

Old Byland in 1841

The National Population Census of 1841 was the first attempt to record every man, woman and child living in the United Kingdom and Old Byland parish was included but as the census enumerator did not identify the village dwellings the census when viewed on its own does not show where many of the families lived.

Henry Scott the Agent of the Wombwell Estates drew a map of the parish in 1846 to complement his survey and valuation of farms and dwellings for the Commutation of Tithes to monetary payments and although this was done five years after the census it is possible to use his map to show with a fair degree of accuracy where most of the people were living at the start of the fourth decade of the 19th century.

A transcription of the census is shown on the following pages together with a copy of Henry Scott's map and some explanatory text to serve as an aid to the identification of families.

Looking at the sequence of names in the census it appears that the enumerator started at the bottom end of the village. Numbers from the 1846 map have been inserted where relevant but Henry Scott obviously did not include the smallest of the cottages and a rough assessment of their locations can only be arrived at by studying the gaps between the known dwellings.

NUMBER 2

Thomas Harrison	55	Farmer
Dorothy Harrison	50	Wife
Elizabeth Harrison	18	Daughter

VILLAGE

John Kay	30	Agricultural labourer
Elizabeth Kay	25	Wife
Mary Kay	1	Daughter
Margaret Hall	40	Pauper
Ann Hall	9	Daughter
George Hall	7	Son
William Hall	4	Son

VILLAGE

Cornelius Sturdy	35	Agricultural labourer
Jane Sturdy	45	Wife
Ann Sturdy	8	Daughter
Cornelius Sturdy	5	Son
Jane Sturdy	3	Daughter

NUMBERS 3, 4, 5 AND 6

John Smith	80	Farmer
Thomas Cole	45	Farmer
Sarah Cole	45	Wife
Mabel Cole	15	Daughter
Mary Cole	15	Daughter
William Cole	12	Son
Jane Cole	9	Daughter

VILLAGE

William Dobson	40	Agricultural labourer
Jane Dobson	50	Wife
Hannah Dobson	10	Daughter

VILLAGE

Edward Wilson	65	Agricultural labourer
Elizabeth Wilson	65	Wife
Ann Wilson	35	Daughter
Sarah Wilson	25	Daughter

NUMBER 8

Mary Wilson	40	Agricultural labourer
Mary Wilson	9	Daughter
John Wilson	7	Son
James Wilson	7	Son
Margaret Wilson	4	Daughter

NUMBERS 10, 11, 13 and 14

John Cole	60	Farmer
Mary Cole	60	Wife
Benjamin Cole	36	Son
John Cole	33	Son
Susannah Cole	30	Daughter
Christopher Cole	27	Son
Edward Cole	20	Son [blacksmith]
Martha Cole	19	Daughter
Mary Cole	19	Daughter

BOARD INN

Ann Holmes	55	Farmer
Margaret Holmes	15	Daughter
William Holmes	15	Son

VILLAGE

Martin Hornby	55	Farmer
Dorothy Hornby	40	Wife
Ann Hornby	10	Daughter
William Hornby	9	Son
Mary Hornby	5	Daughter
John Hornby	2	Son
William Hornby	65	Independent means
Thomas Hornby	25	Agricultural labourer
Hannah Buttery	15	Agricultural labourer

NUMBERS 19 and 20

Joseph Little	50	Agricultural labourer
Sarah Little	50	Wife
Joseph Little	15	Son
Sarah Little	12	Daughter
Hannah Little	11	Daughter

NUMBERS 21 and 22

Thomas Jackson	50	Agricultural labourer
Elizabeth Jackson	45	Wife
Sarah Jackson	20	Daughter
William Jackson	15	Son
David Jackson	9	Son
Hannah Jackson	6mths	Daughter
Thomas Walker	25	Agricultural labourer
William Thompson	6	

NUMBER 23

Jeremiah Kemp	55	Farmer
Ann Kemp	55	Wife
George Clark	15	Agricultural labourer
Ann Hag	13	Agricultural labourer

