved to St John, Bacup, as incumbent, and in 1958 moved to St Anne's, Lydgate, and remained there for the rest of his parochial ministry, baptising them even unto the third generation! His ministry in Lydgate was long and fruitful. He started the uniformed organisations of cubs, scouts, brownies and guides and went on to camp with them. He was an honorary member of Lydgate Football Team (non-playing!).

As well as being parish priest, Pat served the Diocese on several committees, namely the Board of Finance, the Missionary Committee, the Parsonages Committee, and the now defunct Moral Welfare Committee, replaced by the Board of Social Responsibility. He was made a Canon of Manchester

Cathedral in 1980 and played a full part as an Honorary Canon in Cathedral worship and as a guide. After his retirement Pat continued to exercise a fruitful ministry in Saddleworth and I was extremely grateful to him when he and Margaret joined the congregation at Saddleworth Church and he celebrated the Eucharist there, as well as at Kilngreen and the Old School. He covered holidays for several clergy, and looked after St Matthew's, Chadderton, during a lengthy interregnum. He became Archdeaconry Widows Officer, a post he still held at the time of his death. He and Margaret entertained at their home every year those ladies, and their ministry was deeply appreciated.

In the wider community of Saddleworth, Pat followed his love of history by becoming a Founder member of the Saddleworth Historical Society, and wrote several papers and articles for the journal, as well as publishing his book "St Anne's Lydgate 1788 - 1988: The Story of a Pennine Parish".

This latter work took a great deal of research, and I believe he read most of the title deeds to the old property in the parish. No mean feat in these Pennine villages where some things are regarded as private! He had an unrivalled knowledge of the history of this area, and his researches continued until his recent illness prevented him. He became the archivist to the Society and also to Saddleworth Museum. His latest contribution was to produce a Gazeteer for the Cross Keys Inn 1745 - 1995, to mark the 250th anniversary of the Inn which Pat discovered was once known as the Gravemakers Arms. That Inn was for several years the home of various eccentric clergy at Saddleworth Church, and Pat relished telling tales about them.

He was a member of the Manchester Clergy Society and for a time its Secretary, and he was also a member of the Old Rectory Club, housed in 90, Deansgate, where a good lunch could be enjoyed for 7s 6d back in the sixties. Pat was also a member and later President of the now defunct Oldham Clergy Society. For both these Societies he wrote papers for discussion, and indeed contributed to those debates with wisdom and erudition.

Within the area his interest in Youth Work led him to sit on the Saddleworth Youth Council where he was much involved in arranging and accompanying outings to various venues and events in Greater Manchester.

He also served Saddleworth School as a Governor for twenty-five years, and was Chaplain to the ATC here and in Bacup. When he celebrated his Silver Jubilee of priesthood the parish gave him a wonderful present - a renewal of his robes - and I met him by chance in Wippell's in Manchester with Arthur Jones, a clerical friend of Pat's, himself a great wit. Pat was greatly enjoying ordering a new cassock, surplice and scarf, as well as a Cope. A new ring appeared on his finger and a refurbished Pat cut quite a figure at St Anne's, as well as elsewhere in the Diocese, for those were the days

when preaching elsewhere was a great deal easier than it is now. Pat enjoyed the company of the local clergy and several 'Good Doss' were had in the area in the eighties, as well as the regular monthly lunchtime service followed by a pub lunch. Now Pat was a good trencherman and enjoyed his food, and he got great pleasure from a meeting followed by a good supper, whether in the home of a parishioner or elsewhere. However he had some dietary restrictions in recent years and was not allowed chips, and Margaret made sure at home that he did not transgress. At clergy lunches he was tempted to stray and was the subject of much ribbing by his colleagues, especially when a nice green salad was ordered for him: he hated salad. There are other stories to be remembered and related on another occasion when there will be more time.

A mildly eccentric man, with a dry sense of humour, a turn of phrase and a good wit, Pat Airne was a faithful parish priest and good pastor, with a deep spirituality; a scholar and historian with a full grasp of parochial strengths and needs and how to minister to them. He supported Margaret in her work with the Mothers' Union, both before and after she was Diocesan President.

Supporting him in his ministry was Margaret, as well as being his wife and companion, and we thank her for that today, for they will be remembered as a team, who gave themselves unstintingly in the parishes in which they served with affection and generosity. We pray for Margaret, for his sister Eileen, and for Audrey his sister-in-law, in their sadness at his passing, and ask for God's peace in their hearts and for the reality of the communion of saints to be theirs in the new life which lies ahead for them.

Pat's faith shone through his personality and we now commend him to his Master whom he has served so well both before and after retirement.

Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.

Canon John Sykes
26th August 1995

The Shaw family of Boarshurst - Part One

My main aim in this article is to show how a Saddleworth family persisted for many generations in the same hamlet. I discuss the Shaws of Boarshurst from the mid 16th to the mid 18th centuries. They lived in that part of the hamlet lying within the manor of Saddleworth, purchased by the Ramsdens in 1590. Some light is shed on the history of that hamlet.

Saddleworth church registers have been published (ed. John Radcliffe) but, because they do not start until the early 17th century and are defective for the first hundred years, I have complemented them with a variety of other records. Emphasis has been put on the following (sources shown in brackets - for abbreviations, see list of references):

Wills (mostly proved in the Diocesan Court of Chester (LRO), but some in the Prerogative Courts of Canterbury, PCC (PRO), and York, PCY (BI).

1543-4, 35 Henry VIII lay subsidy (PRO: E179/207/186; other subsidies are too brief to be of use).

1590-1612, Manorial Rentals (SM: H/JH/CAB/4/15a).

1669 Tithe Payers (LRO, published BSHS 14 (2): 20-26).

1664-1674 Hearth Tax Returns (PRO: 1664, E179/210/393; 1666, E179/210/394A, also published with Church Registers 1: 486-487); 1670, E179/210/411; 1672, E179/210/413; and 1674, E179/262/13).

1708- Vestry Minutes (MCL:09/3 1/1).

1712-1789 Manorial Rentals (WW: box 8/5, 8/6).

1743-1784 Manorial Rolls (WW: box 8/4b).

1770 Manorial Survey (SM: H/JH/CAB/3/1a).

In addition, the following secondary sources have been used:

Raines manuscripts (CL)
Giles Shaw manuscripts (MCL)
John Owen manuscripts (MCL)

As an aid in the analysis, relationships between the Shaws of Boarshurst are shown in the dropline chart. Those known to have lived at Boarshurst are underlined to distinguish them from others living elsewhere in Saddleworth. A sketch map shows most places mentioned in the text.

The name Shaw has been common in Lancashire for very many years (McKinley, 1981). During the 13th and 14th centuries, before surnames became definite, some Saddleworth inhabitants were named 'del Schagh' ie 'of the Shaw', meaning that those inhabitants lived in or came from Shaw mere, one of the four ancient divisions of Saddleworth. By the mid 16th century there were several families named Shaw - eg six heads paid the lay subsidy of 1543-4 for 'Qwyk'. Although Quick was another of the meres, the name was used also to mean the whole of Saddleworth in early records, as proved by the hearth tax returns of 1664, where all four meres are named and included under Quick.

Names of hamlets where Shaws lived have not been identified until the late 16th century. The earliest record of Shaws in Boarshurst that I have found is the will of Adam Shaw of 'Hoverhurst', dated 1583 (Raines MSS; see SM; M/HOW/GS/36). There is no such place as 'Hoverhurst'; it is presumably a misreading of Boarshurst, a deduction supported by Adam referring to his only son as Giles, who is known to have lived later at Boarshurst (see below). Adam's probate inventory valued his goods at £35 9s. He appears as an appraiser of the inventory of James Taylor of Saddleworth in 1580.

The rentals of 1590 and 1591 list Giles along with William and John, a turner, but no hamlets are named. A John, dishturner, is also mentioned in the lay subsidy of 1571-2 (PRO: E179/208/246); and in the same year a John, husbandman, James his brother, and George, were living together, according to a quitclaim of the title of their place (WYA: WBD/X/67). One of these may have corresponded to the datestone ISMS 1560 carved on the porch of an old house at Boarshurst (SM:M/HOW/GS/21).

A rental of 1591, however, lists Giles, William, Ralph and Richard of Boarshurst, but there is no mention of John. It is therefore likely that Giles, William and John in 1590 and 1591 were in Boarshurst, and probably also Ralph, but his name is not directly linked with the others. A John Shaw whose will is dated 1601 was probably living at Boarshurst because the witnesses and appraisers of his probate inventory were living there in 1595, but he had no children. I take Giles, William, Ralph and Richard in turn, and their descendants at Boarshurst.

