

A DRIVER and WEATHERHEAD family history

Silsden, West Yorkshire, England

Tracing the story of two Silsden families, through six generations of change

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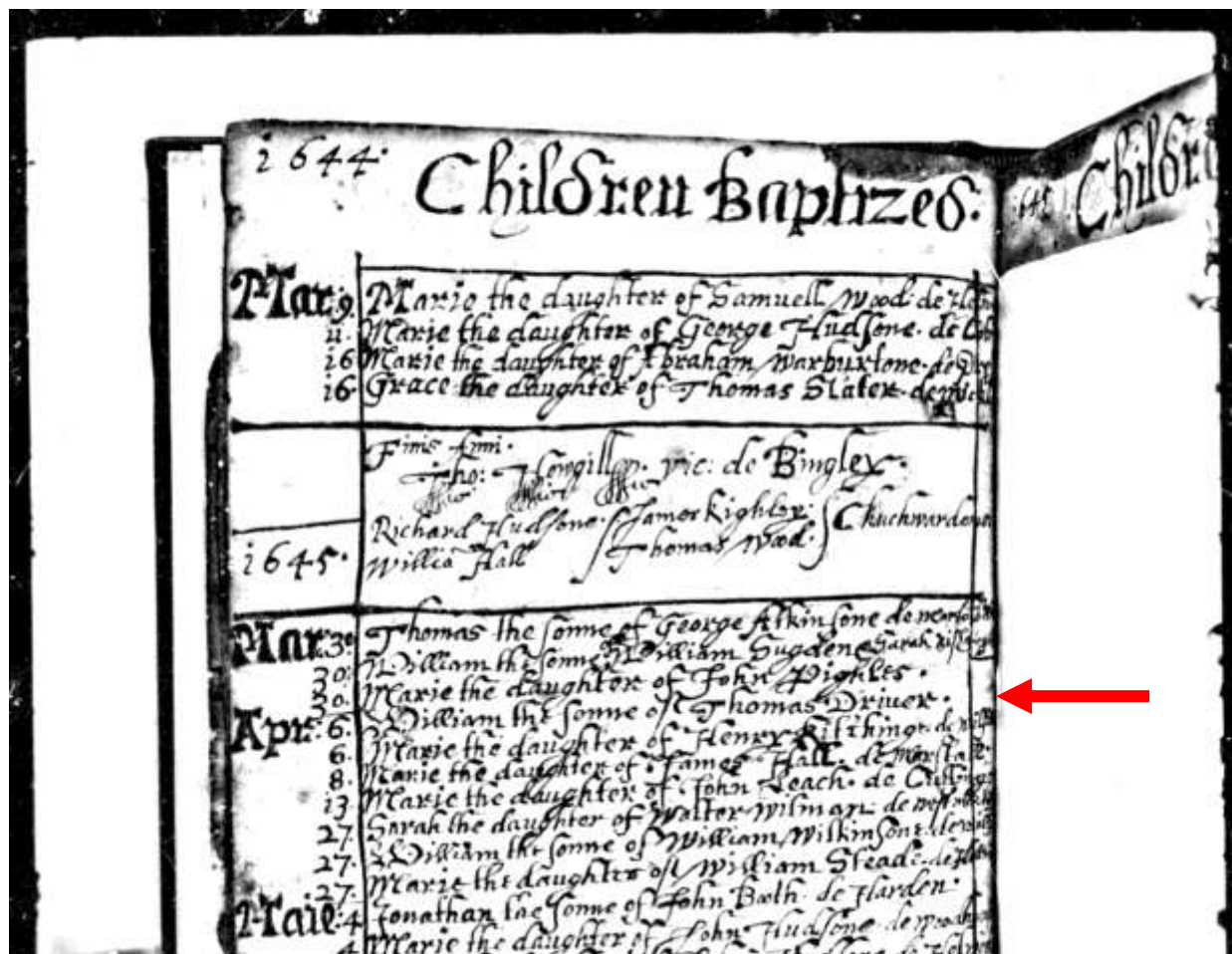
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Appendix 5

A selection of old documents

Item 1. April 6th 1645 Baptism of William the sonne of Thomas Driver.

Note. The year 1645 started on March 1st. See page 8 of the Driver narrative for a full explanation.



Item 2. Marriage July 23rd 1682 William Driver and Sarah Smith at Bingley.

