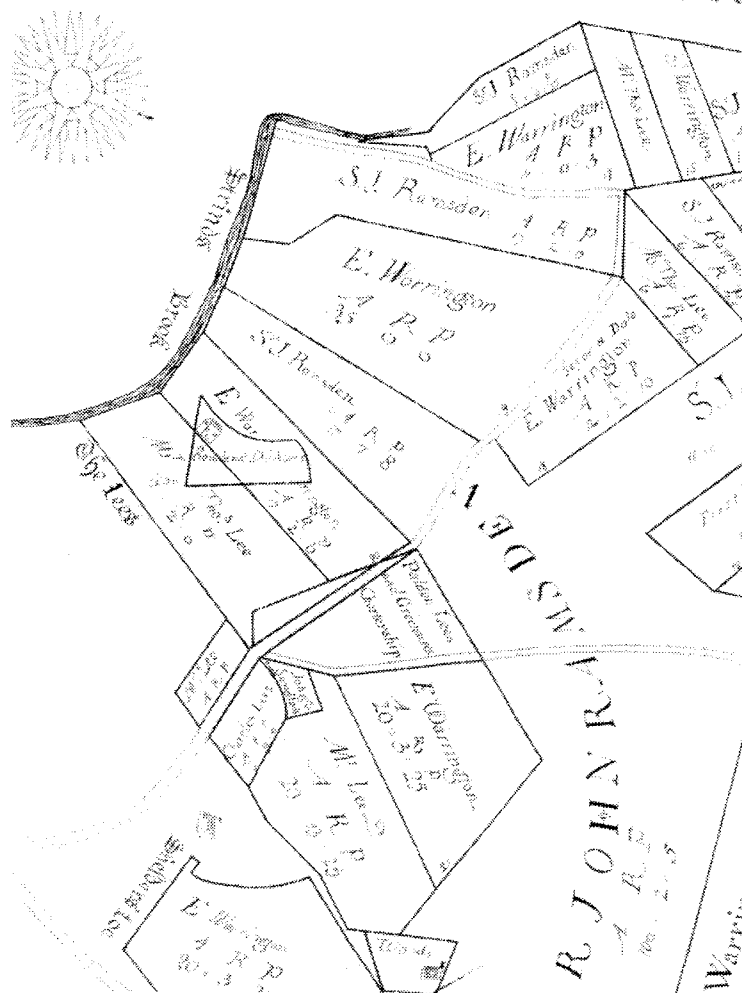


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The *Bulletin* aims to reflect and encourage interest in all aspects of the history of Saddleworth. It relies on a regular supply of articles, letters, short reviews, etc. from members and others. Fresh material is required constantly, and should be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

The Society's Web site is at:

<http://www.saddleworth-historical-society.org.uk>

This has full details of the Society's activities, publications, library and archives, and there is an e-mail facility. An index to Saddleworth place names, a reference map of Saddleworth, and a bibliography of Saddleworth publications are included. There are links to other Saddleworth Web sites.

## Saddleworth Historical Society Chairman's Report to the Annual General Meeting Thursday 3rd December 2008

### Mike Buckley

The Annual General Meeting provides an opportunity for us to review the activities of the Society over the last twelve months. 2008 has been a busy one for us and seen the work of the Society flourish and grow.

As always, success has been the result of hard work and dedication by the committee and members of the Society. My thanks are due to all members of the committee for their support during the year. Alan Schofield, Neil Barrow and Dorothy Latimer have stepped in and chaired meetings and lectures from time to time in my absence, and I am sincerely indebted to them for doing this, often at short notice. I am delighted that Mike Fox, emancipated by early retired, has re-joined the committee.

Roger Ivens, or Bulletin editor has done an excellent job during the year, producing a very high quality product, both in terms of editorial content and presentation. We have also recovered much of the lag in publication dates that had built up last year in the absence of a full time editor. The work on the newsletter by Stanley Broadbent and Jack Hindle must also be acknowledged. This is an important but thankless job and I would like to record our appreciation to Stanley and Jack Hindle for the meticulous and entertaining way in which this has been done over many years.

The lecture programme this year has been as varied and interesting as ever. Once again my thanks to Keith Taylor and Dorothy Latimer for putting this together and liaising with speakers. At the AGM last year Cllr Alma McInnes, Past Chairman of Saddleworth Parish Council presented the Society with a copy of "Saddleworth - Hub of the Wheel". This book is an account of the foundation of the town of Saddleworth, South Australia by an emigrant from Saddleworth, England in the 1830s and had been a gift from the author Elinor Bellman. I gave short talk on James Master, its founder, drawing on the research done many years ago by Bernard Barnes and published in the 1983 Festival publication "Saddleworth, the Australian Connection". This was illustrated by a number of views of Saddleworth Australia that I took on a visit a few years ago, also other photographs presented with the book.

The Bernard Barnes memorial lecture in January was given by an old friend of the Society, Norman Redhead, County Archaeologist for Greater Manchester. Norman gave a masterly review of archaeological work across Greater Manchester illustrating his group's work over 38 sites across the County, ranging from iron age settlements to Victorian industrial remains.

Alan Rose's talk on Methodism in Delph 1779-2000 followed in February. This was another very interesting and well researched lecture. The importance of Delph in the growth of the local Methodist movement was illustrated, starting with Wesley's cold reception by the established church on his visit in the 1780, to the foundation of the first Methodist church in Millgate a short period afterwards and the increasingly larger chapels of 1800 and 1895; also the pivotal role played during the nineteenth century by the Mallalieu family, local mill owners. The national importance to the movement of one of the local ministers Rev Jabez Bunting was also revealed.

Alan Petford's, interest and research into the life and work of local architect and antiquarian George Shaw is well known and Alan has revealed the importance of this somewhat neglected local figure in the past in his lectures to the Society. In March Alan gave a fascinating account of George Shaw's life and travels as revealed by his diaries, now in the Local Interest Centre, Oldham, and presently being transcribed by a group of volunteers under the guidance of Alan, Neil Barrow and Roger Ivens. Shaw's accounts of his business travels around the country, particularly in Scotland give a vivid insight into life in the 1830s and the young Shaw's fascination with Scott, antiquities, architecture and the growing gothic revival movement.

Popular local author and lecturer Freda Millett enlightened and entertained us in April with a beautifully illustrated talk on the history of Lees, our small and sometimes ignored neighbouring township. Freda illustrated the growth of Lees from a small agricultural hamlet in the middle ages, through a short lived period during the eighteenth century as a spa, to an industrial cotton town in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Old photographs illustrated the wealth of eighteenth and early nineteenth century building lost in recent times and the modern municipal neglect of Lees's heritage. The loss of the historic market place was particularly poignant.

In June I gave a talk on Saddleworth's highways and byways, concentrating on routes locals and travellers would have used before the advent of the turnpike roads at the end of the eighteenth century. Through routes, now partially forgotten, that would have been used by travellers crossing the Pennines north and south and east and west were the main focus of the talk. I repeated the lecture in October to a national meeting of the Milestone Society held here in Saddleworth in memory of society member, and local turnpike road historian and enthusiast, Chris Marcus.

The 2008-9 programme got off to an excellent start in September with an illustrated lecture by Glen Atkinson on the building of the Manchester Ship Canal. A superb set of Victorian magic lantern slides taken at the time of the canal's construction was accompanied by an informative narrative, reflecting the speaker's extensive research on the origins and history of the canal. Talks in October on the Sixty years of Nursing in the National Health Service by Dr Christine Hallett, and on Agriculture and Farming in Ancient Egypt by Victor Blunden, have maintained the high standard set by this year's lecturers. Dr Hallett's lecture gave an erudite account of change and evolution in the NHS and was followed by a lively questions and answer session. Victor Blunden, a popular local lecturer, and recognised authority on ancient Egypt, showed how evidence from ancient monuments has enabled a picture to be built up of an agrarian Egyptian society in the time of the Pharaohs.

The Society has hosted two events this year for other Local History Societies. In May, Alan Petford and I both spoke at a well attended weekend workshop on Saddleworth organised by the Yorkshire Archaeological Society in their offices in Leeds. This was followed the next day by a visit by members of the Society to Saddleworth and a guided walk round the Denshaw area. The weather was kind to us that day and the visitors left with a very positive impression of this westerly outpost of the White Rose County. Also in May we were pleased to welcome over 40 members of Marple Historical Society. A short introductory lecture was followed by guided tours of Uppermill, Diggle, Delph and Castleshaw roman fort. We hope to reciprocate this visit at a future date.

Following the first Local History Forum, hosted and organised by the Society last year, we participated in a similar event this year hosted by the Hebden Bridge Local History Society. The theme was Historic Pennine Landscapes. Alan Petford was heavily involved in the organisation of the workshop and I spoke on early Settlement in Saddleworth. It is hoped that these meetings, which bring together local history groups from across the South Pennines, will become regular events in the calendar.

In June we embarked on a new initiative, an Historic Records Assessment Day. This was an idea we had picked up from the Marsden Local History Society. Members of the public were invited to bring into the museum old photographs and documents for expert interpretation. With the owners permission, we then scanned these to obtain copies for our archive. Freda Millett also ran a session of recording oral history. The event was a great success and many new photographs of old Saddleworth turned up as well as some interesting deeds. We hope to continue this idea in the future as a road show taking in each village and area of Saddleworth in turn.

This year Alan Schofield organised an extended and ambitious programme of summer walks. Various members of the Committee led walks around Springhead, Friezland, Diggle, and Linfitts and society member Jack Schofield launched a new Scouthead Trail by a guided walk around the area. The programme concluded in August with a twelve mile walk around the Friarmere boundary. The walks were well attended and much appreciated by all those taking part. Our thanks go to Alan for an excellent job well done.