1. In 1592, Giles Shaw was a legatee of John Wyld, minister of Saddleworth, and he appears in four more Saddleworth wills from 1603 to 1617. He died in 1634 leaving a will dated and proved in the same year and naming five sons - John, George, Thomas, Henry and Giles - as well as a daughter, Sarah Kinder (who had married Lawrence Kinder in 1633). He says the last three sons were his youngest, so presumably all were named in order of age. John and George were his executors, being the eldest. John acquired the tenement equally with Giles's widow, Joan, 'accordinge to the custome of the lordshippe', and the other four sons got 'that part of housinge called the New House for a workehouse or shoppe'. This suggests the recent building of another house to accommodate the family. Giles describes himself

as a husbandman but he includes woollen looms among his legacies. He bequeathed a third of his goods, after debts paid, to his wife, a third to his sons, and the other third, 'commonly called the deads part', to 'my funeralls forthbringinge probatation of my will mortuary and legacies.' He finishes the will with his mark. His goods were valued at £203 13s 8d, of which £55 were livestock and £31 wool, yarn and cloth.

The evidence from Giles's will suggests that his eldest son, John, was to continue farming at Boarshurst. The others would either become weavers (clothiers) or move away if they were to become farmers. This was a common development where there was insufficient land at home.

Following Giles's death, his eldest son, John Shaw of Boarshurst was named in 1636, as a juror at a meeting of the Saddleworth court baron (SM: M/HOW/3). In the following year John senior and John junior, as well as Lawrence Kinder (Giles's son-in-law) and two others bought three messuages from John Ramsden, as recorded in a Feet of Fines (PRO: CP25(2)/523). There is little doubt that one of these two Johns was the son of Giles. John's will has not survived but his probate inventory of 1665 has, when he was described as a yeoman of Boarshurst. An appraiser was a Henry, presumably his brother, who is known to have been alive then. He seems to have been primarily a livestock farmer, with weaving a secondary occupation, for his goods were valued at £108 12s 8d, of which £43 were for cattle and a gelding, £6 for sheep, £1 10s for 'one paire of woollen loomes with the furniture', and £3 for wool and yarn. He owed £36 5s 1d, and among debts owing to him was 1s 8d from Giles, presumably his nephew of Uppermill. His funeral expenses amounted to £6 7s 9d.

John's death year is uncertain. In the 1664 hearth tax returns, under Lords Mere there are three Johns. One is known to have been at Shawhouses, and one is listed at 'Lowerhouse', which was at the west end of Boarshurst, according to the map accompanying the 1770 survey. The other was presumably John the son of Giles. In the 1669 list of tithepayers there was only one John at Boarshurst, and he is described as of 'Lower (House)' in the hearth tax returns of the following year. John of Boarshurst therefore probably died in 1665, just before his inventory was drawn up. John's wife, Mary, was one of his executors, according to the Probate Act Book (LRO). The other executor was Ralph Andrew, the husband of Sarah, John's only child and named in the will of George Shaw of Boarshurst. Because John had no sons his tenement passed to his daughter and therefore to her husband, Ralph Andrew, who replaced John Shaw in the hearth tax returns to 1674. Ralph Andrew died in 1699.

Son George Shaw also stayed at Boarshurst but he had no children. By his will, dated 1653 but proved in 1665 (a delay perhaps linked to the uncertainties of the Commonwealth and Restoration), he makes his brother John overseer

and his brother Henry an executor (who also got as a legacy 'twoe packes of woolle that are at Overmilne'). He also names Sarah daughter of Thomas, a Giles (presumably son of Thomas), Sarah daughter of John, and (unnamed) children of Henry. A Richard was a witness. George's goods were valued at about £230, including £37 15s for 'in tackes of ground', £40 for livestock, £20 for 'woolle yearne oyle and dyeing stufe', and £2 for 'looumbes and furniture packe clothes and maleing cords one tenter (stretching frame) and all furniture for cloth making', but only 2s 8d for husbandry ware. He owed Edward Bothomley £2 10s for 'tenn gallonds of oyle'. It seems that George was a sheep farmer and weaver. His death year is uncertain because the church registers are very defective, but there were two Georges recorded in the hearth tax returns of 1664 and only one in 1666. This is consistent with a death about 1665, when the will was proved. Thus both brothers, John and George, seem to have died about 1665. Perhaps they lived together and were ill together - it was a plague year.

Son Thomas Shaw of Boarshurst, clothier, in 1635 bought land at Brownhills, Grotton, from John Lowton (BSHS 7 (4):81), and in 1637 he bought premises in Uppermill from John Ramsden (SM: M/HOW/GS/36). A receipt of 1640 records John and Thomas, yeomen, paying £29 for the purchase of a farm or tenement at 'Overmilln' from John Ramsden SM: M/HOW/GS/36). It is clear that Thomas was able to move from Boarshurst to become an independent farmer (a change from clothier to yeoman), but he did not live long to enjoy the land. His PCC will, dated 1650 and proved in 1651 (PRO: PROB11/215/11), names his only children Giles and Sarah, and his brother George was appointed their curator. His wife Alice got back the £20 'she brought to him in marriage'. A witness was a Henry Shaw, presumably his younger brother. This Thomas became the forebear of the Shaws of Uppermill and Furlane.

Son Henry Shaw moved to Lane, Grotton. In 1689 he made his will 'being aged and weake in body'. Among other legacies, he gave to his eldest son, John, 'one paire of wollen loubes with the furniture belonging thereunto', and to his son James 'two paire of loubes'. He ended the will with his mark. One of the appraisers of his inventory was his nephew Giles. The value of his goods amounted to £77 3s, including £19 15s for livestock, £6 12s 4d for 'instrum^{ts} for clothmaking', and £11 12s for 'cloth woll yarne and oyle'. The baptisms and burials of some of his children are recorded.

In 1656, Henry of Lane, yeoman, had bought the above-mentioned land at Brownhills, Grotton, from his nephew Giles of Uppermill; and in 1658 he was appointed overseer of the PCC will of Mary, widow of Francis Whewall of Balgreave (proved the same year: PRO: PROB11/283/610). In 1659, he was one of the appraisers of the inventory of Alice Shaw of Wellihole, but no relationship is known. If she was Thomas's widow, why was she at Wellihole? Henry of Lane is listed among

the tithe payers in 1669, and he is named as a tenant in Grotton in 1676 (MCL: L/43 box 20). In 1677, he was an appraiser of the inventory of a John Shaw of Quickedge, but again no relationship is known; perhaps John was Henry's son. It is clear that Henry became a farmer by taking a tenancy, unlike his brother Thomas, who bought land. When this happened is unknown, but there is a datestone at Lane: 1648 HS (BSHS 6 (4):53). This Henry became the forbear of the Shaws of Lane.

Thus, of Giles's five sons, John and George stayed at Boarshurst, whereas Thomas and Henry left. There is no further record of the fifth son, Giles, so this line of Boarshurst Shaws ended.

2. William Shaw of Boarshurst in the 1595 rental was a son of Gilbert Shaw of Saddleworth, whose will, dated 1592 (Raines MSS; see SM: M/HOW/GS/36), refers to his sons George, Reynold and William. There is no other known reference to 'Reynold', which is therefore probably a misreading of a form of Ralph, such as Raynulf. This suggestion is confirmed by the already mentioned PCC will of one of William's daughters, Mary (the wife of Francis Whewall of Balgreave), who gave 1s legacies to 'the children of my uncle Ralph Shaw'.

A William appraised the probate inventories of George Shaw of Saddleworth in 1601, of John Shaw of Saddleworth, husbandman, in 1601, of Alice Shaw, widow of the above-mentioned Adam Shaw in 1609, and of Margaret Wood in 1610. There was no known William other than of Boarshurst, so presumably the George was his brother (and the Alice perhaps his aunt, if Adam and Gilbert were brothers).

William died in 1623. His will has not survived, but his probate inventory includes, among his 'debts outward', 6s to 'George Shaw my son'. William was probably a husbandman: there is no mention of looms or cloth. Another of his sons, Edmund Shaw of Boarshurst, husbandman, died at about the same time. His will, dated 1623, names his parents, William and Katherine, his sisters Agnes Shaw and Mary Whewall, and his two brothers Robert and George, as well as their children, Ralph's children, but no children of his own. He made his executors his uncle Ralph Shaw and his brother-in-law Francis Whewall. Among the legacies to his wife, Anne, Edmund gave half of a close called 'the little meddowe', which the much later manorial survey of 1770 shows was a detached piece of land west of Boarshurst, near Arthurs, belonging to a holding (no. 137) in Boarshurst at that later time.

William's widow, Katherine Shaw, left a will, dated 1627, naming her son George and his children, her son Robert's children and her daughter Annis (= Agnes) Shaw, who was to inherit the tenement. She was the only known Agnes at this time, and because the only known burial of an Agnes was in 1633 it is possible she did not inherit for long. If George

also did not inherit in her place, then the tenement would have come to Robert, but as yet there is no positive evidence of that.

Son George was alive in 1623, when he had one child, William (according to the will of his brother Edmund), and in 1627, when he also had three daughters (according to the will of his mother, Katherine). None of these children appears in the registers of baptisms: they were presumably born about 1621-1627, in the gap 1619-1632 of the baptism register. It is not known if George was living at Boarshurst but in 1650 a George Shaw of Boarshurst had been appointed an overseer of the PCC will of Francis Whewall of Balgreave (proved 1657: PRO: PROB11/269/427) who, as we have seen, was George's brother in law. There is no further definite identification.