NUMBERS 24 and 25

Elizabeth Hornby	70	Farmer
Edward Hornby	30	Son
Charles Hornby	9	Grandson

VILLAGE

Ralph Richardson	40	Shoemaker
Ann Richardson	40	Wife
Thomas Richardson	18	Son [apprentice shoemaker]
John Richardson	15	Son [apprentice shoemaker]
Ann Richardson	9	Daughter
William Richardson	5	Son
Ralph Richardson	3	Son

NUMBER 27

Thomas Spence	25	Agricultural labourer
Ann Spence	25	Wife
Thomas Spence	8	Son
George Spence	5	Son
William Spence	2	Son

NUMBER 28

George Lawson	35	Agricultural labourer
Mary Lawson	35	Wife
Mary Lawson	9	Daughter
Rachel Lawson	6	Daughter
Christopher Lawson	4	Son
Joseph Lawson	2	Son

VALLEY VIEW FARM

John Hornby	55	Farmer
Mary Hornby	40	Wife
Ann Hornby	11	Daughter
John Hornby	9	Son
Mary Laid	14	
Robert Storey	25	Agricultural labourer
Elizabeth Dale	25	Agricultural labourer

OLD BYLAND HALL

Robert Freer	55	Horse dealer
Rebecca Freer	45	Wife
Dinah Myers	19	Farm servant

VILLAGE

John Tyreman	35	Farmer
Hannah Tyreman	25	Sister
John Wardell	20	Agricultural labourer
Ralph Dale	14	Agricultural labourer
Stephen Thompson	11	Agricultural labourer
John Easton	15	Agricultural labourer

REINS FARM

Robert Sturdy	55	Farmer
Elizabeth Sturdy	50	Wife
Robert Sturdy	25	Son
Elizabeth Sturdy	20	Daughter
William Barker	20	Agricultural labourer
John Trowsdale	15	Agricultural labourer
George Bowes	15	Agricultural labourer
Mark Wilson	11	Agricultural labourer
Annie Kirk	15	Agricultural labourer

VILLAGE

Edward Wilson	25	Agricultural labourer
Ann Wilson	20	Wife
Hannah Wilson	2mths	Daughter

VILLAGE

John Joker	45	Drover
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ASHBERRY FARM

Thomas Freer	60	Frmer
Ann Freer	45	Sister
Jane Freer	25	Niece
Elizabeth Freer	20	Niece
Dorothy Freer	15	Niece
Elizabeth Buckton	30	Independent means
Thomas Buckton	20	Shepherd
William Wood	25	Agricultural labourer
Richard Brown	35	Agricultural labourer
Thomas Gale	15	Agricultural labourer
George Welburn	20	Agricultural labourer
Anne Lawn	15	Farm servant

TILE HOUSE FARM

John Peacock	75	farmer
Mary Peacock	80	Wife
John Peacock	40	Son
Mary Peacock	25	Granddaughter [servant]
Ann Peacock	15	Granddaughter [servant]
Thomas Peacock	20	Grandson [agricultural labourer]
Thomas Jackson	15	Agricultural labourer

CAYDALE MILL

Aaron Robinson	20	Miller
Amelia Robinson	15	Sister

LONG PLAINS FARM

Elizabeth Smith	56	Farmer
Daniel Smith	15	Son
Hannah Smith	15	Daughter
John Smith	13	Son
Richard Smith	11	Son
Elizabeth Smith	10	Daughter
Thomas Smith	6	Son
Jane Smith	2	daughter
Jesse Wilson	20	Agricultural labourer
William Anakin	20	Agricultural labourer
Christopher Hornby	15	Agricultural labourer
William Jackson	15	Agricultural labourer

MOUNT PLEASANT FARM

John Lawn	40	Farmer
Tamar Lawn	45	Wife
John Lawn	15	Son
William Lawn	14	Son
Stephen Lawn	12	Son
Tamar Lawn	10	daughter
Hannah Lawn	9	Daughter
Shadrack Lawn	6	Son
Thomas Lawn	2	Son
Robert Johnson	15	Shoemaker's apprentice
John Crathorn	75	Independent means