The summer trip this year was to the City of York. Once again our thanks go to the two organisers, Alan Schofield and Alan Petford, for an interesting and enjoyable day visiting this historic City and having an opportunity to see aspects of York's history that could easily be missed by the casual visitor. From medieval stained glass to the cathedral library the visit was interesting, stimulating and full of variety.

Once again during September Jim Carr conducted a number of well attended and popular tours of the Castleshaw Roman Forts as part of the Heritage Open Days organised by English Heritage and The Civic Trust.

The Society also participated in the Local History Day held last month in Gallery Oldham.

Sales of our flagship publication "Mapping Saddleworth" have continued this year at a steady rate and to date stand at around the 850 mark. Its print and production costs are now almost covered and we are now in the healthy situation of having enough stock (around 1100 books) to meet demand for many years to come. Work continues on Volume 2 which we hope to publish in Autumn next year. Copies of historic manuscript maps of Saddleworth are being assembled from record offices across the country as well as from our own collections. The 1770 Farrer Manor Map will feature heavily, this time at full scale and in colour, and a new version of the 1822 township map is being prepared based on a new more detailed copy discovered since its last publication in 1983. Work is also underway on a companion volume to the popular Saddleworth Villages book published in 2003. This volume, to be called "Saddleworth Hillsides and Hamlets", brings together the text of the local interest trails together with a new set of coloured illustrations by artist Geoff Toms. It is planned for launch at the Saddleworth Festival in 2011.

Our programme of conservation of archive material continues. During the last twelve months The Delph Independents Chapel Registers and George Shaw notebooks have been expertly repaired and restored.

In addition to the ongoing historical research into Saddleworth families carried out by our family history members I would also like to mention important work underway on Medieval Saddleworth led by Victor Khadem. Thanks to the Internet and the growing number of digitised indexes Victor and I have discovered much new material on medieval and early modern Saddleworth which has enormously expanded our understanding of this hitherto relatively undocumented period. A calendar of early Saddleworth references and documents is at present in preparation and I hope that we can present some of this in the near future in the form of a lecture.

This year 22 new members have joined the Society and membership has grown to just over 500 members; among these are 32 overseas members.

It is always sad to record the deaths of members. This year we lost Norman Wisenden, Heights; Bob Durkee, USA; George Taylor, a past keen member of our archaeology group; Joyce Walsh, Denshaw; David Schofield, Newcastle; Mrs Christine Sykes, Grasscroft; Mrs M.E. Patriaca, Grasscroft and Chris Marcus, Shaw. I have already mentioned the debt we owe Chris Marcus for raising the profile of our Turnpike road heritage. We extend our condolences to their families.

Finally, I would like to thank all who have contributed to this years success. I look forward very much to 2009, the publication of Mapping Saddleworth Volume 2, our programme of activities and lectures and particularly our planned Family History weekend in July.

Mike Buckley  
3rd December 2008

## Saddleworth Banking Company: Lists of Shareholders

The Bank Charter Act of 1844 would not seem to be of any interest to family historians. It was passed by Peel's government to reform the banking sector, both the Bank of England and those banks established as joint-stock banks after the Act of 1833. However section 21, one of its provisions, required the banks to submit as part of their annual return a list of shareholders with their addresses and occupations. The section also required

"...and the said Commissioners of Stamps and Taxes shall on or before the First Day of March in every Year publish in some Newspaper circulating within each Town or County respectively a Copy of the Return so made by every Banker, Company, or Partnership carrying on the Business of Bankers within such Town or County respectively, as the Case may be."

The Saddleworth Banking Company was set up in 1833 as the development of the Buckley, Roberts banking partnership, which had survived the banking crisis of 1826. List of Shareholders were published by the Commissioners as the act required. These appear in the *Manchester Examiner & Times* for 1855 and *Leeds Mercury* for eight of the years from 1853 up to 1866 when the bank merged with the larger Manchester & County Bank, which had been set up in 1862.

The *Leeds Mercury* and *Manchester Examiner & Times* are available, and searchable, online at British Nineteenth Century Newspapers, which is available at many public libraries. The list for 1852 is published in *A Directory of the Joint Stock and Private Banks in England and Wales 1851-1852* which is also online (search for it on Google Books).

The successive bank mergers have meant that the Saddleworth Banking Company's archive are now held by the Royal Bank of Scotland (listed at [www.rbs.com](http://www.rbs.com)) and they include the detailed shareholder lists for the years 1863-65.

Leeds Mercury  
Saturday 18 February 1860

**SADDLEWORTH BANKING COMPANY.**  
Persons of whom the Company or Partnership consists.

Andrew Giles, Moxley, cotton spinner
Andrew Jerry, Moxley, cotton spinner
Andrew Mark, Moxley, gentleman
Andrew William, Moxley, gentleman
Austerberry William, Moxley, grocer
Arison Jonathan, Uppermill, Saddleworth, gentleman
Bamforth Ann, Weakey, Saddleworth, gentleman
Barrowclough Dan, Moxley Brook, grocer
Bennett Joseph, Turnise, near Glossop, paper maker
Bost Brodley, Liverpool, gentleman
Bost Jenny, Marsden, near Huddersfield, widow
Booth William, Moxley, grocer
Bottomley James, Bath-buildings, Huddersfield, merchant
Bottomley Joseph, Moxley, grocer
Bradbury Alfred, Blidding, Saddleworth, small trader



Bowmans 'England in Ashton-under-Lyne' gives the Poll Tax list of 1380/81 and included in this list are Thomas Dickson plus wife and Alex Dickson plus wife. The earliest church records of Dicksons in the Oldham/Ashton/Saddleworth area I have found are baptisms at St Marys Oldham:

- July 1583, Sarah Dickson, baptised
- Jan 1585, Will Dickson, baptised
- Mar 1587, John Dicson, baptised

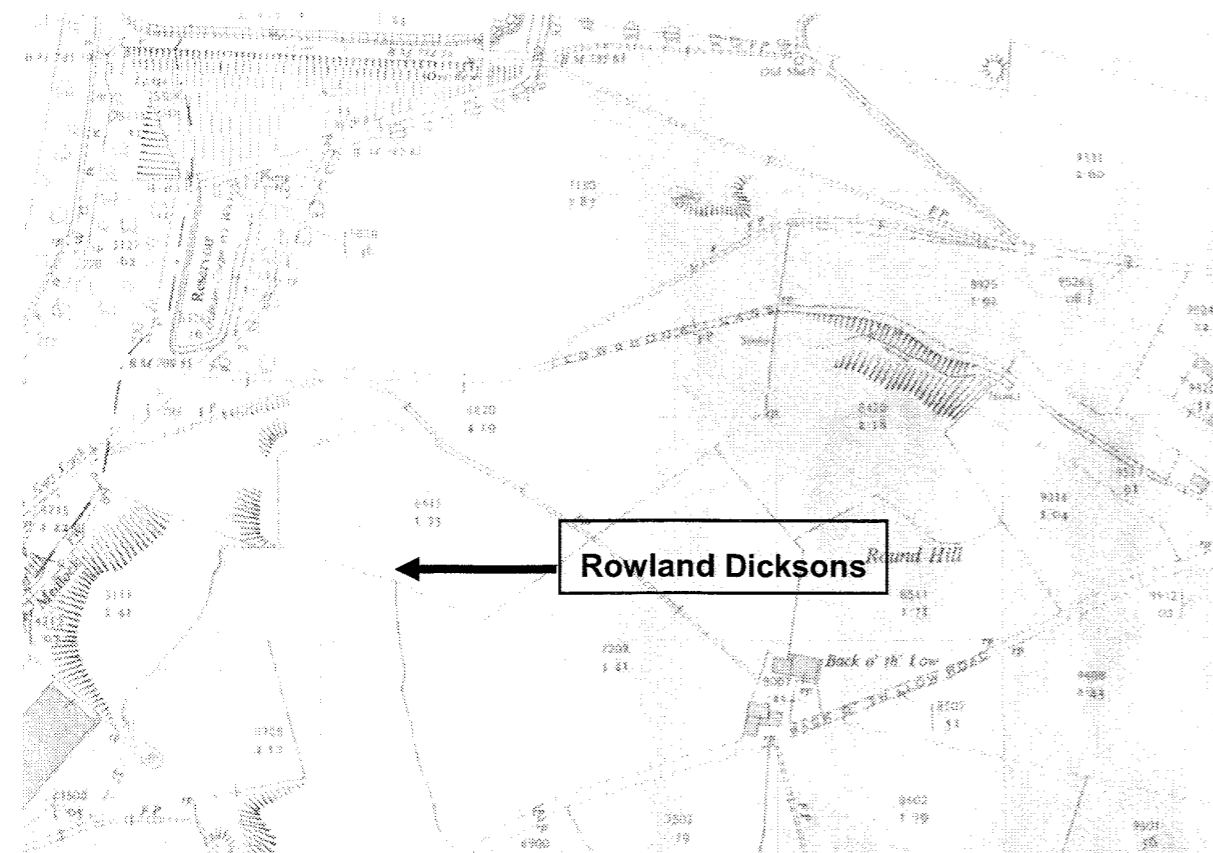
St Marys records in this early period are not complete and the next records of Dicksons are again baptisms at St Marys:

- Sept 1602, Samuel son of Rowland Dicson baptised
- May 1603, Sammell son of Jo Dicson baptised