Son Robert was alive in 1623, when he had eight children: Robert, William, John, Henry, Mary, Ellen, Susan and Sarah (according to the will of his brother Edward). Of these, the baptism of only one is recorded, John in 1615. Four survived to 1627: William, John, Henry and Sarah. Edmund the son of Robert was baptised in 1618 but he must have died by 1623. There is a gap in the burials register 1615-1632. Another child of Robert was buried in 1614, perhaps his daughter Jane, baptised 1613. This limited evidence suggests that Robert's family started about 1610, and that Robert himself was therefore born about 1585. It is not known what happened to Robert's brothers William and Henry. Perhaps William was the one whose son Henry is known to have been buried in 1637.

Robert's unnamed wife was buried in 1634. By then, there seems to have been at least one more son, Thomas. A Thomas Shaw deceased (with sons William and John) is named in the already-mentioned 1658 will of Mary Whewall, along with

'my kinsman John Shaw of Lower House' and his wife Ann (Mary's husband's niece, according to his PCC will) and their unnamed children,

Robert Shaw and his wife Margaret (another of Mary's husband's nieces) but no children,

Michael Shaw of Ryetop and his wife Ann and her children, and John Shaw of Shawhouses and his two daughters by his first wife (John had married Agnes Whewall in 1638 but she died two years later).

This John of Lower House (at the western end of Boarshurst, holding no. 136 of the 1770 survey) was surely Mary Whewall's nephew, the son of Robert, and it is likely that Thomas was too. A Robert, with wife Margaret, husbandman of Walkmilne, left a will, also dated 1658. He seems to be the same Robert for he names no children (presumably they had died, for two are known to have been baptised, in 1638 and 1640), but he does mention his sister Elizabeth Milnes. This Robert could not have been the son of Robert senior named in 1623 in the will of his brother Edmund, because that child did not survive

to 1627. Robert senior was alive in 1634, when his (unnamed) wife died, but his own death is unknown. In 1649, a Robert of Saddleworth, husbandman, got the lease of a tenement in the manor for 40 years (WYA: WBD/X/71), but it is not known which Robert this was.

3. Ralph Shaw of Boarshurst in the 1595 rental is named in various Shaw wills: a creditor of George of Saddleworth in 1601, an appraiser for John of Saddleworth husbandman in 1603, an appraiser for Alice, widow of Adam, in 1609, an executor for Edmund of Boarshurst in 1623, an overseer of Katherine in 1627, a legatee of Giles in 1634, and an appraiser of the probate inventory of Margaret Wrigley in the same year. He said he was aged 75 in 1636 (when he made a deposition before the court baron of Saddleworth manor - SM: M/HOW/3), which would have made him about the same age as Giles. A Ralph was buried in 1637 - presumably the same one, but there is no will. However we know the names of his children in 1623 from the already-mentioned will of his nephew, Edmund Shaw: sons Henry, Thomas, Edmund and Richard Shaw, and daughters Mary Shaw alias Kaye, Alice Hayward, Margaret Shaw and Ellen Shaw. Of these, perhaps Henry remained at Boarshurst, but there is no definite evidence.

Another son of Ralph was George Shaw of Shawhouses (according to the will of Brian Haselgreave of Knarr, dated 1617, and to his own undated will, proved 1633), husbandman, who was buried in 1632, before his father. It seems that Shawhouses, or Shaws, was built at the beginning of the 17th century, by or for George and other Shaws, because the earliest reference is to George and John in the 1612 rental. George was an overseer of the will of John Shaw of Shawhouses, dated 1627, but the relation between John and George is unknown. Other sons of Ralph were Edmund and Richard: these were named, along with Henry and Thomas, in the 1623 will of his above-mentioned cousin Edmund of Boarshurst.

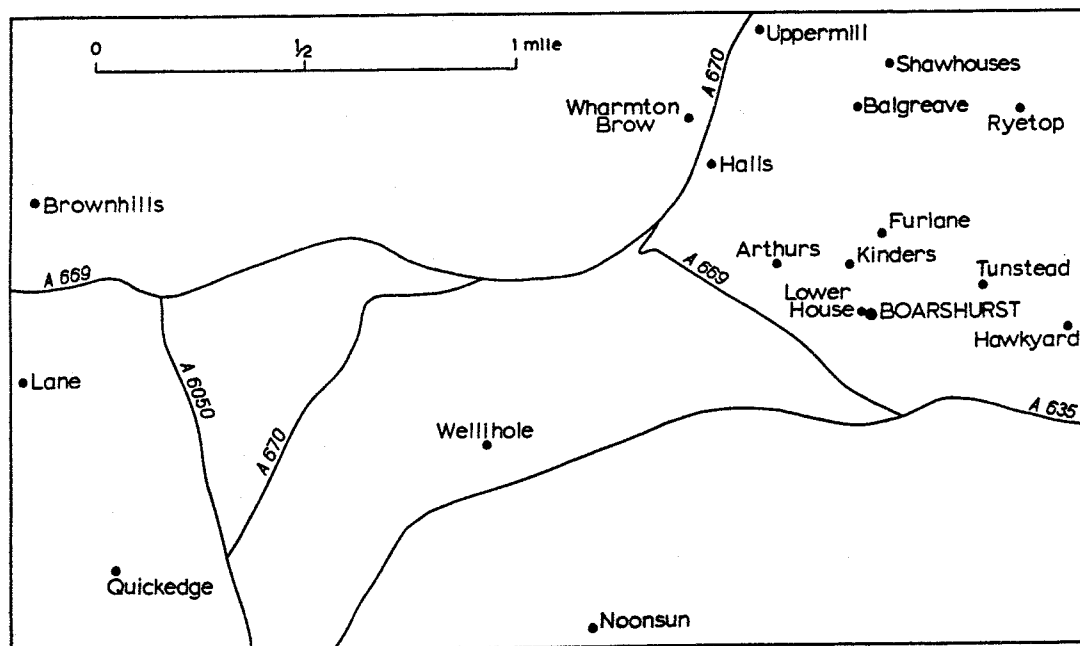
4. Richard Shaw of Boarshurst in the 1595 rental was the only known Richard from the turn of the century. A Richard was an appraiser, in 1589, of the probate inventory of John Taylor of Quick. In the 1591 rental he can be deduced as being 'of the milne', but his will of 1603 describes him as a husbandman. From his probate inventory he seems to have been a small cattle farmer. His relationship to the other Shaws of Boarshurst is unknown, but Ralph was an overseer of his will and an appraiser of his inventory. Among his sons were Edmund, George and Robert, names also found among the descendants of Ralph and William. The evidence linking Richard (and thence Edmund of Uppermill) with the Shaws of Boarshurst is clearly slight: he may have been a brother of Gilbert. The Edmund of 'Mylne' (Uppermill) in the rental of 1612 was presumably Richard's son but he had died by 1633, when his own son,

another Edmund, took the lease of the mill from Sir John Ramsden for 21 years at 9s 4d a year plus three fat hens at Christmas (SM: HOW/GS/36). There is no record of the death of Edmund senior but it is likely to have been not long before the mill was leased to his son.

The occurrence of the names Henry and Thomas among Ralph's children, and of John and Henry among his nephew Robert's children, suggests a link between Ralph and Giles (who had sons John, Thomas and Henry), but they were not brothers, as the will of Gilbert shows. Perhaps they were cousins. Gilbert is not among those paying rent in 1590-91, so perhaps he lived outside the manor or even with one of his sons.

(To be continued).

David Pedgley



LOWER LIME FARM, OLDHAM

A Survey of the Timber-framed Buildings

Introduction

Lower Lime Farmhouse (SD 9113 0161) is a half-timbered building now situated within the Borough of Oldham. It is one of only a handful of known timber-framed structures which still survive in the Oldham district. The Greater Manchester Archaeological Unit were commissioned to carry out an architectural survey of the farmhouse as part of an evaluation of the site ahead of a proposed motorway development. During the course of this work a second timber-framed structure was identified within the farm complex and was consequently included within the survey.

Documentary Evidence

Only a limited amount of documentary research was carried out. However the site of Lower Lime is shown on a map dated 1793, together with a second property immediately to the west called 'Henry Booths' (Cordingleys, Ashton-under-Lyne). That this building is the second timber-framed structure recorded at the farm seems certain. Originally Lower Lime was in the township of Audenshaw and the parish of Ashton-under-Lyne, and an assessment of that parish in 1618 lists eight people who occupied property in the district of Lime (Bowman 1960, 534). That any of these men lived at Lower Lime Farm has not been established.