WEATHERCOTE FARM

William Kirk	45	Farmer
Phyliss Kirk	50	Wife
Ann Kirk	24	Daughter
Jane Kirk	20	Daughter
Elizabeth Kirk	15	Daughter
Christopher Kirk	15	Son
Elinor Kirk	14	Daughter
George Kirk	12	Son
Phyliss Kirk	10	Daughter
William Kirk	10	Son
Eliza Kirk	8	Daughter
Thomas Hollins	30	Agricultural labourer
George Peacock	15	Agricultural labourer
Thomas Steadman	13	Agricultural labourer
Christopher Swales	40	Agricultural labourer
William Ing	40	Agricultural labourer

ANALYSIS OF POPULATION

70 - 80	5	Farmers	15
60 - 70	6	Agricultural labourers	41
50 - 60	15	Farm servants	4
40 - 50	20	Shepherd	1
30 - 40	14	Horse dealer	1
20 - 30	30	Shoemakers	2
10 - 20	56	Blacksmith	1
Under 10	36	Miller	1
Total population	182	Drover	1
Males	98	Independent means	4
Females	84	Pauper	1

Using the census and parish registers we can the earliest detailed survey of the people living in the parish at the start of the fourth decade of the 19th century, looking back 165 years to find those living village dwellings and farms that have changed little in the intervening years.

NUMBER 2

Thomas Harrison was the illegitimate son of Barbara who was born in the village in 1786. In 1841 he was farming 21 acres which consisted of five fields almost at the point where Claverley Lane turns into the village. His mother married William Abraham in 1794 but there is no further record of them living in the village. In 1850 the parish borrowed £7 from Thomas to send Martin Wilson and family to America. Thomas's daughter Elizabeth married William Kendrew in 1844

VILLAGE

John Kay came to Old Byland from West Helerton and although the enumerator listed him as an agricultural labourer he called himself a huxter when his daughter Mary was baptised a year earlier and was so described in the 1851 census. Twenty years later he was tenant of a 50 acre farm.

VILLAGE

Cornelius Sturdy from Helmsley married Jane Carter in 1830 and came to live in Old Byland. Their son Cornelius later became a shoemaker and married Eliabeth Boyes in 1854.

NUMBERS 3, 4, 5 AND 6

John Smith's origins are a mystery and apart from the census entry the only other record of his presence in Old Byland is that of his marriage to Easter Cole in 1798 and though there is no record of her baptism in the parish registers it is assumed she was a member of the family who lived in the village for 220 years and this view is strengthened by the fact that Thomas and Sarah Cole had a son christened John Smith Cole who was born in 1820 but not recorded in the 1841 census. In 1841 Thomas Cole farmed 29 acres on land that is now part of Manor Farm.

VILLAGE

The only other record of William Dobson's presence in Old Byland is that of his marriage to Jane Hardin in 1826 and the family had left Old Byland before 1851.

VILLAGE

Edward Wilson was born in Kilvington and daughters Ann and Sarah were born at Great Edstone. The family were very poor and had frequent payments of poor relief between 1840 and 1850.

NUMBER 8

Mary Wilson was the widow of Jesse who died in 1838 at the age of 42. They had ten children who were all born in one of the tenements at the cottage now known as Rievaulx Bridge. Three of their sons emigrated to Australia in 1847 and an elder brother Martin was living in Old Byland when the parish borrowed £7 to send the family to America in 1850 and they actually landed in Canada at the place then called York that is now Toronto. His descendants have been senior members of the medical profession during the last hundred years.

NUMBERS 10, 11, 13 and 14

There is no record of the baptism of John Cole in the parish registers but he married Mary Banks of Sproxton in 1804 and in 1841 John and son Benjamin were farming 162 acres that now form part of Manor Farm.

BOARD INN

Although Ann Holmes was listed as a farmer in the census she was licensee of the Board Inn and probably arrived there from Helmsley in about 1824 just before her son William was born. He was the licensee at the inn in 1871.

VILLAGE

Martin Hornby was the son of John and Ann nee Cussons and he was born in 1782. In 1841 he was farming 162 acres on land that later became part of Manor Farm and his widow Dorothy was farming the same land in 1851. The William Hornby listed with independent means was Martin's older brother and the Thomas Hornby working as an agricultural labourer was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth nee Leckenby. In 1871 Martin's son John was farming 256 acres in Old Byland.