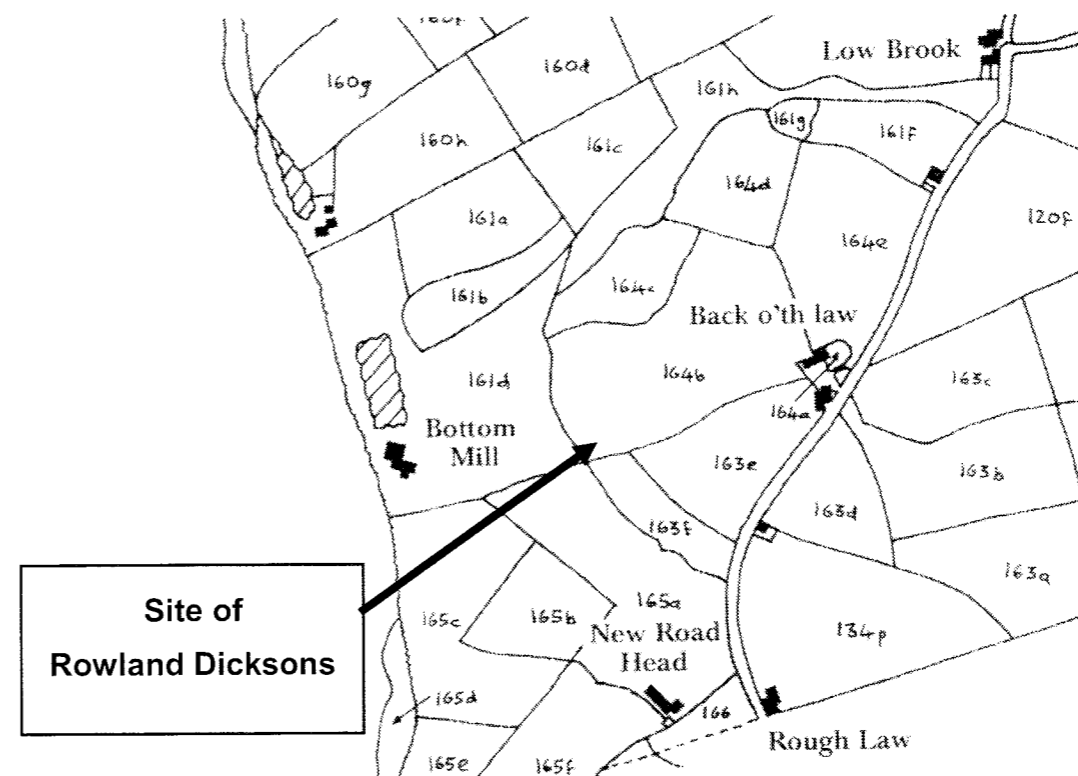
So Rowland Dickson did exist and it would be the above Rowland Dickson or his ancestors who settled in Strines. Are the Dicksons descended from Thomas or Alex? This area of Quick was probably in Ashton at the time.

The name Rowland Dickson is recorded in Cumbria around this time so did they alternatively originate from Cumbria. Although occupations are not given in registers at this time I believe the Dicksons were masons and indeed later Dicksons are masons.

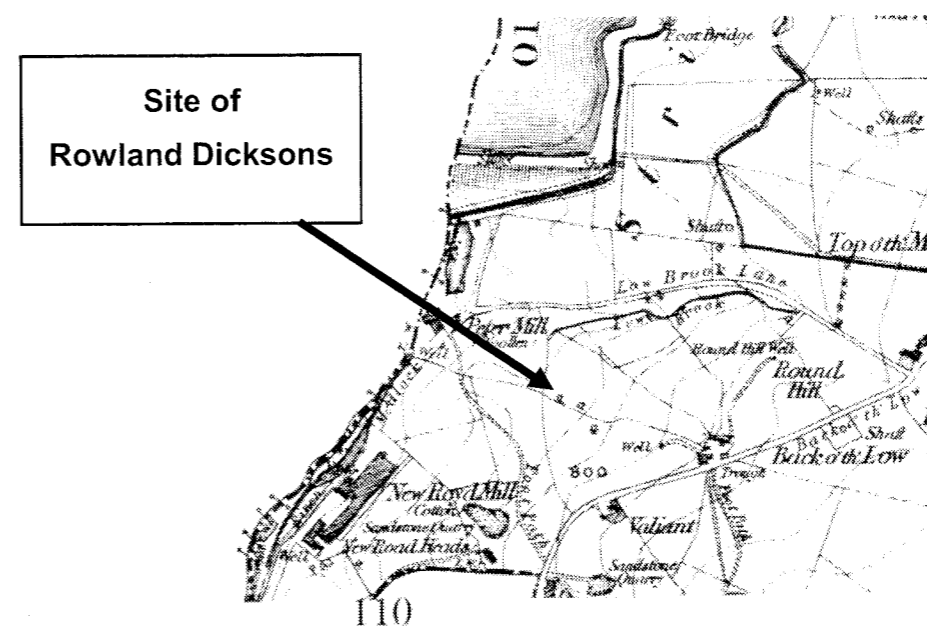
The land indicated on the 1625 map is in the vicinity of the present day Back o'th Low Strines.



However the original location of the house of Rowland Dickson is not in the same position of the buildings of the present day Back o'th Low. By comparing the 1625 map with the vestry map of 1822 and OS Maps it can be seen that the original position is further down the hill. On examining the land in this area a possible site for the location of the original building can be seen. The original land of Rowland Dicksons would on the vestry map approximate to fields 164 and 163e and f.



A Map of the Township of Saddleworth, 1822



Ordnance Survey Six Inch Map, 1849-51

The Rev. George Byrom was one of the first to acquire land on Quick Moor after the enclosure. After having made purchases in the same neighbourhood he made his great purchase of moorland on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1639 for a consideration of £218 paid to Henry Legh the heir of Thos Legh. Included in this purchase of land was a farmstead in the occupation of John and Samuel Dickson. The farmstead on the 1625 map traverses the adjoining strips of Thomas Legh and the Earl of Warrington. I believe the above Samuel to be the son of Rowland Dickson listed above.

Parish records as already stated are incomplete so I am not sure of the relationship of John to Samuel - most probably a brother or cousin. However Samuel Dickson married a Sarah Beswick at St Marys Oldham in March 1630 and they had a son Daniel baptised in February 1630/1.

John had a daughter Allis baptised in February 1628 also at St Marys. A George Dickson married a Judith Woolsencroft at St Marys in April 1633. George was again probably a brother or cousin of John and Samuel. In July 1633 a Daniel son of Daniel Dickson is baptised. Is this Daniel another brother or cousin?

Dr Byrom died in 1656 and according to his wishes his heirs and executors joined in disposing of his property in this area. On 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 1656/7 his lands in Yorkshire were conveyed to Robert Benison of Quick and Joseph Taylor of Shelderslow. It would appear that Benison and Taylor were really acting for the existing tenants of the land because with few exceptions the tenants had already agreed to purchase their holdings. In the Indenture of 5th February 1656 the holdings of Dixon widow and George Dixon are mentioned and states that all the premises mentioned were purchased by parcels by George Byrom from various parties including William Booth of Dunham Massey and Henry Leigh.

On 30<sup>th</sup> May 1657 the Bargain and Sale with feoffment took place between Robert Benison and Joseph Taylor to Daniel Dickson of Quick Yorkshire of a dwelling house, barne and shippen, closes called rough field, intake, little field, little lowe, meadow and the garden approximately 5 acres in Quick for a residue of a term of 2000 years.

On 12 Oct 1668 the same property referred to in the Indenture of 30<sup>th</sup> May 1657 is transferred from Daniel Dickson of Strines to Thomas Whitehead the elder and Thomas Whitehead the younger both of Lidgate. It is noted that Daniel is not listed in the hearth tax returns of 1668, 1672 and 1674. Was this some kind of loan with the property as security?

Again owing to sparse church records it is not clear what are the relationships of the various Dicksons at this time. The following records give some indication of the Dicksons around at this time.

1641/42, Samuel, George and John Dickson are listed in the list of protesters at St. Chad's Saddleworth

On 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 1653 George Dixon died and was buried at St Marys Oldham

1664 Hearth Tax Returns - John Dixon 1 hearth and Danyell Dixon 1 hearth

1668 Hearth Tax Returns - John Dixon 1 hearth

1669 Hearth Tax Returns - Daniel Dixon and William Garlick

1672 Hearth Tax Returns - Widow Dickson, William Garlick and Rowland Dickson

1674 Hearth Tax Returns - Widow Dixon, Edmond Garlick and Rowland Dixon.

William Garlick of Oldham married Allis Dixon of Saddleworth (daughter of John) at St Marys on 26th February 1653. A John Garlick was a witness at the marriage. William Garlick is mentioned as holding land in the 1656 transfer from Byron to Benison/Taylor. His position in the list indicates that he occupied land round about the Shelderslow area. The Garlicks mentioned later will be descended from either William or John who are probably brothers.

The Rowland Dickson listed in the Hearth Tax married a Jane Heap in 1673 and they had a son called George who died in 1687. In 1675 a John son of George Dixon dies so another George existed. This is probably the George mentioned in the Benison Deed.

Rowland and this George I suspect are the sons of George and Judith (nee Woolsencroft). However it becomes clear that the Dicksons that remain at Strines into the 18<sup>th</sup> century are the descendants of Daniel son of Samuel and Sarah (nee Beswick).

In the will of Sarah Dickson (widow of Samuel) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1672 and proved 28<sup>th</sup> April 1677 she leaves the looms that he works on to her son Daniel and to her son James the pair of looms that John Garlick works on. This is possibly John the witness at William's marriage or John born 1755 the son of the above John.

