

The Hardakers of Baildon: Revised

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Introduction

In putting together this document I have used information from many sources, including a number of people who have provided information. These people are too numerous to thank individually but, as will be evident below, I should acknowledge the extensive work on the Hardakers of Baildon done by the late Mrs R. Rennie. I never met her but her research papers are in the West Yorkshire Archive Service (WYAS) Library in Bradford. Unfortunately, I live in Australia, so the time I have been able to spend working through her papers has been too limited. I also owe gratitude to my late mother, Edith Hardaker who not only did a lot of the initial spadework in sorting out the Hardaker genealogy, but also sparked my interest in continuing what she had started. I hope I have done justice to the efforts of both ladies in what follows.

Note: The numbers preceded by a hash (#) refer to the index numbers of individuals in the Hardaker One-Name Study¹. Sources for the information are given in that file. In addition to the information from the two ladies mentioned, I originally made use of other sources, notably the IGI/Family Search. However, images of pages from the church registers from the WYAS are now available on Ancestry.com. I have been able to check some of the information below from that source, but by no means all of it. I should be grateful to anyone who can contribute corrections or additions.

William Hardaker #58 (m. 1730)

[Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

Although he appears to have lived at nearby Esholt, not at Baildon itself, William Hardaker married Mary Rangdall #223 at Baildon St John Evangelist on 3 June 1730 (IGI M011901). He was a clothier of Guiseley parish, she was 'of this parish' (BT). They had two children that I know of:

- Sarah #224, born in 1735. Her baptism on 21 August of that year was recorded at both Guiseley and Otley (Edith Hardaker, IGI C009383, C009351).
- William #225 born in 1737 at Esholt and baptised at Guiseley St Oswald on 24 Sep of that year (WYAS via Ancestry, and Edith Hardaker).

Sarah #224 married Jeremiah Ambler #742 at Otley All Saints in 1755. William #225 also married – see below.

I have not traced any other children of this couple.

I think that William #58, husband of Mary, was born at Rawdon, parish of Guiseley, on 28 Feb 1699/1700², son of Joshua Hardaker #14 and Grace Casson #40. That idea is supported by the fact that he was buried at Baildon on 14 Dec 1777, a clothier aged 78 (Mrs Rennie). In fact, he would have been 77 and 9 months but that is pretty close.

¹ http://hardakerfamily.id.au/misc/one-name_study_intro.html

² Prior to 1752 the year in Britain changed on the 25th March. 1699/1700 indicates that the year was originally recorded as 1699, but for the purposes of age calculations against years after 1752 is more accurately 1700.

Mary née Rangdall #223, his wife, was buried at Baildon St John Evangelist on 14 Jul 1799, a widow, no age recorded. I have been unable to find a record of her birth or christening.

Joshua of Rawdon #14, father of William senior, whose will I have, had two wives, Grace being the second, and a total of at least 15 children. Joshua was the son of Roger of Rawdon #4, who died in 1667 (whose will I also have) and who was the founder of the Hardaker dynasty of that area.

James Hardaker #60 (m. 1731)

[Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

James Hardaker, a brother of William #58 above was only marginally connected with Baildon. James married Hannah Whitticker #79 at Guiseley St Oswald on 7 Oct 1731 (IGI M009382, Edith Hardaker). I believe they had at least four children:

- James #80, bap. 8 Feb 1733/4 Guiseley St Oswald (WYAS via Ancestry.com, subsequently referred to as WYAS).
- Hannah #81, bap. 24 Jun 1737 Guiseley St Oswald (WYAS). Perhaps she was the Hannah daughter of James, clothier, buried at Guiseley St Oswald on 27 June 1760 when she would have been about 24 (my transcription of the register image from WYAS.).
- John #82, bap. 24 Aug 1747 Guiseley St Oswald (Edith Hardaker and WYAS).
- Grace, #714, bap. 8 Nov 1751 Otley All Saints (Brigg 1912).

The family were living at Hawksworth when Grace was born. I think that Hannah, wife of James a labourer of Northcroft, who was buried at Baildon St John Evangelist on 30 Jun 1756 (Mrs Rennie), was probably Hannah née Whitticker #79.

Their son James #80 married and raised a family at Guiseley. As far as I know, he had no connection with Baildon but his son James #85 certainly did – see below.

William Hardaker #225 (m. 1757)

[William #58, Joshuay #15, Roger #4]

Born at Esholt, the son of William #58, he was, as far as I know, the first Hardaker to raise a family at Baildon. I am fairly sure he married Elizabeth Marshall #286 at Calverley St Wilfrid on 14 Nov 1757 (IGI M007253). William was a clothier of the parish of Otley (of which parish Baildon was part) and Elizabeth a spinster of the parish of Calverley (Marilyn Maybury, www.calverley.info). I believe they had six children, all baptised at Baildon St John Evangelist (IGI P011901):

- William #551, bap. 24 Dec 1758.
- Sarah #547, bap. 16 May 1760. I think she was buried at Baildon St John Evangelist the following day, daughter of William junior (Mrs Rennie).
- Joshua #548, bap. 8 Mar 1764.
- Mary #549, born 1765, bap. 26 Jan 1766.
- Mark #550, bap. 15 May 1768.
- Betty #275, bap. 7 Mar 1779. She was baptised Elizabeth but she seems to have been called Betty later in her life.