Lower Lime Farmhouse

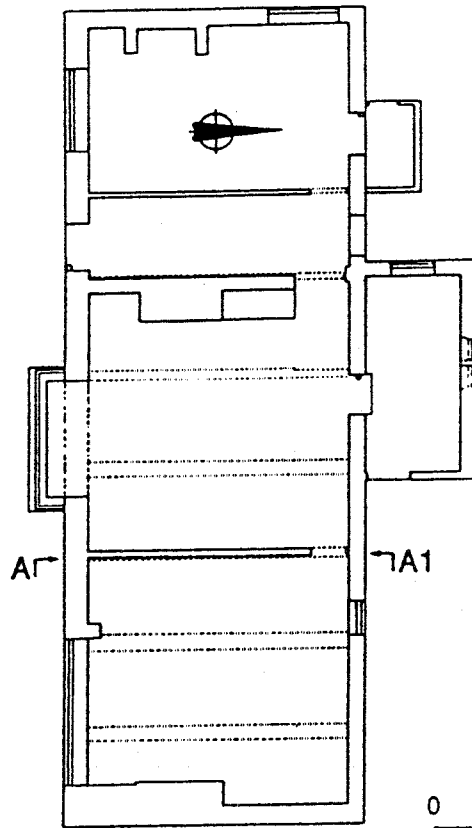
General Description

Lower Lime Farmhouse is a 1½ storey, 3 bay structure of brick and timber-framed construction. It has a graduated stone slate roof and ridge and east gable chimney stacks. Only the northern elevation retains the timber framing. The southern and western elevations were rebuilt in the 19th century in handmade brick, and the east elevation was rebuilt in the early 20th century in machine-made brick (owner, pers comm). With the exception of the east gable, which is of English Garden Wall bond, all the elevations have a rendered exterior. A 19th century extension was added to the north elevation and a 20th century porch encloses the north entrance.

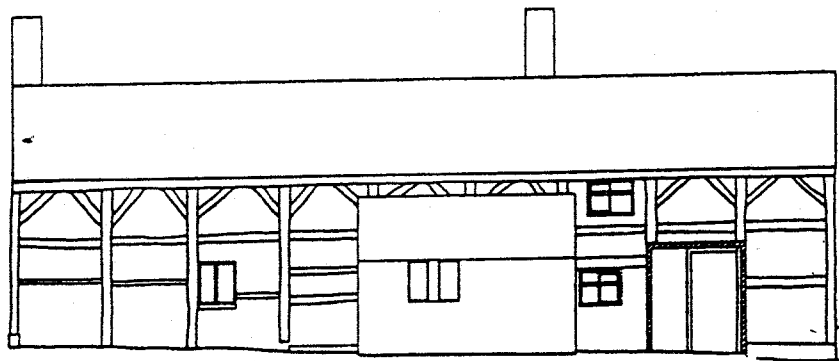
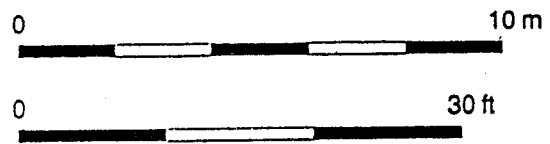
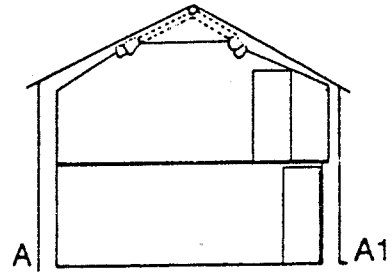
North Elevation

A total of nine panels (numbered from east to west) of timber-box framing survive, with evidence for a stone plinth through panels 4, 5, 6 and 9. A mid-rail runs the full length of the elevation and corresponds to the level of the ground floor ceiling. Several other rails are located in the panels at

LOWER LIME FARMHOUSE



Ground Floor Plan



North Elevation

differing heights. Two horizontal sliding sash windows are located in panel 7, one to each floor. All the panels have short, upward angled braces connecting either the corner posts or the studs with the wall plate. The only exception is in panel 7 where the braces appear to have been removed to incorporate the sliding sash window. The original presence of braces in this bay is evidenced by the peg holes in the one visible stud.

Internal Description

The west principal support wall (between bays 2 and 3) is of sandstone. There is evidence of wattle and daub infill to the other dividing wall in the roof, suggesting that this may have been timber-framed. Six cross-beams are visible running north-south across the ceiling of the ground floor. The position of these beams corresponds to that of the posts and studs of the timber-framed wall. The majority of these beams have been cased-in, although some original timbers are visible.

The Roof

The visible elements of the roof are two through-purlins and the ridge beam. The purlins are extremely large and roughly hewn, almost whole oak timbers. The section joints of the purlins are hidden by the dividing walls but the timbers appear to overlap one upon the other. Some lengths of the purlins have a decorative moulding inset. There is little indication of the form of roof truss. However, in the enclosed 'attic' space between bays 1 and 2 the outline of two principal rafters supporting the ridge beam can be distinguished. It is not clear how these principal rafters are themselves supported: there is no clear evidence for a tiebeam although this may be concealed within the wall; alternatively the principal rafters may rest upon the supporting wall itself.

Timber-framed Structure No 2 ('Henry Booths')

This structure is contained within a later group of farm buildings at Lower Lime Farm. It is a 2 storey building of which only a single bay remains. Most of the surviving timbers are in the upper floor and consist of a timber box-framed south elevation and a single roof truss with principal rafters and a tiebeam. The west elevation is constructed of stone, while the remaining elevations are brick built.

South Elevation

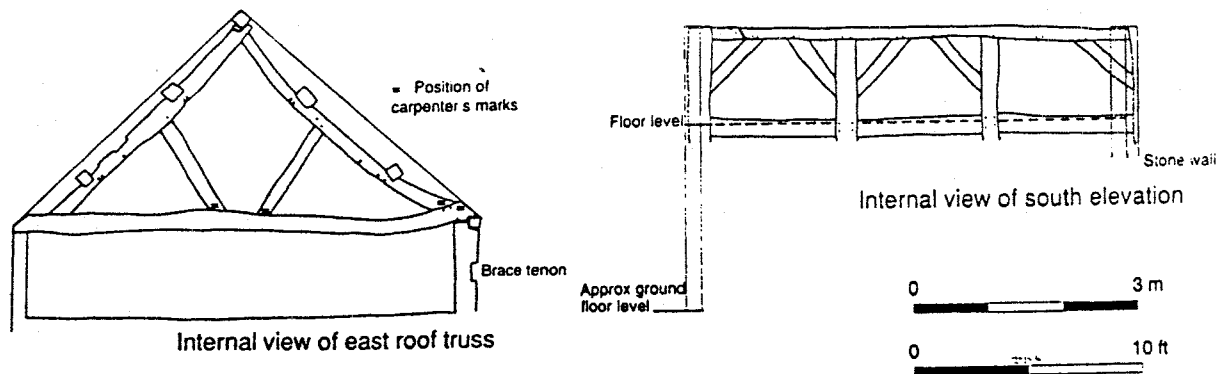
In the upper floor three panels of timber box-framing survive; four posts/studs, a mid-rail, wall plate and braces were recorded. All the panels have short, upward angled braces connecting either the posts or the studs with the wall plate. Grooves inserted in the horizontal members of the framing

indicate that the wall originally had a wattle and daub infill. The ground floor has been largely rebuilt and, with the exception of a single upright in the next bay to the east, there is no evidence for the timber framing continuing at this level.

The Roof

The eastern roof truss remains intact and consists of two principal rafters supporting a ridge beam. The rafters rest upon a tiebeam and the truss is strengthened by angled struts. Each rafter supports two purlins and the joint between these two members is strengthened by wind braces. Peg holes in the rafters would suggest that originally the truss had a second pair of angled struts and a collar beam.

Located on the truss were four sets of carpenter's marks. Each of these consists of two short, parallel strokes which are located on the angled struts close to their joint with the tiebeam, one on the southern principal rafter near its joint with the tiebeam, and one on the tiebeam at the southern end. All of these marks are located on the western side of the timbers which suggests that the marks were made while the timbers lay on the ground, with this side face up, to assist in assembly.



Lower Lime, Structure No 2

Conclusion

Typologically Lower Lime Farmhouse and the second timber-framed structure at the farm can be compared with the listed farmhouse and stables of Woodhouse Green Farm which lie less than a mile to the south-east. The latter has the same timber box-frame construction with upward angled braces and has been dated to the 17th century. A second comparable structure dated to the mid-17th century is the barn at Crowley Lodge, Arley, Cheshire.

The relatively wide and regular spacing of the timber panels at Lower Lime together with the short angled braces would suggest a late 17th/early 18th century date for the buildings. The horizontal sliding sash windows at the farmhouse are sometimes referred to as 'Yorkshire sliding sash windows' such was their widespread distribution in that county from the early 18th century (Harrison & Hutton 1984, 155). Regarding this type of window as an early 18th century phenomenon would push the date of the building itself towards 1700 since it has been observed that these windows appear to have been later inserts.

Although now a farmhouse the original function of Lower Lime may have been as a farm building. The surviving timber frame elements do not allow a full appreciation of the various alterations and changes of use which the building may have undergone. However an examination of the northern elevation suggests that the original building had no windows in this elevation. The owner recalled that only bays 2 and 3 had a stone flagged floor and that bay 1 at one time held pigs, and that a drain had been uncovered in the south-east corner of bay 2 during work on the building. All of these factors suggest that the original function of the building was not as a dwelling but as a farm building of some kind.