In his will of 17<sup>th</sup> April 1699 and proved 11<sup>th</sup> June 1711 Daniel Dickson (son of Samuel and Sarah) leaves property to his wife Martha and son Samuel and lists this property as housing, meadow under the house, little field, rough field and intake. So it appears that by 1699 Daniel Dickson has recovered the land that was transferred to the Whiteheads. Also of interest in this will is that the meadow is under the house which seems to indicate that a new house has been built in the position of the present housing. I believe that this house is the one at present nearest to the present road.

In the will of Edmund Buckley dated 13<sup>th</sup> October 1696 and proved 21<sup>st</sup> November 1696 property at Strines is mentioned which was previously purchased from William Garlick. I believe this land to adjoin the Dickson property towards Lowbrook or the land on the vestry map labelled 163 except e and f.

Samuel son of Daniel was baptised at St Chad's Saddleworth on 18<sup>th</sup> December 1678 (Samuel fil Danniell Dixson.) This Samuel married Mary Lees of Oldham on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1705. Samuel was a mason.

At this time St Chad's parish records are missing so the baptisms of whom I maintain are Samuel's first children are missing. These are Anna, Daniel and Martha. Samuel and Mary also had the following children Lydia, Mary 1717, John 1723 and David 1726. Samuel was buried at St Chad's on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1728 and his widow Mary on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1729. He did not leave a will and administration was carried out on his estate 5th July 1731.

His daughter Anna married Timothy Broadbent on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1730 and they at first lived at Hill-topp before moving to Strines around 1734. Unfortunately as with the Dicksons they are only listed as living at Strines. Timothy and Anna had the following surviving children: Samuel 1732, Anna 1734, Daniel 1741, Joseph 1744, Timothy 1747, John and Sarah 1751.

Daniel Dickson married Mary Turner of Ashton Parish on 17<sup>th</sup> February 1740. Like his father he was a mason. Evidence in deeds shows that Daniel Dickson built the house which is situated furthest away from the present road between 1747 and 1752. Daniel and Mary had the following surviving children all born at Strines - Mary 1743, Samuel 1745, Betty 1748, Rowland 1750 and Daniel 1754.

Daniel's younger brother David married Mary Buckley in 1750 and their children were born away from Strines. Did Timothy and Anna Broadbent and family live at Back o'th Low? I believe they did at some stage. The two eldest sons Samuel and Daniel had their first children born at Strines before moving away. Samuel died in Treacle Street but Daniel moved back to Strines. Daniel's wife Jane (nee Lees) died at Strines in 1780. When Daniel remarried in 1781 the place of abode was given as Back o'th Low. When a son and daughter of Daniel died in 1788 the place of abode was Strines. This is an indication that they could have been at Back o'th Low whilst recorded living at Strines.

John son of Timothy Broadbent was listed at Strines for the birth of his children but by the death of his wife Sarah (Leese) in 1795 was living at Seville Mill Strines. I believe this to be the Lowbrook or Peters Mill (named thus after Peter Seville). This had about 3 dwellings. The Seville's had obtained the Lowbrook holding from the Buckley's.

Daniel Dickson then commenced a series of actions which resulted in the complete sale of his property at Back o'th Low. These transactions also showed that the original holding had increased in size. In 1745 he has some kind of land ownership dispute with Margaret Bramhall involving a messuage and over 12 acres of land. The Dicksons acknowledged the right of Bramhall in this matter.

Daniel then mortgages the property with the field names as per deed 30<sup>th</sup> May 1657 to Margaret Bramall of Huddersfield for securing £150 from Bramhall followed with a further loan of £30 from Margaret Cox (nee Bramhall) with the same property as security. The mortgaged property is finally transferred to James Buckley of Uppermill on 3/4<sup>th</sup> April 1752. The agreement includes a new house built by Daniel Dickson sometime between when he mortgaged the property in 1745 and the transfer to James Buckley in 1752. The transactions also show that only two-thirds of the meadow was included which explains why the triangle of land on the other side of the strip division is shown on the vestry map as in the 163 group. The transaction states that the other third was separated at this time. Only the northern half of the garden is also included. This would indicate that the house further from the road is the new house that Daniel built between 1745 and 1752. It is described as containing three low rooms with chambers over them, a barn and cow house and a house or office.

In 1747 Daniel sold the coal rights under his property to Abraham Seville.

On 17/18<sup>th</sup> August 1757 by way of lease and release Daniel Dickson of Strinds Mason sold to Joshua Dale of Strinds Carrier messuages and closes called little low, rough low and meadow and land at top of a close called the meadow all at Strines. I believe this to be the house nearest to the road and the land labelled 163 on the vestry map and also includes the triangle of land referred to above. This ended the Dickson interest in this property at Back o'th Low.

Daniel Dickson was living at Pastures in January 1759 and by October 1766 had moved to Rough Low and actually died at this property on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1771. Daniel probably built this property. Did he also build Pastures?

At this point we have the house close to the road and land on vestry map 163 owned by Joshua Dale and the other house and land 164 on vestry map owned by James Buckley. Anne the grand-daughter of James Buckley finally inherited the Buckley land at Back o'th Low. She was married to a Samuel William Ryley a vintner dealer and chapman who went bankrupt. He was indebted to William Kenworthy for £100. In fact William Kenworthy had married Alice Buckley the daughter of James and Alice Buckley who obtained Back o'th Low from Daniel Dickson. Anne the daughter of William and Alice Kenworthy had eloped with Samuel Ryley to Gretna Green. In the will of William Kenworthy of 1776 the property Back o'th Low is left to his daughter Anne. How he became the owner I do not know. His father and mother in laws (James and Alice Buckley) were also mentioned in this will.

Who are the families actually recorded as living at Back o'th Low from parish registers at this time? The Dicksons have always been recorded living at Strines until Daniel moved to Pastures. Surely they lived at Back o'th Low. The following families have been recorded as living at Back o'th Low:

- 1732, James Buckley a Fustian Weaver and his wife Mary.
- 1738 to 1743, Thomas Lees a Blacksmith and his wife Ann.
- 1739, John Harropp a Clothier and his wife Martha (daughter of Samuel Dixon).
- 1772, Joshua and Ann Shaw.
- 1772, Joshua and Hannah Dale. (owners of part of property)
- 1781, Daniel and Mally Broadbent.
- 1784, John and Betty Scoles. (both in residence at marriage).
- 1792, Peggy Shaw.

In the Saddleworth Parish registers up to 1800 the name Dicksons has been used once and Garlicks twice:

- 1751, Thomas son of Thomas Buckley and Sarah de Dicksons baptised.
- 1757, John son Thomas Buckley and Sarah of Garlicks buried.
- In 1769 Daniell Shaw was elected Churchwarden for Garlicks Strines.

Many Garlicks are also recorded as living at Back o'th Low. The will of John Garlick of Strines (who I believe was c1655 the son of John) dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 1726 mentions his two sons John and George who are still under the age of 21. No property is mentioned in this will. This will also indicates that John was married twice. His daughter Mary mentioned in the will was baptised in 1691 and his first wife Elizabeth died in 1693.

In 1732 John junior married Elizabeth Wyld and they are recorded as living at Strines. The son of this John Garlick another John and his wife Ann have a child at Back o'th Low in 1758 but later births are recorded at Strines.

In 1733 George Garlick married Ann Shaw and are at first recorded as living at Strines but in the period 1739/40 are recorded living at 'de Rowlands' before reverting to Strines. Could this 'Rowlands' be the original building? The son of George another John and his wife Mary Farrand are first recorded at Strines in 1762 until 1768 but by 1771 are at Roebuck Low

before in 1775 my link to the Garlicks, Betty, is born at Back o'th Low. Betty married James Scholfield in 1793 and in fact their first child William was born at Back o'th Low. By 1780 John and Mary (Farrand) Garlick are recorded at Kettlewell. John's father George died at Kettlewell and in fact James and Betty Scholfield are later recorded at Kettlewell. The location of Kettlewell in the Strines area is said by Higson to be in the Strines Fold area.

Yet another John Garlick and Anne (Holden) his wife have their first child at Back o'th Low before moving to Waterhead, Den, and back to Shelderslow where this John had been born, the son of another George and Sarah his wife. This shows the Shelderslow link to the original William Garlick. So Dicksons, Rowlands, Garlicks and Back of the Low all refer to this property and I suspect Kettlewell does as well.

In 1794 the assignees appointed through the bankruptcy of S M Ryley a lease to Alice Kenworthy of Quickwood, widow, the messuage called Dicksons and closes called Spout Field, Intake, Higher Low and Meadow below the Barn. This is subject to certain trusts reciting bargain and sale 10<sup>th</sup> July 1794.

The papers of Higson quote the following sale by auction dated April 1794 by order of the assignees of Samuel William Ryley, a bankrupt, at the house of William Lawson The Angel Inn in Oldham:

'The estate and interest of the said bankrupt for the joint lives of himself and Ann his wife of and in a messuage or tenement situated at Back o'th Loe near Quick in Saddleworth called Dixon's with the barn shippon and other outbuildings and the closes called The Spout Field, The Intake, The Higher Little Low Field and The Well Meadow containing nearly 4 acres of the measure there used (6a 1r 36p) now in the holding of Joseph Dale for a term of 21 years whereas of 12 yet to come.'

The will of Joseph Dale 15<sup>th</sup> January 1807 says that his younger son Joseph should have use occupy and enjoy the messuage or dwelling house wherein I now live and which I now rent from Mrs Kenworthy for and during the residue and remainder of the term mentioned in the lease. Joseph leaves his own property to his elder son Joshua who according to the will is resident. This property is referred to in the will as Back of the Low. So at this time Joshua is living at the house nearest the road and his father Joseph at the other rented house.