2^d John son of John Whittley Is thus bred in Bingley

Marriages		
Apr:	20	William Donby & Agnes Langdale
	30	Peter Jennings & Anne Milner
May	- 5	George Turner & Lighteous Stead
	11	Richard Frank & Grace Hartley
	25	Robert Craven & Sarah Wood
Jun:	4	William Hall & Mary Wood
	5	John Whittley & Mary Swain
	11	Arthur Lighter & Bridgit Sharblston
	18	William Thornton & Mary Hill
Jul:	11	Robert Longbottom & Anne Whittaker
	18	William Maud & Isabella Marrow
	23	William Driver & Sarah Smith
Aug:	14	Richard Brook & Jane Whitaker
	15	Michael Mitreol & Barbara Stetman
Oct:	- 5	John Sawcroft & Susan Brook
	11	John Hawthorn & Margaret Rawson
	12	William Langdale & Susan Rodman

Item 3. Baptism May 29th 1687 Issabella Driver, daughter of Gulielmus and Sara of Silsden, L2

16 KILDWICK-IN-CRAVEN REGISTER

11 Joshua Stone fi: Gulielmi et Annæ de Cowlinge
 11 Gulielmus Smith fi: Johannis et Marthæ de Cowlinge
 11 Johannes Alderley fi: Alveredi et Annæ de Cowlinge
 19 Margreta Cryer fi: Gulielmi et Susannæ de Silsden
 22 Rogerus Coates fi: Rogeri et Mariz de Rodehouse
 25 Agneta Laycocke fi: Johannis et Susannæ de Cowlinge
 25 Margreta Green fi: Georgij et Gracie de Cowlinge
 31 Elizabetha Hardy fi: Johannis et Elizabethæ de Farnhill
 Augusti 2 Johannes Steele fi: Richardi et Gracie de Holden
 8 Issabella Smith fi: Henrici et Marthæ de Carrehead
 9 Richardus Wade fi: Johannis et Mariz de Silsden moore
 12 Johannes et Jeneta Smith filii et filia Georgij et Deboræ de Kildwicke
 13 Johannes Shackleton fi: Christopheri et Janæ de Connandley
 15 Maria Hudson fi: Hugonis et Margretæ de Steeton
 22 Johannes Sugden fi: Richardi et Mariz de Glusburne
 22 Johannes Harrinson fi: Robti et Janæ de Glusburne
 29 Johannes Bradley fi: Johannis et Saræ de Conandley
 29 Elizabetha Bannister fi: Stephani et Annæ de Cowling
 29 Maria Clough fi: Roberti et Elizabethæ de Sutton
 Septembris 6 Henricus Currer fi: Hugonis et Annæ de Steeton
 19 Joshua Smith fi: Johannis et Saræ de Cowling
 26 Henricus Bolton fi: Thomæ et Annæ de Kildwicke
 26 Anna Cryer fi: Thomæ et Elizabethæ de Silsden moore
 Octobris 3 Maria Hudson fil: Rob: et Elizabethæ de Cowlinge
 3 Ellena Pighels fil: Gulielmi et Ellensæ de Cowlinge
 10 Johannes Turner fi: Johannis et Mariz de Glusburne
 24 Martha Dayle fi: Francisci et Mariz de Bradley
 31 Elizabetha Watkinson filia Henrici et Issabellæ de Silsdenmoore
 novembris 7 Sara Holmes fi: Francisci et Mariz de Silsden
 14 Martinus Smith fi: Johannis et Annæ de Cowling
 14 Johannes Anderson fi: Thomæ et Mariz de Eastburne
 21 Georgius Hargreaves fi: Stephani et Mariz de Cowlinge
 30 Elizabetha Parkinson fi: Johannis et Ellensæ de Eastburne
 decembris 4 Elizabetha Lambert fi: Gulielmi et Annæ de Gilgrange
 5 Anna Barret fi: Gulielmi et Mariz de Sutton
 12 Jonathan Gott fi: Isaaci et Annæ de Silsden
 [24] 14 Samuel Hebden fi: Johannis et Mariz de Farnhill
 26 Johannes Baxster fi: Simonis et Mariz de Steeton
 26 Tho: Hindle fi: Jonathæ et Franciscæ de Glusburne
 26 Mary Dawson fi: Johannis et Mariz de Cowlinge
 26 Anna Whitwham fi: Georgij et Elizabethæ de Bradley
 26 Jana Greenwood fi: Richardi et Ellena de Steeton
 27 Maria Walsh fi: Eduardi et Margretæ de Conandley
 Januarij 9 Anna Stott fi: Thomæ et Ellensæ de Silsdenmoore
 9 Maria Brigge fi: Abrahami et Rebeckæ de Sutton
 16 Anna Sugden fi: Gulielmi et Margretæ de Sutton
 17 Anna Horsfal fi: Johannis et Annæ de Malsishall
 18 Elizabetha Mitchell fi: Jonathæ et Ellensæ de Stotthill
 23 Anna Bradley fi: Thomæ et Mariz de Conandley
 februarij 1 Agneta Smith fi: Roberti et Elizabethæ de Sutton