There is some evidence that bay 1 was a slightly later addition to the building: the floor to this bay was not flagged; the purlins are abnormally large compared to the other bays; and the post which corresponds to the division between bays 1 and 2 appears to be supported on a plinth whereas the posts in bay 1 are not, which suggests that this post may have been a corner post at one stage. All of these factors would indicate that this bay was added to the house at a later date and that originally the building had only 2 bays, with a sandstone cross wall. The originally non-domestic function of bay 1 is suggested by the unflagged floor and the crudity of treatment afforded to the purlins.

The second timber-framed structure appears to be of similar construction to the farmhouse and therefore a construction date of c1700 has been ascribed. However the surviving elements of the original building are of insufficient number to allow an analysis of the building's function. That this was the original farmhouse of which Lower Lime farmhouse was a farm building is only a possibility.

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MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS AT DELPH INDEPENDENT CHAPEL - PART III

- 68 Alice Maud WALTON who died 1st June 1954 aged 75 years. Also Joseph WALTON husband of the above who died 18 January 1955 aged 76 years and was interred at Saddleworth Church.
- 69 Menetta, daughter of James and Ann BROADBENT of Mitchel-Mill who died May 25th 1827 in the 20th year of her age. Also Martha their daughter who died October 5th 1834 in the 18th year of her age. Also the said James BROADBENT who died at Shaw Hall Bank January 24th 1848 in the 65th year of his age. Also Ann his wife who died 20th June 1860 aged 74 years. Also Hannah their daughter who died Oct^r 22nd 1888 in her 77th year. Also Mary their daughter who died Jan^y 31st 1890 in her 84th year.
- 70 Franklin son of John and Mary HEPWORTH of Delph who died Jan^y 30th 1861 AE 7 years. Also Ann their daughter who died October 13th 1867 aged 23 years. Also the aforesaid John HEPWORTH who died August 7th 1892 aged 72 years. Also Mary his wife who died May 1st 1909 aged 88 years. Also Eliza Jane their daughter and widow of the late Edwin PICKUP who died August 17th 1928 aged 71 years.
- 71 Isaac HALL of Delph who died January 18th 1860 in the 33rd year of his age. Also Mary his daughter who died December 22nd 1855 in the 2nd year of her age and was interred at All Saints Church Manchester. Also Ann his daughter who died July 6th 1866 in the 7th year of her age.
- 72 William BROADBENT of Diggle who died Sep^r 10th 1866 aged 78 years. Also Sarah his wife who died Nov^r 25th 1827 aged 38 years. Also Ammon their son who died May 1815 aged 1 year. Also Edwin their son who died Nov^r 20th 1822 aged 6 years. Also James their son who died June 2nd 1818 in infancy. Also Mary their daughter who died Jan^y 25th 1820 aged 1 month. Also Joshua their son who died Oct^r 16th 1846 aged 20 years.
- 73 Thomas KENWORTHY son of Joseph and Martha KENWORTHY of Woothered-Hill, who died Nov^r 4th 1853 in the 29th year of his age. Also Martha wife of the aforesaid Joseph KENWORTHY who died 22nd March 1864 in the 72nd year of her age. Also the said Joseph KENWORTHY who died 14th August 1869 in the 76th year of his age.
- 74 Edwin son of Joseph and Mary WHITEHEAD of Sandbed who died October 25th 1830 in the 3rd year of his age. Also Ben their son who died Nov^r 18th 1839 in the 25th year of his age. Also Martha their daughter and wife of Thomas SCHOFIELD of Dobcross who died June 8th 1849 in the 28th year of her age.

Dear husband now my life is past,
You faithful lov'd me to the last,
Grieve not for me but pity take,
On my poor infant for my sake.

Also the aforementioned Joseph WHITEHEAD who died Jan^y 19th 1868 in the 82nd year of his age. Also the said Mary WHITEHEAD his widow who died March 11th 1879 in the 88th year of her age.

- 75 Abel Watts son of Ben and Sally WHITEHEAD of Delph Slack who died November 21st 1846 aged 7 months. Also Sally his wife who died 9th March 1877 aged 60 years. Also the above-named Ben WHITEHEAD who died Dec^r 1st 1883 aged 66 years. Also Esther wife of Richard TETLEY of Shaw and sister of the above Ben WHITEHEAD who died April 28th 1888 aged 74 years.
- 76 Sarah Hannah WARD, daughter of William and Mary WARD of Delph who died Nov^r 17th 1854 aged 9 months. Also James Richard their son who died Dec^r 8th 1862 aged 2 years. Also Annie their grand-daughter and daughter of John and Hannah Maria BOTTOMLEY who died April 11th 1878 AE 10 months.
- 77 Mally SHAW wife of Nelson SHAW of Ramsclough who died 9th June 1839 in her 36th year. Also the aforesaid Nelson SHAW who died 19th July 1871 in his 72nd year.
- 78 James son of Edmund and Jane WRIGLEY of Knowl, who died October 8th 1795 in the third year of his age. Also Mary Ann their daughter who died March 20th 1803 in the sixth year of her age. The abovenamed were interred in the west side of the chapel yard. Also Ann their daughter who died September 12th 1826 in the 23rd year of her age. Also the abovenamed Edmund WRIGLEY who died July 15th 1832 in the 66th year of his age. Also Jane relict of the abovenamed Edmund WRIGLEY who died February 3rd 1836 in the 70th year of her age. Also John Mills WRIGLEY their son who died Feb^y 1st 1853 aged 54 years.
- 79 William GARLICK who died April 26th 1826 aged 56 years. Also Betty GARLICK his widow who died April 21st 1837 aged 69 years. Also their seven children. Betty died Dec^r 23rd 1830 aged 26 years. Martha died March 9th 1832 aged 24 years. Mally died June 24th 1838 aged 27 years. And the time of the decease of Hannah, James, John and Charles could not be obtained.
- 80 James son of John and Mary PLATT of Heathfields who died 12th January 1826 in the 5th year of his age. Also Mary wife of the abovenamed John PLATT Junior, who died 5th December 1829 in the 50th year of her age. Also Caroline their daughter who died 7th December 1831 in the 15th year of her age. Also the aforesaid John PLATT Junior who died 26th December 1834 in the 64th year of his age. Also Thomas Shaw, son of the abovenamed John and Mary PLATT who died 25th Dec^r 1836 in the 35th year of his age. His remains were interred in St James's Cemetery, Liverpool. Also Charles their son who died 30th March 1845 in the 39th year of his age.
- 81 Mary Jane daughter of George ADSHEAD of Uppermill who died May 22nd 1819 in the 5th year of her age. Also Martha Ann, his daughter who died June 2nd 1819 in the 8th year of her age. Also Robert Winterbottom his son who died April 4th 1821 in the 2nd year of his age. Also Ann his wife who died March 10th 1847 in the 63rd year of her age. Also Sarah his wife who died November 6th 1852 in the 67th year of her age. Also the abovenamed George ADSHEAD who died October 28th 1859 in the 75th year of his age.

Also Elizabeth his daughter who died 16th January 1874 aged 64 years. "She always made home happy".

"Her generous heart and virtues long shall live,
Her memory sweet a lasting fragrance give."

Also George Haward, son of the above who died September 17th 1904 aged 78 years. Also Mary Winifred GODDARD sister of Elizabeth and George Haward ADSHEAD who died July 5th 1905 aged 81 years.

- 82 Samuel HALL son of Joseph and Betty HALL of Newbarn who died May 13th 1857 in the 9th year of his age. Also the aforesaid Joseph HALL who died Oct^r 10th 1887 in the 68th year of his age. Also Betty widow of the aforesaid Joseph HALL who died April 29th 1898 in her 78th year. Also Martha their daughter who died October 22nd 1932 in her 87th year.
- 83 Wilson son of John and Ann LONGLEY of Dale died April 28th 1866 aged 9 years. Also Emma their daughter and wife of Edward SAVILLE, who died Jan^y 20th 1871 aged 27 years. Also Harriet Ann daughter of the said Edw^d & Emma SAVILLE died Dec^r 10th 1870 aged 11 weeks. Also John George son of George Henry & Selena Maria LONGLEY of Knarr, died Jan^y 8th 1871 AE 7 mos. Also the said George Henry LONGLEY son of the said John and Ann LONGLEY died 1st Feb^y 1874 in his 25th year. Also the abovenamed Ann, wife of the said John LONGLEY who died June 19th 1893 in her 73rd year.
- 84 Jane the daughter of James and Sarah SCHOFIELD of Hollin Grove who died November 27th 1822 in the 32nd year of her age. Also the aforesaid James SCHOFIELD who died September 5th 1829 in the 85th year of his age. Also the aforesaid Sarah SCHOFIELD who died June 3rd 1838 in the 82nd year of her age. Also Betty daughter of the abovenamed James & Sarah SCHOFIELD who died August 1st ? 1849 in the 59th year of her age.
- 85 Joseph son of John and Hannah KENWORTHY of Wood-Ward Hill who died December 11th 1824 in the second year of his age. Also the abovenamed John KENWORTHY who died July 9th 1847 in the 63rd year of his age. Also Hannah his wife who died Dec^r 11th 1847 in the 63rd year of her age. They both died in North America and were interred in Octorara church yard, Sadsbury Township, Chester County in Pennsylvania.
- 86 Benjamin WRIGLEY of New-Delph who died January 26th 1846 in the 68th year of his age. Also Ann WRIGLEY relict of the above who died March 20th 1860 in the 77th year of her age. Also Betty WOOD, Mother of the abovenamed Ann WRIGLEY who died December 1st 1827 in the 74th year of her age.
- 87 Ann wife of Ralph HEPWORTH of Wallhill-Barn who died May 31st 1837 in the 48th year of her age. Also Mary and Betty his daughters who both died young. Also Mally his wife who died August 1st 1851 in the 49th year of her age. Also Betty his daughter wife of John WHITEHEAD of Sandbed who died March 23rd 1856 in her 25th year. Also Ralph his son who died at

