

Hearnshaw Family History

This brief story of the Hearnshaw (Hernshaw) family is based on Parish Records and Memorial Inscriptions in Baslow churchyard with some input from local knowledge. There is also a family tree with further details.

(see website www.baslowhistory.co.uk)

William (b1733) arrived in the village sometime before 1770, the date of birth of his son Thomas. His homestead, confirmed for certain in the Tithe Award of 1848 was Tithe Barn, an established farm on Eaton Hill close to Over End. The house still stands, though significantly rebuilt over the last 100 years.

The eldest son of the family continued as farmers for 5 generations, though they vacated Tithe Barn on Eaton Hill in the early 1900s and moved to "The Farm" at Nether End . The last farmer was Leslie b1914 who carried on to the 1970s. The farm was then converted to domestic dwellings.

James Hearnshaw b1811 was probably the son of Thomas b1770 and brother of William b 1804 but this can't be confirmed. He married Martha daughter of Samuel Bufton who was a grocer living in a house at Bridge End which later became the Prince of Wales. James set up shop as a butcher alongside along side his father in law. Some time in the 1860s he moved home and shop to the newly built Radcliffe House in Nether End. He died, probably still working, in 1887

James' only son William b1850 learned his trade as a butcher with his father, married in the mid 1870s and moved to Manchester for a few years. By 1880 he was back in Baslow to help his father who died in 1887. At some time during the 1880s, perhaps after his father's death, he moved house to Edensor but continued to run the butchers shop at Radcliffe House.

William had two (or more) sons. Between 1901 and 1911, the eldest, William Henry b1874 became the tenant farmer at Yeld Farm, while his brother George H b1876 moved to his early home, Radcliffe House, and continued the butchery business until the mid 1900s.

Gravestone in Baslow church yard

G33, J15, J26, J27, Q05, Q23, T36

And in the Parish Council Burial Ground S04e, S11h