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4 Gracia England fi: Stephani et Saræ de Brunthwaite
 6 Martha Smith fi: Edmundi et Mariz de Cowlinge
 6 Elizabetha Dixon fi: Johannis et Mariz de Brunthwaite
 20 Martha Bawdwen fi: Edmundi et Elizabethæ de Cowlinge
 27 Margreta Cryer fi: Richardi et Margretæ de Silsden
 martij 6 Joshua Wood fi: Gulielmi et Margretæ de Silsden
 6 Jana Tomsen fi: Francisci et Elizabethæ de Silsdenmoore
 20 Gulielmus Mitchel fi: Laurentij et Jenetæ de Cowlinge
 20 Issabella Jackson fi: Richardi et Aliciæ de Steeton
 20 Jonas Calverley fi: Johannis et Mariz de Cowlinge
 20 Johannes et Susanna Robinson gefii: fi: Danielis et Aliciæ de Kildwicke
 Jta Testor Rich Pollard
 Vic: de Kildwicke

[25] Nomina Baptizatorum Parochia de Kildwicke
 Anno Domini 1687

martij 27 Gulielmus Gott fil: Abrahami et Issabellæ de Swartha
 31 Thomas Netherwood fi: Johannis et Janæ de Kildwicke
 Aprilis 3 Thomas Spencer fi: Johannis et Annæ de Glusburne
 10 Gulielmus Watson fi: Thomæ et Susannæ de Bradley
 10 Gulielmus Laycock fi: Gulielmi et Hannæ de Cowlinge
 17 Johannes Hudson fi: Johannis et Anna de Sutton
 17 Maria fi: Tho: Gill et Janæ Davy illegit: de Steeton
 27 Johannes Drake fi: Johannis et Margretæ de Kildwicke
 28 Robertus Barker fi: Guli: et Margretæ de Holden
 maij 1 Maria Houlegate fil: Rutlandi et Jennetæ de Cowlinge
 5 Edmundus Gili fil: Matthei et Mariz de Silsden
 8 Sara Mitchell fil: Johannis et Ellensæ de Cowlinge
 8 Margreta Petty fil: Francisci et Margretæ de Bradley
 8 Anna Greenwood fil: Johannis et Mariz de Bradley
 8 Maria Davy fi: Henrici et Janæ de Silsden
 9 Elizabetha Teale fi: Roberti et Annæ de Silsden
 15 Elizabetha Anderton fi: Jacobi et Elizabethæ de Conandley
 16 Alicia Blaykey fil: Gulielmi et Marthæ de Silsden moore
 22 Ellena Nosley fil: Christro: et Mariz de Silsden moore
 25 Dorothea Currer fil: Henrici et Margretæ de Kildwickhall
 29 Issabella Driver fil: Gulielmi et Saræ de Silsden
 Junij 12 Jacobus Hudson fil: Johannis et Allisonis de Cowlinge
 12 Josephus Ellis fil: Gulielmi et Mariz de Conandley
 12 Ellena Hustler fil: Johannis et Franciscæ de Steeton
 20 Robertus Heaton fil: Robti et Annæ de Sutton
 26 Jacobus Breare fil: Jonathæ et Saræ de Silsden moore
 26 Elizabetha Batty fil: Georgij et Gracie de Farnhill
 Julij 17 Anna Craven fil: Jacobi et Elizabethæ de Steeton
 17 Jana Blaykey fil: Christo: et Elizabethæ de Silsden moore
 24 Gracia Lambert fil: Edmundi et Saræ de Gilgrange
 31 Johannes Crosley fil: Timothei et Mariz de Steeton
 Augustij 11 Elizabetha Gott filia Gulielmi et Mariz de Glusburne
 14 Hugo Bawdwen filius Hugonis et Annæ vxoris ejus de Eastburne
 14 Maria Craven filia Johannis et Ellensæ vx: ejus de Bradley

Item 4. 2nd July 1691 Burial of Gulielmus Driver Pauper Silsden, K1



Item 5. Bond between the Administrators and the Lord of the Manor of Silsden dated 1775.

The following document, viewable on microfilm at the Borthwick Library at York University, where some documents relating to the Manor of Silsden are kept, is a bond made to ensure proper administration of the estate of John Driver deceased. The sum of five pounds payable to the Earl of Thanet of the Manor of Silsden would become null and void when his stewards receive and are satisfied with 'a true and just account' from the Administrators. This document is dated the 4th May in the fifteenth year of the reign of '**George the Third** by the Grace of God **of Great Britain France and Ireland King** Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Five - - -'

1775 is about 225 years after Calais and Le Havre, the last British held territories in France, were lost. This claim persisted until officially discontinued in 1801 when France became a republic.

Sarah Driver, M3, gave this undertaking in May 1775, together with John Glover, who was her father, and it relates to the administration of her husband's will.