On 29<sup>th</sup> December 1814 after a series of mortgages and transactions the Buckley half of the property at Back o'th Low is finally assigned to Joseph Fletcher of Rochdale a timber merchant in trust for Joshua Dale. On 30<sup>th</sup> December 1814 the two previously separate properties are leased to John Elliott of Rochdale for one year. On 31<sup>st</sup> December 1814 the property is mortgaged to John Elliott for the sum of £400 and also Joshua Dale has to pay interest on the loan.

The land at this time is described in two parts:

1. A messuage called Dicksons or Dicksons End, spoutfield, intake, higher low and meadow.
2. A messuage containing two bays of building and barn of 1 bay, garden, little low, rough low and meadow. Also a strip of land lying at top of close called the meadow in a direct line with the dwelling house.

On 16<sup>th</sup> October 1844 the mortgaged property was transferred from Abel Dale the heir of Joshua to Edward Moss a manufacturer of Waterhead Mill for the sum of £100 and Edward

Moss being responsible for the mortgage and outstanding interest. The property is still referred to as Dicksons or Dicksons End. On 25<sup>th</sup> October 1844 the mortgage is transferred from John Elliott to Elkanah and Andrew Moss.

Quite an interesting occurrence took place in 1806 concerning a Joseph Dale who is probably the Joseph mentioned above. The entry for Rowbottom's Diary for 4<sup>th</sup> December 1806 states:

'Joseph Dale in the 73rd year of his age having had some angry words with one John Jackson in an ale house at Waterhead Mill struck Jackson a blow on the side of the head with his fist which killed Jackson on the spot. Dale was of course committed to York Castle but at Huddersfield admitted to bail.'

The Manchester Mercury of Dec 1806 reported as follows:

'On Thursday the 4th inst. in the evening the following melancholy affair happened at Waterhead Mill in Oldham. Two old men (intoxicated) happened to quarrel over some trivial affair, one of them attacked the other so violently with a stick that he immediately expired. This is the second fatal and lamentable affair that has recently occurred there.'

The bail document says that John Booth of Ashes and Thomas Turner of Austerlands gave surety of £500 a piece for Joseph Dale a labourer of Strines. The index for criminal cases states that 'Joseph Dale was tried at the York Lent Assizes and sentenced to 6 months.' The York Gaol Diary entry for 7<sup>th</sup> March 1807 states 'that a Joseph Dale was guilty of manslaughter and fined one shilling and to be imprisoned in goal for 6 calendar months and until he had paid the fine.' An enlightened Judge for these times.

Who were living at Back o'th Low in the early 19c? Certainly Joseph Dale and his two sons Joshua and Joseph. In 1814 William Booth Dale the grandson of the elder Joseph married Hannah Broadbent daughter of John and Sarah Broadbent. John was the youngest son of Timothy and Anna (nee Dickson) Broadbent previously mentioned. William and Hannah Dale certainly had children at Back o'th Low.

John Broadbent also had a son called Timothy who married Kitty Jackson the daughter of Jonathan the parish clerk at St Peter's and later St Mary's. This Timothy joined the 84th Regiment of Foot (York and Lancaster) in 1813 and whilst a Sergeant serving in Ireland died in 1824. Although Timothy had moved to Oldham it would appear that before he joined the army he had moved back to Saddleworth. Two of his sons, Robert and Frederick, had at least one child born at Dixons in the 1820s. Frederick in fact was married to Sally Schofield the daughter of James and Betty who at one time lived at Back o'th Low.

By 1841 the use of the term Dixons becomes confusing. Previously the property marked 164 had been referred to as Dicksons or Dixons but now what was previously been called Rough Low was called Dixons, probably because of the association of Daniel Dixon who moved to Rough Low and possibly built it.

According to the Vestry Map of 1822 the index shows that the property 163 was owned and occupied by Ann and Abel Dale. The property at 164 was occupied by Betty Buckley.

In 1841 four households are listed living at Back o'th Low:

James (a coal miner) and Isabella Newton plus two children.  
Abraham Midwood - on his own.  
Abel Dale (a stonemason) with John (a carter) and Ann Shaw and 2 Shaw children.  
Ann was possibly Abel's sister.  
Betty Buckley (farmer 70) and Joseph Buckley (carter 35).

In 1851 three households are listed:

John (a carter) and Betty Dunans plus 6 children.  
Betty Buckley (farmer 9 acres) plus her son Joseph ( a coal carrier) and Mary Buckley.  
Samuel (a coal miner) and Amelia Whitehead plus 5 children.

By 1861 again three households:

James and Sarah Scholfield. Also James (a coal miner) and Alice Hewitt plus two children.  
William (a coal miner) and Jane Barrett plus 1 child. Also Jane Lees.  
James and Sarah Seville plus 2 children.

By 1871 again three households:

James (a coal miner) and Alice Hewitt plus 2 children and 1 lodger.  
Thomas (a small farmer) and Elizabeth Wright plus 5 children.  
James (a stone quarry lab.) and Sarah Seville plus 6 children.

By 1881 only two families are recorded at Back o'th Low:

Thomas (farmer of 22 acres) and Elizabeth Wright plus 5 children.  
Edward (a coal miner) and Susannah Buckley:

In 1891 again two families:

Thomas (a farmer) and Elizabeth Wright plus two adult offspring. Census lists 4 rooms occupied.  
Thomas Thorp. The census records three rooms occupied.

In 1901 again two families:

Thomas (a farmer) and Elizabeth Wright plus two adult offspring and one grandchild.  
The census records five or more rooms occupied.  
William Wright (a labourer in a coal yard). The census records three rooms occupied.

## Summary and Questions

With missing records (both church and deeds) it is difficult to chart the history of the early days in this area of Strines. Also no map of the area seems to exist between 1625 and 1822. However it is clear that in 1625 a house on a plot of land existed called Rowland Dicksons. This I assume was a simple house erected on the moorland in order that the Dicksons could quarry local stone and indeed close to where this original building existed are signs of a quarry. Was this house extended and when was the house near to the road built are questions to be answered but I reckon at the time of the hearth taxes both these houses were probably in place. The house furthest from the road was built between 1745 and 1752.

I believe that in the early 17th century three families are in place: that of Samuel Dickson, John Dickson and George Dickson. These are followed by the descendents of the above-

For Samuel Dickson - his widow Sarah and son Daniel.  
For John Dickson - his son in law William Garlick and then Edmund Garlick.  
For George Dickson - his sons George and Rowland. (George and Rowland was most probably the sons of George but this is not in the church records).

In 1696 the will of Edmund Buckley mentions a messuage and land previously purchased from William Garlick deceased and mentions a tenant John Garlick. Is this land at Lowbrook or even 163 on the vestry map? Perhaps William Garlick or Rowland Dickson (listed in the hearth taxes) lived at Lowbrook or on land area 163 excluding e and f. What is clear is that the Daniel Dickson listed in the hearth taxes owned the original Rowland Dicksons by the time of his will. Also the Daniel who sold the property in the 18<sup>th</sup> century owned the two parts, namely the land on the vestry map 163 and 164. It is clear that the families were in close contact since John Garlick worked on a loom belonging to Sarah Dickson widow of Samuel. (From her will)

At the present time the house furthest from the road is occupied but the older house of two bays is in a state of ruin with the roof falling in.

## Summary of Documentary Evidence

31st May 1625	Division of Quick Moor completed between Sir George Booth, Sir John Ramsden and Mr Thomas Leigh.
1625	Rowland Dicksons shown on 1625 Division of Quick Moor Map.
23rd Jan. 1639	Dr. Byrom acquires land on Quick Moor from Henry Leigh and others which includes messuages and tenements in occupation of Jn <sup>o</sup> and Samuel Dickson.
5th Feb 1656	Robert Benison and Joseph Taylor acquire land etc. on Quick Moor including that occupied by Dixon widow and George Dixon. William Garlick also was in occupation of some land.
30th May 1657 LRO DDX/228/129	Robert Benison and Joseph Taylor to Daniel Dickson of Quicke Yorks. Yeoman.

Bargain and sale with feoffment of a dwelling house ,barne and Shippen. Closes called rough field ,intake, little field, little lowe, Meadow and the garden approx 5a. In Quick for residue of a term of 2000 yrs. Reciting feoffment 5/2/1657.

12th Oct.1668 Daniel Dickson of Strines in Quicke yeoman to Thomas Whitehead the elder of Lidgate and Thomas Whitehead the younger of Lidgate. LRO DDX/228/130 Bargain and sale with feoffment of property as given in deed 30/5/1657.

17th Apr 1699 Will of Daniel Dickson proved 11th June 1711 leaves property to wife Martha and son Samuel and lists property as housing, meadow under the house, little field, little low, rough field and intake.

No more information from deeds until:

27th Jan 1743 Daniel Dixon of Stydes to Samuel Shaw , Rough Fields, - - - - , little Wakefield RO fields, little low, the meadows and the garden

10th June 1745 Final accord between Margaret Bramhall spinster plaintiff and Daniel LRO DDX/228/131 Dickson and his wife Mary defendants whereby the Dicksons acknowledge that 1 messuage, 4 a of land, 4 a of meadow. 4a of Pasture, common or pasture and common of turbary in Quicke to be the right of Bramhall. Consideration £40

10th June 1745 Part of tri-partite indenture DDX228/131 LRO DDX/228/132

22nd July 1745 Mortgage between Daniel Dickson of Strines and Margaret Bramall of LRO DDX/228/133 Huddersfield for 1000 yrs of messuage and closes (field names as in deed 30/5/1657) for securing £150 from Bramhall.

27th March 1750 Covenant by which Margaret Cox of Huddersfield lends Daniel LRO DDX/228/134 Dickson a further sum of £30 with interest making a loan of £180 Same property as security.