NUMBER 23

Jeremiah Kemp was grandson of Guy Kemp the Rector of Old Byland between 1707 and 1725. In 1841 he was farming 33 acres which consisted of nine fields that now form part of Grange Farm

NUMBERS 21 and 22

Thomas Jackson was born in Cold Kirby, was listed as an agricultural labourer in 1841 being tenant of a barn, stable, yard and just over an acre of land. His daughter Hannah married Wiliam Worthy of Scawton in 1868.

NUMBERS 24 and 25

Thomas Hornby married Elizabeth Leckenby of Hawnby in 1792 and their eldest daughter Elizabeth was born in 1796 but died in 1819. They had another five children but only Edward was living with his widowed mother in 1841. Charles Hornby age 9 was the son of their daughter Mary and he moved to Scawtonj and was living at Cross Green in 1871. Elizabeth was tenant of 16 acres consisting of eight fields that were between Cold Kirby and the land farmed by Jeremiah Kemp. Edward Hornby married Hannah Humphrey in 1847 and he was was farming the same land in 1851.

VILLAGE

Ralph Richardson was born in Helmsley in 1801, moved to Lastingham where his eldest son John was born in 1822 and arrived in Old Byland in 1828 the year before the birth of daughter Mary. As he was practising the trade of shoemaker it is surprising that Henry Scott omitted him from Commutation of Tithes survey but it seems likely that he was living at the bottom end of the village.

VALLEY VIEW FARM

John Hornby was farming 151 acres in 1841 on land that was clearly on the site of the present-day Valley View Farm. He was the son of John and Ann nee Cussons who were married in 1772 and the brother of Martin who was also listed in the census. The enumerator recorded both of them as 55 but Martin was born in 1782 and John in 1786.

OLD BYLAND HALL

Robert Freer was the brother of Thomas, the tenant of Ashberry Farm where the family had been farming since 1694. As the family were Quakers no baptisms were recorded in the parish registers.

VILLAGE

As John Tyreman and his sister Hannah had left the village by 1846 there is no way of knowing where they lived

REINS FARM

Robert Sturdy was born in Kilburn and came to Old Byland from Boltby some time between 1823 when his daughter Elizabeth was born and 1833 when his name appeared on a Wombwell rent roll. A year after the census was taken Elizabeth married Robert Milner of Newlays Farm in Rievaulx and in 1851 she was living at Reins with their three children. In 1851 Robert Sturdy was tenant of a 162 acre farm in Cold Kirby where he was living with his wife Hannah.

VILLAGE

No connection could be found between this Edward Wilson and the one age 65 living in the village in 1841 and still there in 1851. It is curious that the enumerator listed them after visiting Reins Farm en route to Ashberry.

VILLAGE

The same applies to John Joker described as a drover and it is possible that both he and the Wilson family were living in out buildings at Ashberry or even at Rievaulx Bridge which consisted of two tenements.

ASHBERRY FARM

Robert Freer became tenant of Ashberry Farm in 1772 and his son Thomas who remained a bachelor was housing his sister Ann and her three daughters in 1841 and 1851 and one of them, Jane took the farm tenancy after the death of her uncle and was the last member of the family to live at Ashberry.

TILE HOUSE

John Peacock was the licensee of the Board Inn before he moved to become tenant of Tile House in 1833 and retired in 1861 and moved to Wombleton. His granddaughter Mary who was living at the farm in 1841 married Thomas Robinson son of the Rievaulx miller and they were farming 62 acres at Laskill in 1851.

CAYDALE MILL

Aaron Robinson was the brother of Thomas and was living at Caydale with their younger sister Amelia in 1841.

LONG PLAINS FARM

Recorded as King's Springs in Henry Scott's survey of 1846 the acreage of the farm had increased from 377 acres in 1772 to 597 in 1841. Elizabeth Ward married William Smith in 1822 and she took the tenancy of the farm after he died in 1839 and was living at Long Plains with her seven children in 1841. William Smith was the son of Edward who was tenant of the farm before retiring to Harome where he died in 1825 but was buried at Old Byland. The family had moved to a farm in Boltby by 1851.