The document reads:-

Know all men by these presents that we Sarah Driver of Silsden in the County of York, widow of John Driver late of Silsden aforesaid deceased and John Glover of Silsden aforesaid yeoman do stand held and firmly bound to the Right Honourable Sackville Earl of Thanet of the Manor of Silsden aforesaid in the Sum of five pounds - - - - - of lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid to the said Earl or his certain attorney his Executors Administrators or assigns to which payment to be well and truly made we bind ourselves and each of us by himself and herself or and in the whole our Heirs Executors Administrators and every of us firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals Dated the Fourth Day of May in the fifteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Five - - - '

'The Condition of the above written Obligation such that if the above bound Sarah Driver **Administratrix** of all **and singular** the Goods Chattels rights and credits of John Driver - - - late of Silsden aforesaid **deceased intestate, do pay all the debts and legacies of the said intestate so far as the Intestates** Goods Chattels will extend and law shall bind and also exhibit in the Court held or to be held for the Manor of Silsden aforesaid when thereunto required by the said Earl his Steward or Agent for the Time **being** a True and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Rights Credits Cattle and Chattels of the said deceased and **do make a true and** just account of the same when she shall be thereunto required and moreover if **?stead** required enter into a further bond with more sufficient sureties for performance of the Premises as the Steward of the said court for the time being shall think **requisite** and needful and lastly do wave and keep harmless the above named Earl his Steward and all his officers against all Persons by reason of the Premises. Then this obligation to be void and of none effect Otherwise to be and remain in full force and Virtue

Sealed and delivered (being duly stamped) in the presence of **Samuel** Crowther

Sarah Driver

The mark of John Glover

Item 6a. A second bond, between the Executors and the Lord of the Manor of Silsden dated 1783. This relates to the management of the Will and Testament of John Glover, late of Silsden and Sarah's father. It is a bond of £200. The executors were John Glover's daughter Sarah Driver, M3, and grandson Henry Driver. The sum of £200 is a very large amount for those days and especially since the Inventory of his estate reproduced below was only £36-5-0.


Know all Men by these Presents
that we Sarah Driver of Silsden in
the County of York Widow and Henry
Driver of the same Place Executors
do stand held and firmly bound to the Right
Honourable the Earl of Thanet Lord of the Manor
of Silsden in the said County of York in the
Sum of Two Hundred Pounds of lawful Money of
Great Britain for which Payment to be
made to the said Earl his Heirs, Executors
Administrators and Assigns his or their
certain Attorney we hereby bind ourselves
and each of us our and each of our Heirs,
Executors and Administrators jointly and
severally Firmly by these Presents. Sealed
with our Seals and dated this Twelfth Day
of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand
Seven Hundred and Eighty Three



The Condition of the above written Obligation is such
that if the above bound Sarah Driver and Henry Driver
Executors named in the last Will and
Testament of John Glover late of Silsden aforesaid
Person deceased do pay all the Debts and Legacies of
the said John Glover so far as his Goods and Chattles will
extend and Law shall Bind And also Exhibit into the
Court held or to be held for the Manor of Silsden aforesaid
when thereunto required by the said Earl his Steward
or Agent for the Time being a true and perfect Inventory
of all and singular the Goods Rights Credits Cattle and
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Account of the same when they shall be thereunto required
And moreover if need be enter into a further Bond with more
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Steward of the said Court for the Time being shall think requisite
and needful And Lastly do keep harmless the above named
Earl his Steward and all his Officers against all Persons
by Reason of the Premises then this Obligation to be
void and of none Effect otherwise to be and remain in
full Force and Virtue

Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of
Sam^l Croasether
Sarah Driver
Henry Driver

Item 6b. Inventory and precis of the will of John Glover made 22.2.1783

A true Valuation and Appraisement of the Goods and Chattels of John Glover late of Silsden, in the Parish of Hildwrick and county of York, Yeoman Deceased, Valued and Appraised by us, whose Names are here under subscribed this 4 Day of April 1783, as follows (Viz.)

<i>Purse and Apparel Valued at</i>	<i>£ 10 10 0</i>
<i>One Horse</i>	<i>1 10 0</i>
<i>Two Cows & one calf</i>	<i>12 00 0</i>
<i>Two small Carriages</i>	<i>2 10 0</i>
<i>Husbandry gear & other ornaments</i>	<i>0 15 0</i>
<i>In the House One Wood block</i>	<i>0 06 0</i>
<i>One Kist 15 one Cupboard 10 one long settle</i>	<i>1 10 0</i>
<i>one oval Table 5 one pewter case & pewter</i>	<i>0 15 0</i>
<i>Other small necessaries in the House</i>	<i>00 07 0</i>
<i>In the parlour one Kist</i>	<i>00 15 0</i>
<i>one bed & bedding</i>	<i>0 10 0</i>
<i>Other ornaments &c in the parlour</i>	<i>00 12 0</i>
<i>In the Chambers, Two Kists</i>	<i>00 15 0</i>
<i>Two Arks old ones</i>	<i>00 15 0</i>
<i>Clothes press, one bed & bedding</i>	<i>0 10 0</i>
<i>And other Implements</i>	<i>00 05 0</i>
	<i>£ 36 5 -</i>

John Summerscales
Samuel Glover

Daughter Sarah Driver & grandson Henry appointed Executors.