3/4th April 1752 Bargain and sale with feoffment by way of lease and release from LRO DDX/228/135 Daniel Dickson of Strines Mason to James Buckley of Uppermill Clothier of a house in Quick, a barn, cowhouse and house of office, Closes called little field, intake, upper part of the rough field, 2/3 of the meadow and a half a garden. Margaret Cox at the bequest of Daniel Dickson who owes £196-16-0 to Margaret Cox assigns the above mentioned premises to Robert Buckley for the residue term of 1000yrs in trust for James Buckley Reciting mortgage 22/7. 1745 and covenant of 27/3/1750. Consideration £ 200 from James Buckley and £190 from Daniel Dickson.

4th April 1752 Assignment of mortgage whereby James Buckley lends Daniel LRO DDX/228/136 Dickson £30 and Margaret Cox and Daniel Dickson assign to James

Buckley all premises as above for the residue of a Term of 1000yrs reciting covenant 27/3/1750 and lease and release 3rd and 4th April 1752. James Buckley pays £6-16-0 to Margaret Cox

These transactions dated 3 and 4 April indicate that the house concerned was built by Daniel Dickson between 1745 and 1752. It consists of 3 low rooms and chambers over them, barn and cowhouse plus house of office. They also state that one third of the meadow was separated and that only half the garden towards the north was included.

17/18th Aug 1757 Lease and release from Daniel Dickson of Strinds Mason to Joshua LRO DDX/228/137 Dale of Strinds Carrier of messuages and closes called little low, rough Low and meadow and land at the top of a close called the meadow all at Strines. Consideration £100 from Joshua Dale.

2nd Dec 1761 Probate of will Joshua Dale. LRO DDX/228/138

19/20th Sept.1794 Lease for lives from Edward Rushton of Manchester liqueur merchant, LRO DDX/228/139 William Lawson of Oldham innkeeper and John Coupland of Rotherham Yorks liquor merchant ( who are the assignees appointed by virtue of a commission of bankruptcy issued against Samuel William Ryley of Manchester vintner dealer and chapman who was indebted to William Kenworthy for £100) to Alice Kenworthy Of Quickwood Widow of a messuage called Dicksons and closes called Spout Field, Intack, Higher Low and meadow below the barn in Saddleworth Yorks. Subject to certain trusts reciting bargain and sale 10/7/1794. Consideration £73-10-0 from Alice Kenworthy.

24th Oct.1794 Mortgage from Alice Kenworthy and Samuel William Ryley late of LRO DDX/228 Manchester and Ann this wife (grand-daughter of James Buckley) 140 To Samuel Dawson of Highmoor of a messuage called Dixons and Closes called Spout Field, Intake, Higher Low and Meadow below The barn for 1000yrs reciting James Buckley's will of 28/8/1790, award of bankruptcy against S W Ryley 23/1/1794 and deed 28/9/1794. Consideration £200 from Samuel Dawson.

15 Jan 1807 Probate of will of Joseph Dale. LRO DDX/228/141

28th Oct.1808 Assignment of mortgage from Samuel Dawson of Highmoor at the LRO DDX/228/142 request of Alice Kenworthy of Quickwood, S W Ryley of Liverpool gent and Ann his wife to Thomas Walpole of Sowerby Bridge gent. of property as given in mortgage 24/9/1794 for 1000yrs Reciting mortgage of 24/10/1794. Consideration £250 from Thomas Walpole.

29th Dec.1814 Feoffment from Alice Kenworthy, S W Ryley of Parkgate comedian & LRO DDX/228/143 Ann his wife and the trustees of Thomas Walpole late of Sowerby Bridge to Joshua Dale of Saddleworth Yeoman for £490. (£216 to Kenworthy and Ryley and £274 to trustees of Walpole)

of messuage called Dicksons or Dicksons End and closes, field names as given in mortgage dated 24/10/1794 in Saddleworth destroying Term of 1000yrs created 28/10/1808. Recited also covenant by Ryley to levy a fine for Joshua Dale at Hilary or some subsequent term.

Assignment by John Harrop of Dobcross (the executor of Robert Buckleys will) at request of Alice Kenworthy and S W Ryley to Joseph Fletcher of Rochdale Timber Merchant (in trust for Joshua Dale) of above mentioned property for residue of term of 1000yrs> Reciting mortgage 24 Oct 1794, Thomas Walpoles will 11 Feb1808 and lease and release 3/4 April 1752.

30 Dec 1814  
LRO DDX/228/144 Release (part of a lease and release missing) from Joshua Dale Back of Low Saddleworth yeoman to John Elliott of Rochdale gent of property given in feoffment dated 29/12/1814 and another messuage and closes Called little low, rough low, meadow and land situated at the top of a close called the meadow. All at Saddleworth for 1 year . Rent 6

31st Dec 1814  
LRO DDX/228/108 Mortgage (by way of lease and release; lease missing) from Josh Dale of Back of Low and John Elliott of messuage called Dicksons Dicksons End and closes called spoutfield, intake, higher low, meadow below barn and also a messuage containing 2 bays of building and Barn of 1 bay , a Garden, Little Low, Rough Low and Meadow and also one small piece of land at top of close called the meadow in a direct line with dwelling house and containing about 10yds by 3yds.  
Joshua Dale received £400 and had to pay interest on capital borrowed.

6th Oct 1844  
LRO DDX/228/110 Mortgaged property transferred from Abel Dale of Back o'th Low the heir of Joshua Dale to Edward Moss of Waterhead Mill manufacturer for the sum of £100 plus Edward Moss being responsible for the mortgage of £400 plus interest outstanding of £34.  
Name Dicksons or Dicksons End still in use.

25 Oct 1844 Mortgage transferred from John Elliott to Elkanah and Andrew Moss.

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## Extracts from the Diary of Canon F R Raines: Part 3

### Roger Ivens

*9 October 1828*

The masters and union men are disagreeing very much, and I fear it will end badly. I had a morning funeral. A member of the Calvinistic Chapel at Delph. The minister and his deacons preceded the procession. Innovation!

*Sunday, 12 October, 1828*

My sermon this morning has been personal; text, 'The rich and poor, etc'. The woollen masters are endeavouring to suppress a society of operatives for the preservation of wages, etc. The American merchants are very intolerant towards the poor. God grant that unity and peace may be preserved!

*16 October, 1828*

Invited to the house of a parishioner, to a funeral for the first time; declined. Smoking tobacco and drinking ale occupies all the time spent at houses here before the corpse is conveyed to the church.

*18 October, 1828*

Visited Buckton Castle, an artificial mound on the top of a bleak moor three miles hence. Dr Whittaker supposes it to be the remains of a Roman fortification. A fosse surrounds the mound, and in it many stones which appear to have fallen from the summit. A very interesting excursion. I was accompanied by my kind young friend Mr George Shaw, who abounds with antiquarian research and taste.

*Sunday, 19 October, 1828*

Mr Sutcliffe assisted me at the celebration of the Holy Communion this morning. We had 70 communicants; 40 more than usual. At this I was much gratified. In 1805, when Mr Sutcliffe first came to Saddleworth, he had five or six old women only! Tempora mutantur, etc (the times are changed and we with them).

*24 October, 1828*

Prayed with John Bottomley at the Cross Keys. He is 86 and I think afraid to die. O may my prayers be such as will minister comfort to him.

28 October, 1828

Went to Oldham with my friend, Mr George Shaw, and his aunts. It is a very dirty town, notorious for the rudeness (even to strangers and ladies) of the common people. Saw the two new Government churches – one nearly finished – Gothic and neat.

Sunday, 2 November, 1828

Preached to the children of the Sunday School. Five gigs conveyed company from Ashton, Stalybridge, etc, to hear me preach. I hope they would not listen in vain and be 'hearers only'.

3 November 1828

A marriage at which were more than 100 people! Is this entering the nuptial state 'soberly, reverently, discreetly and in the fear of God?' I fear not.

14 November, 1828

Prayed with poor old Bottomley at the Cross Keys who is in the agonies of death, though quite sensible, hoped God would reward me for my attentions to him – said he was happy – the world was not so valuable to him now, as my prayers. God be with him as he journeys through the dark valley. I have good hopes of his salvation.

15 November, 1828

Poor old John Bottomley died soon after I left him last night. His end was peace. May my last end be like his. Safe and unclouded – not triumphant.

1 December 1828

Delightful morning! The sun shining clearly – the hills from my window, wild, romantic and green. Oh! In this bleak world may such scenes have their due effect. May they raise the heart to Him who causeth 'springtime and harvest, summer and winter'.

19 December, 1828

Old Mr Whitehead (aged 84, a consistent member of my church for 63 years) was buried today. I was requested to attend and read his will at night. Not satisfactory to all the children. The daughters have very small portions while two sons sweep nearly all; land, houses, etc. This should not be; yet it is very common here, I am told, for the sons to have double to the daughters. Oh! This mammon!

2 January, 1829

Visited Scout Waterfall, four miles hence, with my friend, George Shaw. Dr Aiken in his History of Manchester, etc, 1796, gives a correct view of this fine cascade. I walked under a tunnel with trepidation. 170 feet in length.

7 January, 1829

Received a large plum cake from Cross and some Christmas pies. Christianity makes men charitable. The Philippian Gaoler set out 'a table' for Paul and Silas after he believed.

8 January, 1829

Tea and supper at Mr Joseph Harrop's, Tamewater. A party. Everything very elegant and even splendid. I have seen nothing equal to it in Saddleworth. Singing, music, and those nauseous cards! Harmless, inasmuch as money is kept out of the account. At supper I thought of Mr Scott, of Aston Sandford, and 'the gout being reckoned among the privileges of the Gospel.'

[On 19 January, 1829, Mr Raines left Saddleworth on a short visit to his home at Burton Pidsea in Holderness.]