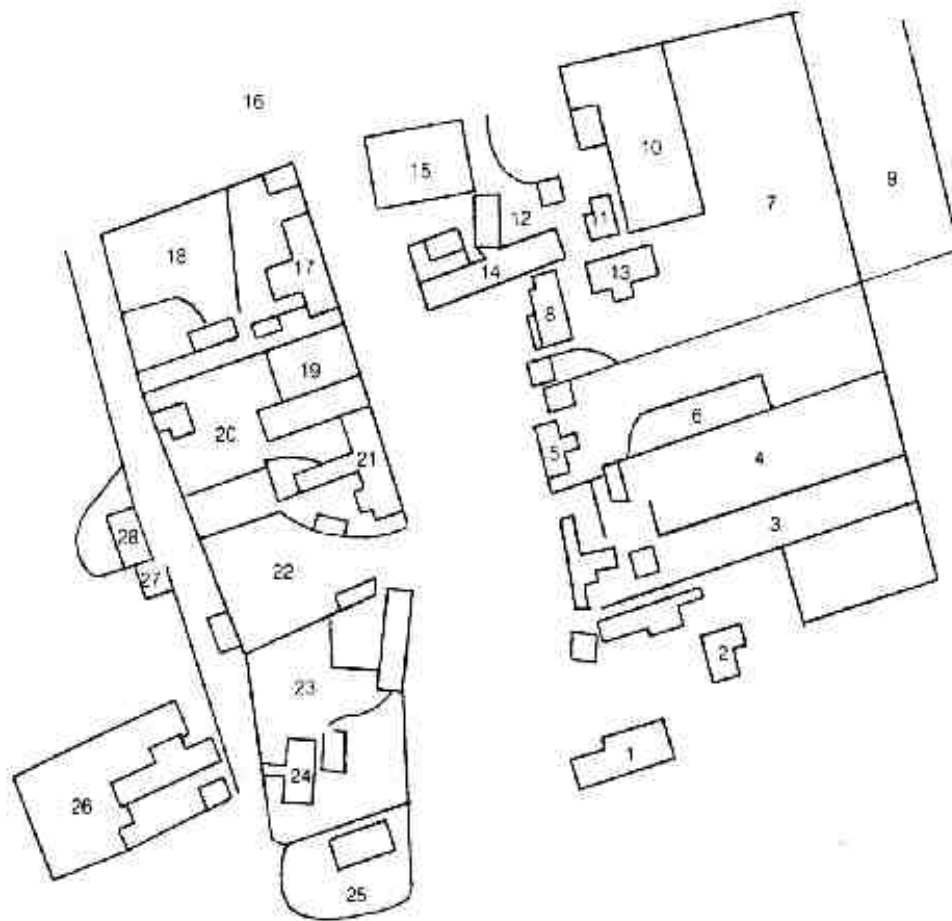
Jesse Wilson who was working as a labourer at the farm was the son of Jesse and Mary who was born at Rievaulx Bridge.

MOUNT PLEASANT FARM

John Lawn was the son of Stephen and was born in Rievaulx in 1797. He married Tamar Johnson of Hawnby in 1824 and their son Stephen was born at the farm in 1830. John's daughter Tamar married James Hawkins of Sour Leys Farm and they had nine children. The age of Robert Johnson shoemaker's apprentice was given as 15 but he was 19 and Tamar's son by her first marriage. John's daughter Hannah married Edward Ellerker Richardson of Rievaulx in 1854

WEATHERCOTE FARM

William Kirk married Phyliss Belwood in Kilburn in 1816 and daughters Ann and Jane were born there in 1817 and 1822. Daughter Elizabeth was born at Weathercote farm in 1823 which is when his farm tenancy must have commenced. William left the farm in 1860 and retired to Carlton where he lived with son George who worked as a game-keeper and daughter Eliza who was her father's housekeeper



Old Byland village in 1846

1	Robert and John Freer	16	Jospeh Little
2	Thomas Harrison	17 - 18	Dorothy Hornby
3 - 6	Thomas Cole	19	Joseph Little
7	John and Benjamin Cole	21 - 22	Thomas Jackson
8	Jesse Wilson	23	Jeremiah Kemp
9	Robert and John Freer	24 - 25	Elizabeth Hornby
10 - 11	John and Benjamin Cole	26	John Hornby
12	Ann Holmes	27	Thomas Spence
13 - 14	John and Benjamin Cole	28	George Lawson
15	John Lawn		