Messuage House, Half barn adjoining, Premises belonging to and usually occupied therewith at the higher end of Silsden All lands, tenements, appurtenances (except what is bequeathed) to them to hold for ever.

1 Granddaughter Mary

1/- plus oval table, pewter case and pewter over it.

2 Grandson John

£20 plus tenant rights of my farm (held from Earl of Thanet) with leave of the owner all of my cattle husbandry gear and furniture in my dwelling farmhouse and premises (except what is bequeathed).

3 Grandson Thomas

Cottage and tenements wherein Stephen Inman (jnr) now dwells with the garden with the premises to be paid on becoming 21 years plus £5 to be paid at age 21 years.

4 Grandson Peter

Cottage and tenements wherein Charles Fortune now dwells with swine coat, hen house, ash house and garden and premises situate as above, on becoming 21 years plus one hist (chest) and the sum of £5 to be paid at age 21 years.

5 Grandson William

The sum of £15 to be paid at age 21 years.

6 Granddaughter Margaret

£20 paid when 21 plus one arched/circled ed(?) bed and bedding in the parlour plus one long settle.

All the Residue to go to daughter Sarah and grandson Henry (as above).

Item 7. Extract from the 1841 Census and note the comment in the 'PLACE' column.

It reads, 'Hamlet of Silsden having no names of streets'. In practice locals did have names for streets, sometimes more than one name. Street names were not formally introduced until about 1889.

Note Isabella Clarkson features later in this history, she was to become the wife of Henry Driver, P7.

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City or Borough of _____

Parish or Township of Silsden Enumeration Schedule.

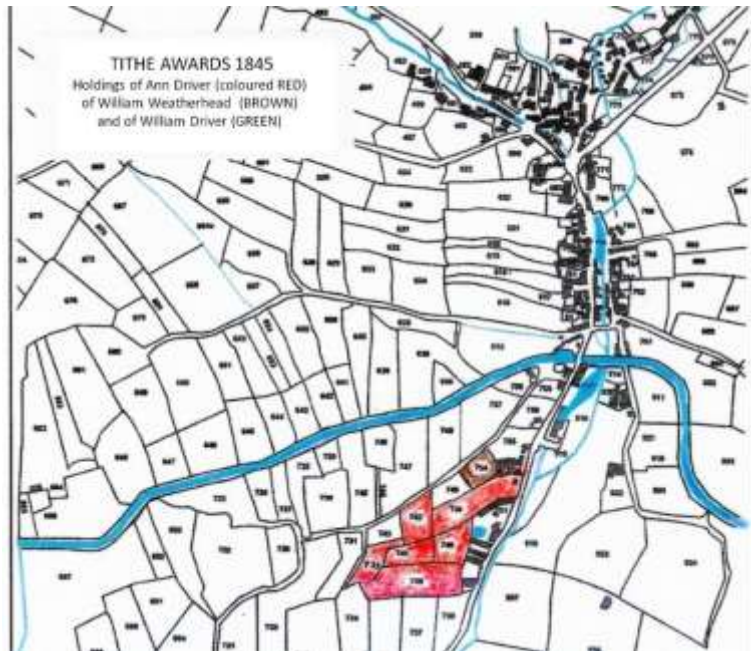
PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
	Uninhabited or Building	Inhabited		Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Part.
Hamlet of Silsden having no names of streets		1	John Gill	25		Shoe. m.	Y	
			Ann D.		25		Y	
			Francis	2			Y	
			Betty		1		Y	
			Samuel West	25		Shoem. J.	Y	
			Robert Clarkson	35		Sail. m.		
			Grace D.		35			
			Fortune D.	15				
			Isabella D.		13			

Item 8 Tithe Maps and Apportionment entry for Ann Driver, N4, and William Driver, O5, her son.