Sunday, 1 February, 1829, Burton Pidsea

I went with my father and brother, to Hedon, and preached for Dr Wasse who read the prayers, not in a very impressive style but more so than the generality of Holderness ministers. My father much pleased with my preaching. He pointed out some errors in the modulation of my voice – manner of reading the collect before the sermon – length of my sermon, etc – all from an ardent wish for my improvement. Dear parent! I received your kind hints as you intended I should do. I shall be mindful of them. Preached at Burton Pidsea in the afternoon. The church quite full. A very usual thing – there being seldom more than 30 or 40 hearers. On the present occasion about 400. Heard here that York Cathedral was nearly burnt to the ground yesterday. The origin of the fire unknown. Much shocked to hear the account.

7 February, 1829, Saddleworth

I arrived here this night. On my journey I saw the cathedral at York. The interior of the choir, lady chapel, oak stalls, etc, completely destroyed. The loss is enormous. And what adds to the calamity is, that it is the work of an incendiary, a religious fanatic of the name of Jonathan Martin, who had for some time been uttering his prediction against the clergy and the Minister! 'Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised Thee, is burned up with fire and all our pleasant things are laid waste.'

£200 is offered by the dean and Chapter for the apprehension of Martin and his (supposed) accomplices. He is the brother of John Martin, Esq., the noble painter and engraver of Belshazzar's Feast, Joshua, the deluge, etc

Widow Hilton, of Friezland, was buried on Thursday. She died without pain in the full possession of her faculties and received the Sacrament twenty minutes before her death.

9 February, 1829

Four marriages. Called at Cross. As usual abounding with charity. Tonight, at Mr Brooks', bookseller, of Delph, to discuss with other gentlemen the propriety of addressing Parliament against further concessions of political power to the Roman Catholics. Very sorry to find that

His Majesty's Ministers are contemplating 'emancipation,' as it is miscalled, the followers of the Church of Rome. Lord Eldon, the late Chancellor, justly says, 'grant the Roman Catholics seats in Parliament, make them our legislators and the sun of England sets to rise no more.'

12 February, 1829

A funeral. A poor man's child buried. He had brought the remains of his infant from near Huddersfield to deposit them near three other children. Many blamed him, he said, for doing this while poverty was his inheritance. Though his exterior was rough and unimposing, he had a tender heart! – he wept over the coffin of his child like a boy!

9 March 1829

Heard from my brother Joseph. London in a ferment owing to the Catholic emancipation agitation. Ministers unpopular. Wellington and Peel hooted and hissed by the populace on their way to the Houses of Parliament.

16 March 1829

Breakfasted and dined at the Parsonage, Dobcross. Mr Mills and myself then went to Frier Lodge and saw the Rev John Buckley, the aged and respected incumbent of Heights, who had drafted a petition to the King against Catholic emancipation. Mr Mills drew up petitions to the Lords and Commons. The Whigs watch us narrowly. But I think the cause is unpopular in Saddleworth.

At 6pm Mr Mills and myself went to the Swan at Dobcross. A respectable, though not numerous meeting – about 25. Mr R Lawton, of Stones, was called to the chair. He made a few ill-expressed remarks and then Mr Mills read his petitions. I was called upon to read the petition to the King, which was too long and not to the point, in my opinion. Being, however, drawn up by old Mr Buckley no objection could (with propriety) be made to it. A good deal of desultory conversation passed. Copies of the petition were taken; individuals appointed to canvass for signatures; no person under 16 to sign and the place of abode to be named.

The Hon W Duncombe, the County Member, to be requested to present the Commons petition and R F Wilson, Esq, to support it. That magnanimous champion of Protestantism, John, Earl of Eldon, was unanimously to be requested to present the petition to the Lords. The meeting broke up at about 10 o'clock. It was resolved that another meeting should be held there on Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, and that the petitions should be forwarded to Town that evening.

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### SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER WINTER 2008

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O, for the fling of windy moors,  
Of drumming snipe and calling grouse,  
And bare hillsides with stone fenced fields,  
And here and there an old farm house,  
Where hare lands smell of hunting days  
And scarlet coats and questing packs,  
And old lane ends still keep the scent  
Of farmer folk with 'provven' sacks.

In the Country - Ammon Wrigley

### FAMILY HISTORY WEEKEND

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**Saturday & Sunday 4th & 5th JULY 2009**

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Saddleworth Museum, High Street, UPPERMILL.

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As previously announced in our last Bulletin we are holding a special Family History Weekend which presents itself on the above dates at The Museum & Art Gallery, High Street, Uppermill. This will be an attractive event for our membership and we welcome Country and Overseas Members who are researching their family trees to meet and become involved with other members of the Society and conduct Historical Investigations into the Society Archives.

On Saturday the itinerary includes a guided walk locating the Textile Industry around Boarshurst, Tunstead and Greenfield, a coach trip to Golcar Museum, Huddersfield, which was a Weaver's Cottage and has been developed into an Industrial & Folk Museum. In the evening a social occasion is arranged in Dobcross. Followed on the Sunday with a Day School at the Museum, Uppermill, Family History in Saddleworth Wills, a series of lectures given by Mike Buckley, Neil Barrow, Alan Petford and Jean Sanders who will organise a Workshop on using and reading original wills. Sunday lunch will be provided.

Booking in advance is required and if you wish to reserve a place, please send a cheque in the sum of £25.00 each person, made out to Saddleworth Historical Society and forwarded to Brian Kenworthy, 20 Main Street, Greetham, Oakham, Leicestershire. LE15 7NL. Tel No. 01572 812026. email - bandpkenworthy@aol.com

Early bookings are advisable and would be very much appreciated. Closing date is the 31st May, 09. A booking slip is enclosed.

The full programme is set out overleaf.

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FAMILY HISTORY WEEKEND

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 4th & 5th JULY, 2009

Saturday 4th July, 2009

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- 9.30 a.m. Coffee & Registration Saddleworth Museum, Uppermill.
- 10.00 a.m. Welcome and opening remarks by Mike Buckley, Chairman of the Saddleworth Historical Society.
- 10.30 a.m. Guided Walk Locating the Textile Industry around Boarshurst, Tunstead & Greenfield. Led by Neil Barrow and Mike Buckley.
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch - Provide your own, but Museum open and tea available.
- 2.00 p.m. Coach trip to Golcar Museum, Huddersfield, A Weaver's Cottage developed into an Industrial & Folk Museum.
- 5.00 p.m. Transport back to Saddleworth Museum.
- 8.00 p.m. Social Evening at 10 The Square, Dobcross, Residence of Mike Buckley. Refreshments and drinks provided.

Sunday 5th July, 2009 DAY SCHOOL. Saddleworth Museum.

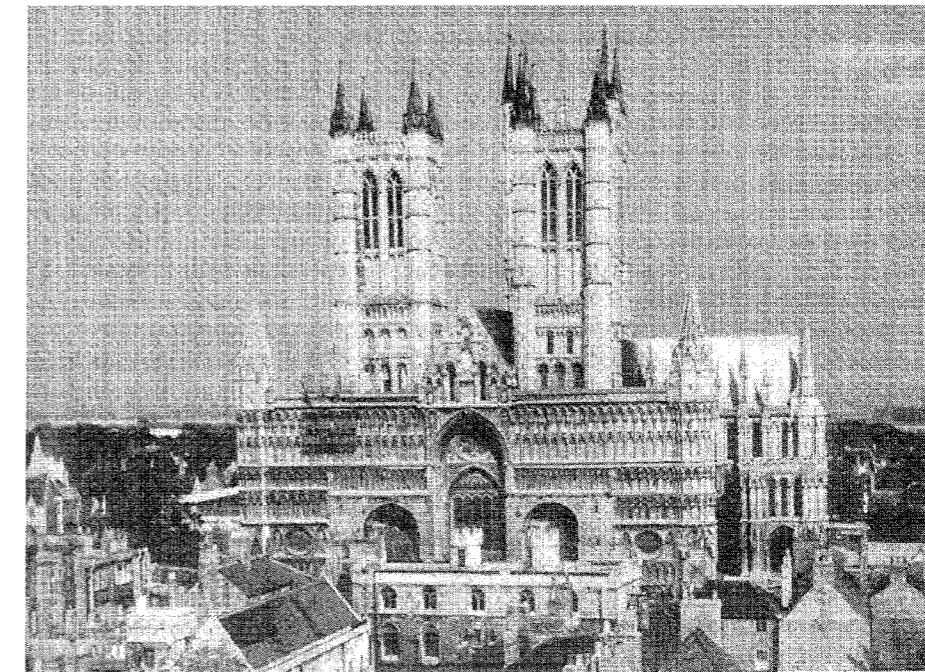
FAMILY HISTORY IN SADDLEWORTH WILLS.

- 10.00 a.m. Putting Flesh on the Bones. What wills can tell us about our ancestors. Mike Buckley
- 11.00 a.m. Coffee
- 11.30 a.m. Merchants, Manufacturers & Entrepreneurs. The families who shaped Industrial Saddleworth. Neil Barrow.
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch - a Cold Buffet will be provided.
- 2.00 p.m. What did your ancestors do? Agriculture & Industry in Saddleworth - the evidence from wills. Alan Petford.
- 3.00 p.m. Tea
- 3.30 p.m. Workshop on using and reading original wills. Jean Sanders.
- 4.30 p.m. CLOSE

SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Summer Coach Trip - Wednesday 8th July, 09

LINCOLN



Lincoln Cathedral

Alan Cash

The City of Lincoln is renowned for its Roman town (Lindum Colonia) and the early Gothic Cathedral, the Medieval Bishop's Palace and the Guildhall. A Norman bishop Remiguis built his church on rising ground in the eleventh century, in 1185 it was partly rebuilt in the early Gothic. Its treasury contains Lincoln's copy of Magna Carta in Bishop Longland's chantry. The present cathedral is a triple-towered structure being one of the most magnificent English Cathedrals. The castle founded by William the Conqueror, two well preserved Norman domestic buildings, the Jew's House and another misleadingly known as The House of Aaron the Jew, a gateway that has been in use since Roman times, the High Bridge with medieval houses built over the arch and the River Whitham frontage at Brayford Pool. A bronze statue of Tennyson stands by the Minster, he was born at Somersby Rectory.