Fort Attock East Indies on 22nd August 1858 in the 30th year of his age. Also the said Ralph HEPWORTH who died Oct^r 22nd 1859 in the 69th year of his age. Also Ann his daughter who died Feb^y 28th 1887 aged 70 years. Also the aforesaid John WHITEHEAD who died Sept 30th 1910 aged 87 years.

- 88 John LOWE son of John and Matty LOWE late of Grains who died Feb^y 6th 1818 in the 18th year of his age. Also William LOWE grandson of the abovenamed John and Matty LOWE who died March 20th 1830 in the 8th year of his age. Also the aforesaid John LOWE who died Oct^r 26th 1830 in the 62nd year of his age. Also Matty LOWE relict of the lastnamed John LOWE who died March 9th 1840 in the 67th year of her age. Also Sarah LOWE their daughter who died Oct^r 17th 1852 in the 47th year of her age.
- 89 Abraham WINTERBOTTOM of New Delph who died March 3rd 1826 in the 37th year of his age. Also Betty WINTERBOTTOM his wife who died Dec^r 10th 1854 in the 66th year of her age. Also Martha WINTERBOTTOM their daughter who died Nov^r 10th 1879 in the 56th year of her age. Also James WINTERBOTTOM their son who died October 6th 1882 in the 66th year of his age.
- 90 Ann the wife of Benjamin GARTSIDE of Denshaw who died Nov^r 20th 1808 in the 60th year of her age. Also Elizabeth his second wife who died June 25th 1816 in the 55th year of her age. Also the aforesaid Benjamin GARTSIDE who died 13th September 1817 aged 71 years. Also Ann daughter of James GARTSIDE who died Decem^r 21st 1831 in the 22nd year of her age. Also Betty wife of James GARTSIDE who died Jan^y 12th 1841 in the 59th year of her age. Also the aforesaid James GARTSIDE who died April 22nd 1857 in the 82nd year of his age.
- 91 Benjamin Wrigley BROADBENT son of James and Mary BROADBENT of Stonerake, who died August 22nd 1817 in the 4th year of his age. Also Joseph their son who died September 17th 1824 in the 15th year of his age. Also Seth their son who died April 8th 1831 in the 26th year of his age.
- 92 Owen Samuel son of Robert and Sarah PLATT of Hill-side who died Nov^r 17th 1822 aged 14 weeks & 2 days. Also the aforesaid Robert PLATT who died June 21st 1825 in the 46th year of his age. Also Lavinia their daughter who died June 13th 1838 in the 22nd year of her age.
- 93 John MOORE of Lees who died April 6th 1896 aged 89 years. Also Sarah his wife who died October 8th 1840 aged 35 years. Also Mary MOORE sister of the above John MOORE who died Jan^y 3rd 1871 aged 69 years.
- 94 Matty the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth HALL of Dale who died August 12th 1822 in the 15th year of her age. Also Henry their son who died May 11th 1825 in the 22nd year of his age. Also William their son who died Oct^r 17th 1829 in the 7th year of his age. Also the aforesaid Henry HALL who died Sep^r 27th 1840 in the 59th year of his age. Also Elizabeth HALL relict of the aforesaid Henry HALL who died Jan^y 10th 1864 in the 86th year of her age.

- 95 Mary Ann daughter of John and Mary PLATT of Delph who died Dec^r 28th 1821 in the 1st year of her age. Also Mary their daughter who died Dec^r 11th 1823 in the 1st year of her age. Also a daughter of theirs who died in infancy. Also Samuel their son who died Dec^r 5th 1847 in the 12th year of his age. Also the said Mary his wife who died Feb^y 9th 1865 in the 70th year of her age. Also the aforesaid John PLATT who died August 14th 1876 in the 84th year of his age. Also John PLATT their son who died July 18th 1880 in the 53rd year of his age. Also Sarah their daughter who died May 22nd 1894 in her 76th year.
- 96 Samuel PLATT of Delph who died Dec^r 1st 1829 aged 69 years. Also Ann PLATT his wife who died Nov^r 15th 1840 aged 82 years. Also Mary Ann their daughter who died in infancy. Also Eunice PLATT their daughter who died June 16th 1859 aged 70 years. Also Thomas PLATT of Fairfield, son of the abovenamed Eunice PLATT who died Oct^r 7th 1868 aged 45 years. Also Joseph PLATT son of the said Samuel & Ann PLATT who died Nov^r 5th 1878 aged 80 years. Also Sarah wife of the aforesaid Thomas PLATT born January 22nd 1822. Died November 26th 1896.
- 97 James SHAW of Delph who died April 4th 1854 in his 82nd year. Also Hannah his daughter who died December 6th 1889 in her 79th year. Also Joseph Nimrod SHAW who died December 3rd 1898 in his 67th year. Also Betty his wife and daughter of the above James SHAW who died April 12th 1899 in her 65th year.
- 98 James SHAW of Shaw Hall, Greenfield who died July 3rd 1871 in the 58th year of his age. Also Sarah, daughter of the late James and Betty SHAW who died January 1st 1872 in the 22nd year of her age. Also Betty relict of the late James SHAW who died December 21st 1879 in the 64th year of her age. Also Mary Ann daughter of the above James & Betty SHAW who died April 26th 1886 in the 31st year of her age.
- 99 James Frederic son of James and Martha KERSHAW of Dobcross who died May 1st 1821 aged 13 months. Also Martha wife of the said James KERSHAW who died June 26th 1848 aged 61 years. Also the aforesaid James KERSHAW who died May 20th 1850 aged 58 years.
- 100 George the son of Jonathon and Martha WRIGLEY of Hollingrove who died Jan^y 24th ? 1824 aged 8 months. Also Jonathon their son who died August 9th 1824 aged 6 ? years. Also James their son who died Feb^y 22nd 1845 in the 29th year of his age. Also Jonathon WRIGLEY Father of the above children who died Feb^y 10th 1858 aged 70 years. Also Martha his beloved wife and mother of the aforesaid children who died Aug^t 2nd 1858 aged 65 years.
- 101 Eliza BUCKLEY late of Heys who died Sep 1st 1881 aged 28 years. Also Jane BUCKLEY LATE OF Heys who died April 15th 1898 aged 82 years. Also William GRIMSHAW who died April 11th 1907 aged 66 years and was interred at Hurst Cemetery. Elizabeth wife of the said William GRIMSHAW who died May 31st

1919 aged 77 years. Also CPL Frank TAYLOR of the Lancashire Fusiliers grandson of the above named William GRIMSHAW who fell in action May 15th 1916 aged 31 years and was interred at Armentieres. All that remains of his young life are memories.