TITHE FIELDS IN THE BECKS AREA – 1845

Field Number	Field Name	Owner	Occupier	How used
738	Beck close	Earl of Thanet	John Booth	arable
739	Far woodland headland	E. of T.	Ann Driver	meadow
740	Near woodland headland	E. of T.	Ann Driver	pasture
741	Middle woodland headland	E. of T.	Ann Driver	arable
742	Butts	E. of T.	Ann Driver	pasture
750	Mill Close	E. of T.	Ann Driver	pasture
752	Homestead	E. of T.	Ann Driver	
733 (position obscured)	The Hole	E. of T.	Ann Driver	meadow
751	Mill gardens	J. Gill, H. Mitchell & J. Fletcher	themselves	arable (actually Becks Mill)
915	Mill dam	E. of T.	Dennis Cockshott (miller)	
916	Mill green	E. of T.	Dennis Cockshott	pasture
918	Mill green	E. of T.	Dennis Cockshott	
917	Homestead (Includes mill)	E. of T.	Dennis Cockshott	
749	Mill bank	Susannah Fortune	William Brewhouse	meadow
754	Mill banks	John Jackson	William Weatherhead	meadow
755	Croft	Mary Waddington	Joseph Gill	pasture
756	Mill bank	John Gill	himself	meadow
758	Croft	John Gill	himself	pasture
759	Croft	E. of T.	Sarah Longbottom	pasture
748	Far town end	E. of T.	John Asquith	meadow
757	Near town end	E. of T.	John Asquith	meadow
913	Little croft	Joseph Wright	William Driver	arable
914	Homestead	Joseph Wright	himself	
919	Great croft	Joseph Wright	himself	pasture
920	Richard croft	Joseph Wright	himself	pasture

Note: Some of these farmers have fields as well elsewhere



Item 9. A newspaper announcement

Honour to Mr. F. Driver.

Silsden's New J.P.

Written about 1915

The recent list of magisterial honours contained the name of Mr. Frank Driver, of Moorfield, Silsden. To those who are intimately associated with Mr. Driver, and know the work he performs both in regard to business matters and in the control of the town's affairs, it may be said he has richly deserved the honour conferred upon him. The town of Silsden may be justly proud, for with the latest acquisition it is now in possession of a trio of resident magistrates. Born at Silsden on January 12th 1868, Mr. Driver is the fifth son of the late Mr. William Driver, of Silsden. He received his education at the Keighley Trade and Grammar School, and when about, 15 he entered the works of Mr. Jeremiah Walton, manufacturer, Airedale Shed, Silsden, with the idea of learning the business. Eventually he and his brother (Mr. H. R. Driver), who was also an employee at the above firm, commenced business on their own account. At first, they occupied a portion of the premises at Airedale Shed, but the volume of business done by them grew to such an extent that the accommodation of their premises was soon found to be inadequate. This necessitated removal to larger premises at North Street Mills, and from an occupancy of half the premises they now occupy and own the entire mills, and have branches in Bradford, London, Manchester, and Glasgow. The firm have specialised in the manufacture of all kinds of artificial, plain, and fancy silks, though they weave many other classes of goods. It may be said that they have done much to establish the prestige of British manufacturers in the application of art to their particular industry, and their product has found a prominent place in the markets of the world.

A great, compliment was paid to Messrs. Driver Bros. by their selection by the Bradford chamber of Commerce to supply patterns representing the artificial silk goods made in the Bradford district for the Chamber's exhibit at the Brussels Exhibition in 1910. Here they received a Grand Prix and were specially commended on the excellence of the fabrics. They were again selected to furnish a still more extensive show of artificial silks for the Turin Exhibition in 1911. Mr. H. R. Driver recently retired from the business, leaving Mr. Frank Driver the sole proprietor.

In the matter of public work Mr. Driver has served the interests of the town on the Council for a period of about twelve years, with the exception of a break of nine months, when he retired owing to business reasons. In all departments of the Council's work he has taken a keen and practical interest, and prior to his election as vice-chairman presided over the deliberations of the Finance Committee. After occupying the position of vice-chairman of the Council for many years, he was elected chairman year ago. Mr. Driver was at one time a member of the Silsden Education Sub-Committee, his wife being a member of that body at the same time. He is also chairman of the directors of William. Driver and Sons Limited, iron merchants and nail manufacturers, Silsden. From a recreative point of view he has interested himself in most of the local organisations. He takes an active interest in the doings of the Silsden Cricket Club, and was formerly secretary and treasurer of the club, and captain of the first eleven for twelve years in succession. At present he is a patron of the club and chairman of the trustees for the cricket, football, and bowling club's ground. He is vice president of the Silsden Bowling and Golf clubs. A Past Master of the Craven Lodge (810) of Freemasons, and a member of the Minerva Lodge (3346), London. He is at present president of the Silsden Conservative Club, a vice-president of the Skipton Division Conservative Association, and a director of the Silsden Conservative Buildings Company.

Item 10. Old Malting Oven – Probably from Keighley News 7th March 1953.

OLD MALTING OVEN

Silsden relic of the 17th century

The dismantling of Moorfield House at Swartha, near Silsden, which began this week created a threat to the existence of an interesting relic of by-gone days that is in the grounds of the estate—an ancient malting oven believed to have been built in the late seventeenth century—but prompt action by several local people has saved it from demolition.

Prominent local archaeologist and historian, Mr. W. Cowling, was one who took a keen interest in finding a home for this. He was authorised by Mr. Norman Driver, who recently sold the estate to Warnegate Products, Ltd., Northgate, Halifax, to try to dispose of the oven before it was demolished.