Your guide for this coach trip will be Alan Petford.

Unfortunately full details for the trip have to be completed, but we should be obliged to receive your bookings by phone or email as soon as possible to:- Alan Schofield, (26 Ashes Lane, Stalybridge, Cheshire. SK15 2RH) Tel. No. 0161 338 6555 email al@harropcourt.free serve.co.uk

When available the price and itinerary will be forwarded on to you.

# SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## PUBLIC GUIDED WALKS - SUMMER 2009

'Saddleworth's rich heritage provides the ideal background to while away a couple of hours amid the beautiful Pennine hills and vales.

Visitor or resident, member or non member you are all invited to join our volunteer guides to discover the fascinating history that has shaped the Saddleworth of today.

The walks follow roads and paths in a circular route for 2 to 3 miles lasting about 2 ½ hours, unless specified differently in the walk details. Sensible footwear is recommended. Children must be accompanied by an adult and in the interests of safety please don't bring your dog. There is no charge for the walks.

### Wednesday June 3rd. 1.45pm                      Harrop Dale

Meet Neil Barrow at Sam Road car park Diggle for a walk taking in Bleakhey Nook, Dean Head and part of the Diggle heritage trail.

### Sunday June 14th 1.45 pm                      Wool Road and Weakey

Meet Alan Schofield at Brownhill Countryside Centre for a walk looking at water, road and rail routes, early mills, the first lock-up and cinema, The Loom Works and settlements at Wool Road, Weakey and Marslands.

### Wednesday July 1st 1.45 pm                      Greenfield and Chew Valley Circular

Meet Mike Fox at Dovestones car park for a walk to explore how the area around Dovestone has been shaped by waterworks, industry and hillside farming.

### Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> 1.45pm                      to be arranged

### Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> 1.45pm                      From Corn mill to Uppermill

Meet Alan Schofield at the Museum car park Uppermill to explore the nearby hamlets and discover how transport routes influenced the development of village.

### Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> 10am                      Shawmere Boundary Walk.

Meet Mike Buckley at the car park The Sound Delph for a 9 mile circular walk, including hill climbs, around the boundary of Shawmere. Route includes Thurston Clough, Bumedge Bent, Shadworth Lane, Carr Lane, Den. Tamewater, Gatehead. Bring refreshments for this all day walk.

For further information contact Alan Schofield (Hon. Secretary) 0161 338 6555



Oakdene with Deanhead on the right

## FORTHCOMING LECTURES. Saddleworth Museum, Uppermill, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 25th March, 09	Doctor Healey of Lees; hero of Peterloo. Dr. Robert Poole.
Thursday 16th April, 09	Portraits of the English Civil War. Julian Hunt.
Thursday 28th May, 09	Step by step through Museums to Glasgow. Sue Latimer.
Saturday/Sunday 4/5th July, 09	Family History Weekend. Saddleworth Museum,
Wednesday 8th July, 09	Society Summer Coach Trip.

## PAST LECTURES & Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 3rd December, 08 progressed in its usual manner with the election of officers being completed. Reports from the Chairman, Mike Buckley on the Society's achievements, Treasurer's Report from Neil Barrow, and the Secretary's Report from Alan Schofield. In appreciation a Vote of thanks was given to the Society's executives for their excellent contributions to Saddleworth's welfare. Mike Buckley entertained with a talk on new discoveries in Saddleworth's history, including plans of the old church and a reference to turbulent happenings in the 14th Century.

On Wednesday the 7th January, 09 'The Early History of the Springhead Area' was illuminated by Mike Buckley who gave a lengthy description of the highly industrial past of this Saddleworth district which was packed with busy, fully employed mills providing labour for the local population.

'The Development of Modern Springhead' by Neil Barrow was a very well attended lecture and he gave a vivid picture of Springhead growing and changing to a residential district and its prosperous workers benefitting from the advantageous developers following the industrial success of this area perched on the edge of Lees and Oldham.

Professor of History at Huddersfield University Keith Laybourn has written many books and articles gave the Society an extremely animated talk on the 25th February, 09, 'In search of phantom fortunes: Working class gambling 1900-1960. It was packed not only with information gathered from his wide range and expert knowledge, but also from his personal experience when a boy as a Bookie's runner. Keith vigorously expounded his argument that most working class gambling was simply a harmless flutter.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM, HIGH STREET, UPPERMILL.  
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2nd Sunday of each month 9.00 am-2.00 pm Farmers' Market.  
 2nd Wednesday of each month. 10.30am-12.30 pm. Friends' Coffee Morning.  
 Boredom Busters Half term 27 May/29 July.09 Ring Museum on 01457 87 4093  
 10.15 am each Friday - Boom Ting for babies, small children, not school holidays  
 £2.50 per session. Small babies 50p)  
 9.30 am-12 noon Tuesdays. Canalside Quilting Group.

Future Exhibitions.  
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'On your Bike' Memories/photographs of owning/riding a bike also 'What your ancestors did'-  
 Any photographs/memories of yourself or relatives at work. These could be copied for the  
 exhibition. Ring Peter Fox on 01457 87 4093

Art Gallery Exhibitions.  
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Present date until 22nd March, 09 Textile Mill Interiors.  
 Paintings by Janis Bowie.  
 28th March - 26th April, 09. A diversity of media including paintings,  
 Chalk & Cheese. glass works, rag rugs, silk screen prints etc.  
 Pauline Knight & Glennis Sharp.

SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST Lectures 7.30 pm Saddleworth Museum.  
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Thursday 30th April, 09 Ten Things I didn't know about Manchester.  
 Lecture by Livi Michael. (Local Author)  
 Saturday 9th May, 09 Manchester Ship Canal Cruise Day Out.  
 Details from Charles Baumann. 01457 876858  
 Saturday 13th June, 09 Half Day Heritage Walk in Diggle.  
 Led by Mike Buckley  
 Details from Charles Baumann 01457 876858  
 Thursday 25th June, 09 Summer Coach Trip - Holker Hall & Gardens &  
 Cartmel Village, Cumbria.  
 Details from Charles Baumann 01457 876858  
 Thursday 2nd July, 09 Climate, Ocean & the Hydrogen Imperative.  
 Mike Koefman. Illustrated lecture.

MEMBERSHIP SECTION  
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A welcome is extended to the following new members who have joined the Society since the  
 publication of the last Bulletin.

Mr. P.C.S. Schofield, Inverness. Mr. & Mrs. Tony Stock, Maidenhead.  
 Mr. Matthew Chapman, Springhead. Mrs. P.A. Badger, Cumbria.  
 Miss Annie Hart, Sale. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mills, Telford, Shropshire.

Having recently acquired our latest publication 'Mapping Saddleworth', Tony Stock decided  
 to join the Society. He can trace his ancestry through his Great-great-grandmother who was  
 born Eliza Wood and married a John Shelmerdine Stock. One of Eliza's brothers farmed at  
 Yew Tree and another was the Master of Saddleworth Workhouse and later lived at Diggle  
 House.

Sadly we have to report the death of Nell Buckley who for many years together with her late  
 husband John were very strong members of the Society. John was the leader of the  
 Industrial Archaeological Society and they made a most engaging couple whose company  
 was much sought and appreciated. Nell will be remembered for her organisation of the  
 Coffee Mornings at the Museum, in aid of ARC (Arthritis Society) and, of course, for her  
 amusing, clever dialect poetry she composed and recited at many of our social events.

Anne Cox another stalwart member of our Society has died she was a very regular attender  
 at our lectures and in the past with her late husband Mervyn supported our Archeological  
 Section. Being connected with many organisations in Saddleworth including the  
 Town Women's Guild she will be greatly missed.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.  
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We have had an excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions since January, but a  
 reminder is enclosed for members who have not yet paid and we shall be pleased to receive  
 remittances as soon as convenient. Very many thanks for your continued support.

Family Membership .....	£14.00	
Single Membership .....	12.00	
Retired Single & Family .....	9.00	
Overseas - USA & Canada.....	15.00	or 40 dollars.
Australia & New Zealand .....	15.00	Sterling.

Stanley Broadbent.  
 March, 09

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**Conference**

**'New Research into the History of Yorkshire'**

**Call For Papers**

Convenors: The British Association for Local History (BALH)  
Conference: 'New Research into the History of Yorkshire'  
Venue: The Quality Royal Hotel, Hull (Formerly The Royal Station Hotel)  
Date: Saturday November 7, 2009  
Contact: Helen Good mail@helengood.com  
Web: <http://www.balh.co.uk/events.php>

This call is for papers of twenty minutes in length on new research into any aspect of the history of Yorkshire. We are looking for reports on new research that will add to our knowledge of local history and inspire others to undertake similar research in their own localities.

Please send a summary of the proposed paper to mail@helengood.com before 30th April 2009. The summary should not be more than 200 words. Papers selected will be grouped into panels. At present we have no facility for Power Point. The conference will be advertised throughout Yorkshire and we anticipate that there will be an audience of local history enthusiasts with some academic historians and archivists.

There will be a second conference on November 6th, 2010 on new research into the history of Hull.



*Diglee*



*Harrop Green*