- 102 Albert Kenworthy infant son of David and Hannah BRAY of Delph who died July 8th 1896 aged 5 weeks. Also Ernest Warrist their dearly beloved son killed on the battlefield, buried at Feuchy near Arras France on April 12th 1917 aged 20 years. He died for us. Also the aforesaid David BRAY who died March 29th 1923 aged 55 years. A life's work well done. Also the aforesaid Hannah BRAY who died August 27th 1955 aged 87 years. Also Olive HARROP sister of the above who died August 11th 1958 aged 86 years.
- 103 Matty wife of Joseph WOOD of Wallhill who died June 10th 1866 aged 71 years. Also Ann Grant WOOD who died Nov^r 5th 1868 in the 24th year of her age. Also the above named Joseph WOOD who died May 20th 1875 in the 71st year of his age.
- 104 James PONTEFRACT son of Edward and Ann PONTEFRACT of Delph who died May 21st 1855 aged 6 mths. Also the above named Ann PONTEFRACT who died Oct^r 29th 1858 in her 44th year. Also the said Edward PONTEFRACT who died Dec^r 8th 1872 in his 53rd year. Also Mark son of the said Edward PONTEFRACT and Mary his wife who died July 17th 1866 in the 5th year of his age. Also Franklin son of the said Edward and Ann PONTEFRACT who died July 23rd 1877 aged 24 years.
- 105 Thomas BEILBY of Lowside, near Oldham, formerly of Dowry, who died August 27th 1876 in his 51st yr. Also Mary his wife who died September 8th 1868 in her 49th yr. Also 4 of their children who died in infancy.
- 106 Ann wife of John GARTSIDE of Denshaw who died March 9th 1826 in the 36th year of her age. Also Martha their daughter who died Dec^r 6th 1808 in the 2nd year of her age. Also Elisabeth their daughter who died Dec^r 10th 1808 in the first year of her age. Also Mary their daughter who died March 12th 1829 aged 23 years. Also Ann their daughter who died Jan^y 27th 1831 in the 19th year of her age. Also the abovenamed John GARTSIDE who died Feb^y 11th 1852 in the 81st year of his age.
- 107 Timothy the son of James RHODES of Wallhill who died March 31st 1808 in the 9th year of his age. Also Betty his daughter who died Dec^r 21st 1809 in the 1st year of her age. Also Mally his wife who died June 18th 1827 in the 55th year of her age. Also Samuel his son who died May 8th 1841 in the 31st year of his age. Also the aforesaid James RHODES who died June 27th 1848 in the 82nd year of his age. Also George his son who died March 29th 1849 in the 56th year of his age. Also Ellen his daughter who died March 30th 1851 aged 44 years. Also Sally his daughter who died December 18th 1851 aged --. Also John his ----- April 3rd 1860 (or 1866).

- 108 Martha wife of Joseph MILLS of Delph who died October 20th 1847 in the 52nd year of her age. Also Lees their son who died December 6th 1847 in the 10th year of his age. Also Jane Ann, daughter of the aforesaid Joseph MILLS and of Betty his wife who died September 28th 1854 in the 1st year of her age.
- 109 Betty the beloved wife of Joseph MILLS of Delph who died 1st Jan^y 1874 in her 58th year. Also the said Joseph MILLS who died 7th May 1882 in his 72nd year. Also Eli Fielding MILLS their son who died Sep^r 10th 1885 in his 36th year.

Howard Lambert

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SADDLEWORTH AUCTIONS

Dannie Wright takes a further look at these, as recorded in local newspapers in the 1850s. Some light is shed by them on that relatively little-researched aspect of Saddleworth, its farming.

"Oldham Chronicle", November 27th 1858.

Farm at Higher Wadehill, near Dobcross.

To farmers, cattle dealers, carriers and others

For sale milch cows, stirks, calfs, horses, hay and corn straw, to be sold by Mr Henry Blackburn on Monday 29th of November 1858 at the farm and premises of Higher Wadehill near Dobcross in Saddleworth in the county of York. Valuable farming stock ex the property of the Rev William Simpson, Parsonage, Dobcross, comprising: four milch cows; one lately calved, and to calve Dec 19; one to calve Dec 26 1858; one to calve April 14 1859; two one year old stirks; and one calf about five months old; a good bred chesnut horse about 13 hands high, useful for all kinds of work, saddle, harness, cart or ploughing; also a handsome well bred black mare about 15 hands high, suitable for saddle or harness; about 800 stone of rich meadow hay, well got and in prime condition, which will be sold in lots to suit purchasers; a quantity of corn in the sheaf; and a quantity of good cut straw, which will be sold to suit the purchasers.

Sale to start at one o'clock. The cattle and produce may be inspected any day in the week; requests to auctioneer, Delph.

"Oldham Chronicle", March 12th 1859.

Castle Hill Cote Farm, near Delph, Saddleworth

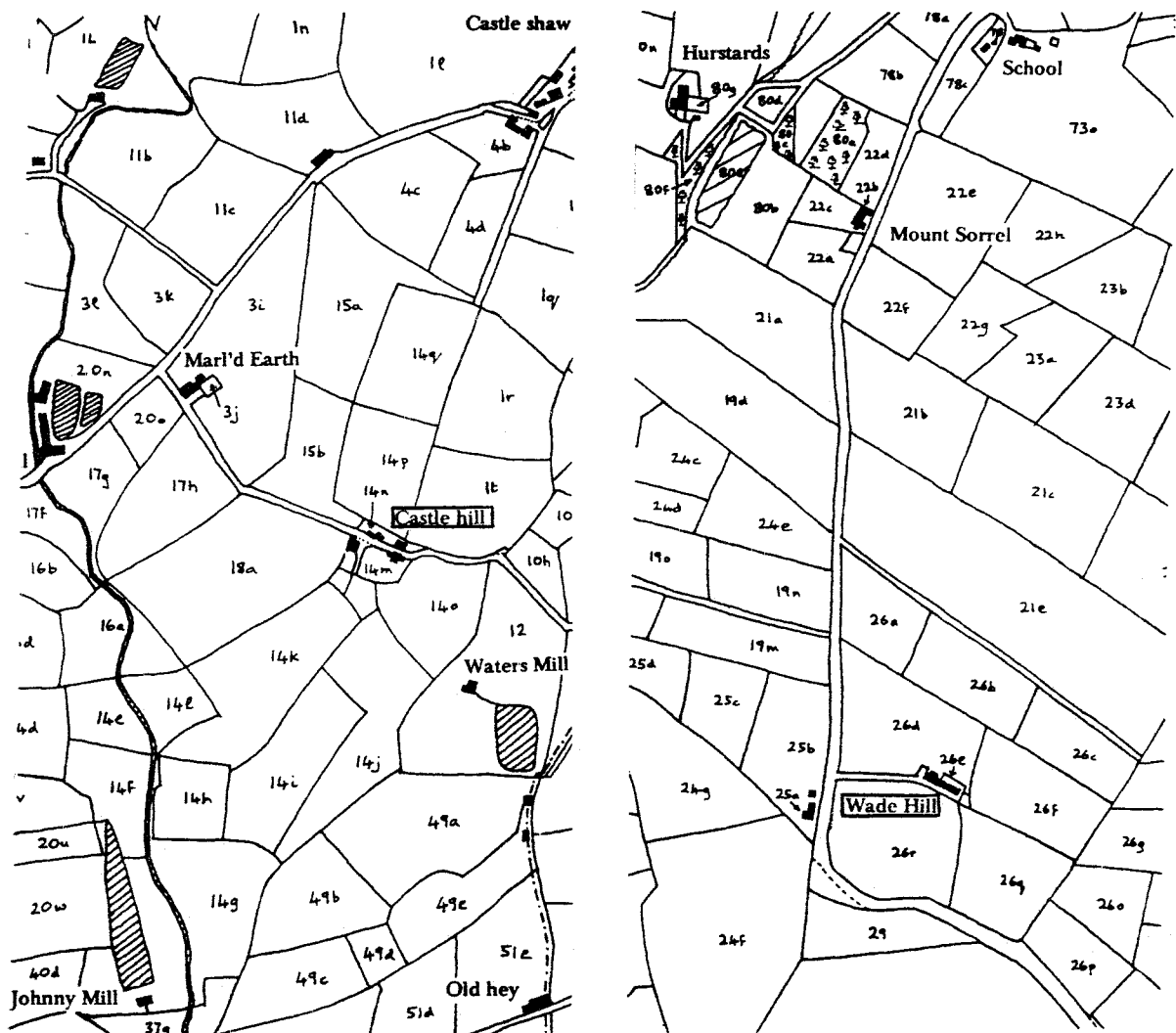
To farmers, cattle dealers and others

For sale valuable milch cows, young bulls, stirks, hay, farming and dairy utensils, household furniture and other effects,

To be sold by auction by Mr Henry Blackburn, on Monday the 14th of March 1859 at the house and premises of Mr Isaac Pickles, farmer, Castle Hill Cote Farm, near Delph in Saddleworth in the county of York (who is declining farming and changing his residence). Household furniture Ec; comprising excellent mahogany post bed; capital sofa with hair cushions and cover; six splendid armed chairs, with cane seats and hair cushions; long drawing room lamp;

kitchen table; brewing tubs Ec. The valuable farming stock comprises three excellent milch cows; one calf at foot by Mr Gartside's bull Lord Grey; one in calf for April 6 1859 by Mr Gartside's bull Lord Grey - she won the first prize for the best milch cow at the Mossley Agricultural Show, May 15 1857. One calf for June 24 1859; one stirk in calf; one young roan bull; and five well bred young stirks. About 1,000 stones of rich meadow hay in prime condition, sold in lots to suit purchasers. The farming and dairy utensils Ec. consist of hay and dung forks, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, buckets, tubs, churns, butter basin, butter prints, sieves milk cans and measures, milk basin, cream mugs and a variety of articles not mentioned.

Sale to commence at one o'clock in the afternoon. The cattle and hay may be inspected any day prior to the sale. The auctioneer requests a punctual audience.



Castle Hill Cote and Higher Wade Hill farms as depicted on the map of the Township of Saddleworth prepared for the Vestry in 1822 ("Saddleworth Surveyed", SHS, 1983, pp 79 and 90; scale $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches: mile).