IN MOORFIELD HOUSE

The oven was found in 1935 when excavations were being made in Silsden for the building of some new houses. It was acquired by the late Mr. Frank Driver and rebuilt in the grounds of Moorfield House, where it still stands.

It is brick-lined and about six feet in diameter. The bricks of which it is made are of local origin and probably came from a brick kiln formerly situated in a field alongside Lippersley Road at the top of Cringles.

This brick kiln was founded by a man named Joseph Taylor, who came from Scotland in 1670 to make bricks, and it is believed that the oven was built about 1690. The Taylors have been farming and nail-making in Silsden ever since that date, and members of the family still reside in the district.

The oven was formerly at the old King's Head public-house which stood in the old road running from the Punch Bowl to the Tannery at the top of the present Bolton Road. The King's Head was kept by a man named Pickard whose name is perpetuated in the nearby Pickard Lane.

Pickard used the oven as a malting oven for roasting his malt and as his house was a coaching house, probably for his cooking and baking, too. It was also used as a communal oven for the Silsden villagers. Mr. Cowling told a "Keighley News" reporter that his grandmother was one of those who had shared its use.

When Mr. Cowling was authorised to dispose of the oven he first approached Mr. J. Ogden (Curator of the Keighley Museum) but understood that although Mr. Ogden was interested in it he doubted if his committee would wish to spend money on acquiring it as there were already two stone ovens in the Keighley Victoria Park.

OFFERED TO HALIFAX

Mr. Cowling then approached the Silsden District Council, pointing out that there were very few examples of this kind of oven still left and suggesting that arrangements could be made for its removal and resiting. He felt that it might be erected in the Silsden Playing Fields.

His fate was discussed by the Silsden Council, meeting in committee on Tuesday night, but it was decided that as there was no place in Silsden where it could be suitably sited—in a place where it could be in character with its surroundings—Mr. Cowling thanked for his suggestions but asked to look elsewhere.

Told of this on Wednesday, Mr. Cowling said: "I shall offer it to Shibden Park at Halifax and if they turn it down, to York. But whoever takes it, it will be Silsden's loss. There will never be a similar opportunity for them. And if it is not accepted by somebody soon, it may be too late."

While the discussions were still proceeding, however, the oven was offered for sale on Wednesday along with the rest of the effects at Moorfield House and was bought for 50s. by Mr. James A. Bradley, of Silsden.

Meanwhile, Mr. Frank Atkinson (Director of Shibden Hall Museum, Halifax) had learnt of the existence of the oven and had approached Mr. Cowling with a view to securing it. When he learnt that the oven had been sold he went to see Mr. Bradley who offered to present it to the museum.

Arrangements will shortly be made for its removal and re-erection in its new surroundings.

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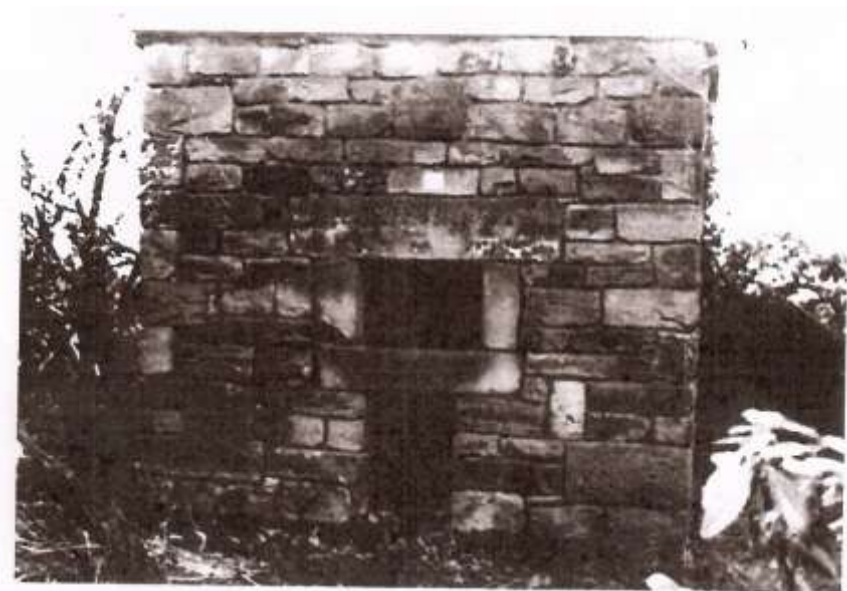
Its fate was discussed by the Silsden Council, meeting in committee on Tuesday night, but it was decided that as there was no place in Silsden where it could be suitably sited – in a place where it could be in character with its surroundings – Mr Cowling be thanked for his suggestions but asked to look elsewhere.