Letter

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Dear Mr Fox,

As a regular reader of SHS bulletins I am very interested in the historical aspects of Saddleworth. If possible could you provide me with the following information?

1. Yeoman Hey Shelter is supposedly haunted - by whom?
2. Bramley's Cot - who built it and when?
3. How long after James Platt's death was Ashway Cross erected?
4. The remains of the two cabins below the cross - were they shooting cabins and how long ago were they demolished?

If you could help me with the above I would be very grateful.

Yours sincerely

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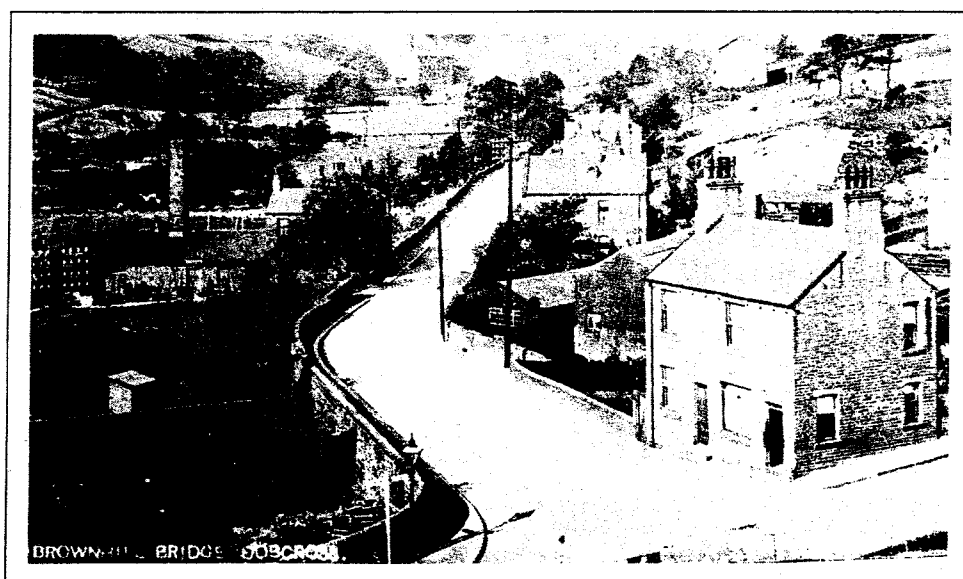
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Contributions

The "Bulletin" aims to reflect and encourage interest in all aspects of the history of Saddleworth. It relies on a regular supply of articles, letters, short reviews etc from members and others interested in the history of the area. Fresh material is required constantly and should be sent to the Editor, who would be pleased to discuss ideas for articles with anyone who is considering preparing one. Articles need not be confined to subjects within Saddleworth's borders, but should have some connection with the district.

The Winter "Bulletin" is due for publication on the 31st January 1996. All material to the Editor by the 15th January please.



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 1995

John Keats.

Peter Fox's lecture on the 25th October, 1995, at the Museum was about Old Saddleworth Photographs & Photographers from the 19th Century, and showed some of the earliest photographs of Saddleworth, including one taken in 1883 at the Wool Road Police Station. Matthew Gartside told of digital photography and improving old photographs which were

afterwards displayed to some degree of audience satisfaction. From French carte de visit in 1862 to the choicest view of Bills o'Jacks looking out across Yeoman's Hey towards Ashway Gap. Such rare photographic moods of Saddleworth abounded in this revelation of the local landscape. Thanks were due to Peter Fox for telling us of J. Wilkinson's unique Grotto Studio on the Standedge Rocks and the enhancement of John the Clock in his shop doorway at Millgate in Delph.

The lecture programme continues on Wednesday the 15th November, 1995, with 'THE PLATTS, TEXTILE MACHINE MAKERS AND THEIR CREATIONS', by Reg. Eastham at 7.30 p.m. The Blue Plaque to commemorate Henry Platt 1793-1842 will be unveiled at Bridge House, Dobcross by the Mayor of Oldham at 11.00 a.m., on this day.

CHANGE OF DATE.

'The Saddleworth Museum Costume Collection', by Anne Haken will not take place on the 18th January, 1996, as planned in the syllabus and the new date will be announced in the next newsletter.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP.

The Group will continue to meet at the Cross Keys Inn, Uppermill, 7.45 for 8.0 p.m., on the 1st Wednesday of the month 1995.

6 December, 1995.	'Barcelona' - Jim Carr.
3 January, 1996	'Holiday Quiz'.
7 February, 1996	'Ephesus' - Jim Carr.

With further meetings 6th March and 3rd April, 1996.
New members are always welcome.

The Council for British Archaeology North West will hold its Reports Meetings on Saturday 18th November, 1995 at Smithills Hall, Smithills Dean Road, Bolton, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Included in the programme are Alderley Edge, Roman Coin House, Chester St. Johns, recent digs at Castleshaw, Ince Manor, Poulton Abbey and Hall i'th'Wood.

Free 40 minute lectures are now being organised on Thursdays at 1.0 p.m. in Oldham Museum, Greaves Street. Topics include :- The Victorians, The Egyptians, The Romans, Britain post 1930, Recycling throughout history and Oldham's Wild Flowers.

Further information from Jim Carr on 87 3612.

EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM.

Arts Exhibitions.	George Sykes & Roy Johnson Saturday 18th November - Sunday 1st January, 1996.
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<u>Christmas Weekend</u>	2nd and 3rd December, 1995. Childrens Activities - Carol Singing and Refreshments.
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Temporary Exhibition.	CINDERELLA IN SADDLEWORTH 2nd December to 6th January, 1996.
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Folk at the Gallery.	Monthly.
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Coffee Mornings. Bric a brac.	13th December, 1995, 10th January, 1996.
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MEMBERSHIP SECTION.

We welcome the following new members who have recently joined the Society.

Professor D.M. Causon of Dobcross.
Mrs. Catherine Davies of Greenfield.

Mr. & Mrs. G.S. Bottomley of 84, Higher Lomax Lane, Heywood, Lancs. OL10 4RT who have family connections with the Bottomleys of the Cross Keys Inn, Uppermill, wish to extend their genealogical knowledge and would be pleased to make contact or receive any available family information on the Bottomleys that members feel able to offer.

Bob Lees Bookshop, 65 George Street, Oldham, tel. no. 0161 628 4693 have the following Ammon Wrigley books available.

At the sign of the Three Bonnie Lassies.....	£40.00
O'er the Hills and Far Away.....	£35.00 (signed)
Songs of a Moorland Parish	£50.00
Rakings Up	£30.00
The Wind Among the Heather	£20.00 (reprint)
Saddleworth Chronological Notes 1200-1900	£25.00
Old Lancashire Words & Folk Sayings	£30.00
Saddleworth: Its Prehistoric remains	£25.00

The Annual General Meeting to be held Thursday 7th December, 1995, at 7.30 p.m. in the Museum. Nominations to the Committee are invited to be forwarded to the Secretary, Neil Barrow, Carr Farm Cottage, Diggle, Oldham. OL3 5ND at least 10 days before the AGM.

The last Historical Society book which was published in May this year for our contribution to the Saddleworth Arts Festival comes to mind again in November the month of remembrance with the eleventh hour and the eleventh day. 'SADDLEWORTH 1914-1919. The Experience of a Pennine Community During the Great War', by K.W. Mitchinson has been reviewed in 'The Poppy & the Owl', a specialist World War 1 journal. The reviewer writes 'Quality and attention to detail shine from every page Almost every town in Britain deserves a book like this K.W. Mitchinson and the Saddleworth Historical Society are to be congratulated on being amongst the first and in doing so providing inspiration to the rest of us.' Bill Mitchinson's study of the London Rifle Brigade 'Gentlemen and Officers - The Impact and Experience of War on a Territorial Regiment 1914-1918', has now been published by the Imperial War Museum.

David Beesley, from Bristol, whose family kept the Farrars Arms, Grasscroft, has written to say that he recognises his mother, a V.A.D. nursing at Ashway Gap, on one of the book's photographs. It is hoped that other readers will be able to fill in missing links in our information.

Soft backed £14.00 add £2.50 for postage. Hard backed £16.00 add £3.15 postage. Delivered free Saddleworth.

An ideal Christmas present for the discerning reader !

W.E.A. LECTURES.

An extra event on the run up to Christmas is a talk at Lee Street Centre, Uppermill, at 7.30 p.m., by Alec Greenhalgh entitled 'A Christmas Carol; A Ramble Round the Season.' Light hearted remembrances about the life of this popular local journalist and broadcaster.
Thursday, 14th December, 1995. Admission free.

Mr. Peter Fox will be continuing his W.E.A. Lectures with 'Over Under & Above; Aspects of Transport in Saddleworth Past'. Tuesday 7-15 to 9-15 p.m., at Saddleworth School, Uppermill. Commencing 9th January, 1996, the course consists of six lectures. Why build a tunnel 3 miles long ? How did Queen Victoria arrive ? Who was Guissepi Lunardini ? What was the donkey ? On water, land and in the air these questions are answered and many more.

J. Hindle. November, 1995