Told of this on Wednesday, Mr Cowling said: "I shall offer it to Shibden Park at Halifax and if they turn it down, to York. But whoever takes it, it will be Silsden's loss. There will never be a similar opportunity for them. And if it is not accepted by somebody soon, it may be too late".

While the discussions were still proceeding, however, the oven was offered for sale on Wednesday along with the rest of the effects at Moorfield House and was bought for 50s by Mr James A. Bradley, of Silsden.

Meanwhile Mr Frank Atkinson (Director of Shibden Hall Museum, Halifax) had learnt of the existence of the oven and had approached Mr Cowling with a view to securing it. When he learnt that the oven had been sold he went to see Mr Bradley who offered to present it to the museum.

Arrangements will shortly be made for its removal and re-erection in its new surroundings.

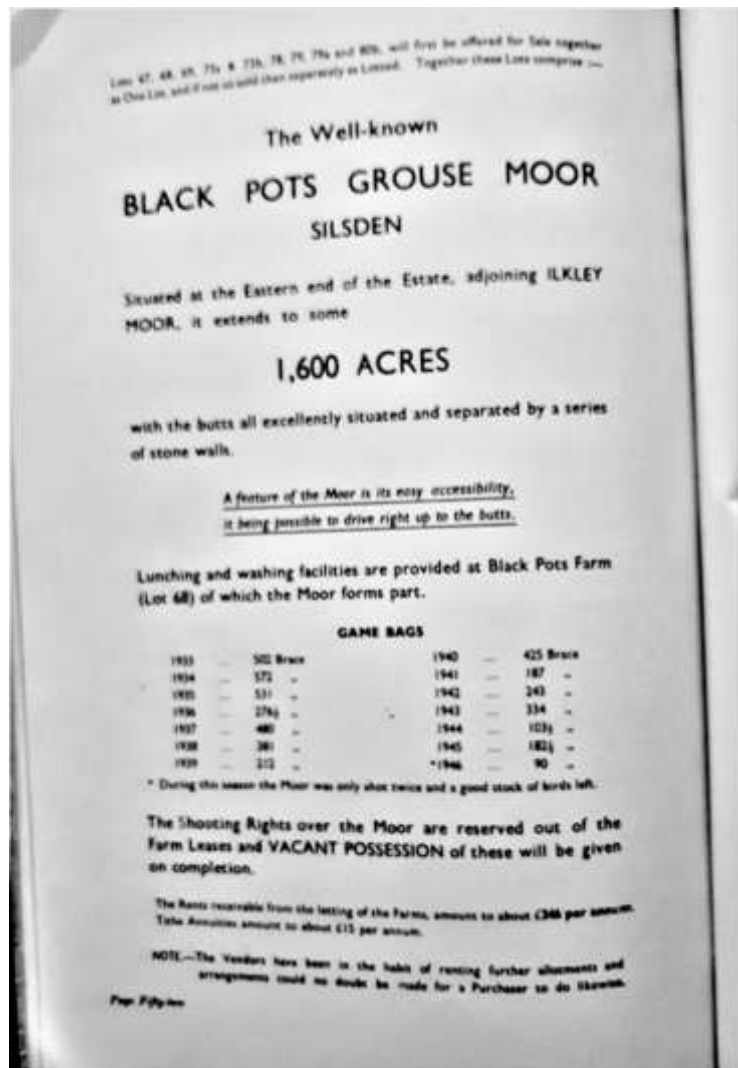


"OLD MALTING OVEN"

in Moorfield Garden, Swartha.

— originally from NORTH STREET, Silsden

Item 11. Sale of Black Pots Grouse Moor.



Lots 67, 68, 69, 73a & 73b, 78, 79a and 80b, will first be offered for sale together As One lot, and if not so sold then separately as Lotted. Together these Lots comprise;-

**The Well-known
BLACK POTS GROUSE MOOR
SILSDEN**

**Situated at the Eastern end of the Estate, adjoining ILKLEY
MOOR, it extends to some**

1,600 ACRES

With the butts all excellently situated and separated by a series of stone walls

A feature of the Moor is its easy accessibility,
It being possible to drive right up to the butts.

Lunching and washing facilities are provided at Black Pots Farm (Lot 68) of which the moor forms part.

GAME BAGS

1933	502 Brace	1940	425 Brace
1934	572	1941	187
1935	531	1942	243
1936	276 ½	1943	334
1937	480	1944	103 ½
1938	381	1945	182 ½
1939	272	*1946	90

* During this season the Moor was only shot twice and a good stock of birds left.

The Shooting Rights over the Moor are reserved out of the Farm Leases and VACANT POSSESSION of these will be given on completion.

The Rents receivable from the letting of the Farms amounts to about £366 per annum. Tithe Annuities amount to about £15 per annum.

NOTE – The Vendors have been in the habit of renting further allotments and arrangements could no doubt be made for a Purchaser to do likewise.