The long gap between Mark and Betty is a bit of a worry – maybe we are missing some children.³ However, if Elizabeth Marshall was 18 when she married William in 1747, as I believe she was, she would have been 40 by 1779 when Betty was born, which is quite feasible. In confirmation, the register gives Betty's parents as William, a weaver, and Elizabeth his wife (WYAS), and there don't appear to be any other candidates.

I have found marriages for Joshua #548, Mark #550 and Betty #275, detailed below.

I think that William, the father of this family, died in 1807, a weaver of Browgate, Baildon, aged 69, and was buried at Baildon St John Evangelist on 18 Feb of that year (Mrs Rennie). Elizabeth née Marshall was almost certainly buried at Baildon St John Evangelist on 8 Dec 1787, aged 48. She was recorded as 'wife of William Hardaker, weaver, aged 48'. If 48 when she died, she would have been about 18 in 1757 when William and Elizabeth married, which fits – see above.

John Hardaker #96 (m. 1761)

[Joseph #45, John #16, John #7, Roger #4]

There was a John Hardaker who married Elizabeth Thompson #763 at Baildon on 16 Nov 1761 (IGI M011901). I am not yet certain who this John was. The register entry is not much help. John was recorded as a worsted comber of Baildon, both when married and when his daughter Elizabeth was christened (WYAS). However, my best guess at this stage is that he was John #96 son of Joseph Hardaker #45 (c.1703-c.1741). This John was born at Yeadon in 1734 and was baptised at Guiseley St Oswald on 19 July of that year (Edith Hardaker). That would have made him 27 when he married, which seems plausible. I have not yet been able to discover the name of his mother, the wife of Joseph. However, the marriage register does give the names of the witnesses, one of whom was William Hardaker. One possibility is that this was William #48, Joseph's brother (John's uncle), or perhaps #225 above, in which case, William and John would have been second cousins once removed.

John and Elizabeth of Baildon seem to have had three children:

- Elizabeth #764, bap. 12 Sep 1762, daughter of John a worsted comber.
- John #765 bap. 9 Feb 1766.
- Grace #766, bap. 6 Sep 1770 (all at Baildon St John Evangelist, IGI P011901).

The birth date and parentage of Elizabeth née Thompson is uncertain. There are no clues as to who her parents were on the marriage register entry and we do not know her age at the time of her death. There are at least three possible candidates for her birth around 1736-39 assuming she came from Baildon (and even this is not known for certain). However, there is good evidence that she was buried at Baildon St John Evangelist on 6 Sep 1770, evidently dying in childbirth, which explains why there were no more children. I am not sure when John her husband died as I have at least two candidates, one at Rawdon and one at Bradford, neither of which is convincing.

³ In the period 1769 to 1778 I know of five children baptised whose fathers were called William, two at Bramley, two at Horsforth and one at Rawdon, but at the moment I don't think any of them belonged to this William.

Joshua Hardaker #548 (m1 1788, m2 1795)

[William #225, William #58, Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

Joshua #548 born in 1764 at Baildon married Isabella Ambler #729 on 27 Jan 1788 at Otley All Saints (IGI M009534). However, Nic Wilson of Wharfegen has told me that Isabella was the widow of Abraham Ambler, #758 who died at Baildon in 1786. Abraham had married Isabella Slater #729 in Otley 21 Aug 1780. At her marriage in 1792 Isabella's status (spinster or widow) is not recorded in the Parish Register; she is simply recorded as Isabella Ambler of Kirkby Overblow. It seems that Isabella had gone back to her parents' family home in Kirkby Overblow (with her two children by Abraham – Abraham #761 and Sarah #762) when her first husband died, and that it was from here that she married Joshua.

Her reported age (30 years) at death in 1792 is another piece of circumstantial evidence that would seem to support her being Isabella Slater, daughter of John Slater #759 and Elizabeth #760, of Kirkby Overblow - bap. 23 May 1762.

Joshua and Isabella appear to have had three children together:

- Elizabeth #732, bap. 4 Jan 1789.
- John #733, bap. 13 Dec 1789.
- Hannah #734, bap. 20 Mar 1791.

The daughter Elizabeth #732 I think married Thomas Knipe #735 at Baildon St John Evangelist on 4 Jan 1808 (Wharfegen). Her sister Hannah #734 married William Hudson #740 at the same chapel on 24 August 1812 (Wharfegen, IGI M011903).

After Isabella died in 1792 Joshua I think married again, to Ann Bell #730 at Baildon St John Evangelist on 31 May 1795. Both OTP, they were married by banns. He was recorded as a cordwainer, she a spinster. Both made their marks. Witnesses were Jeremiah Bell and John Craven jnr (WYAS). The typescript of the register, also available from WYAS via Ancestry.com, has his name as John, but I am sure that is an error. Together they appear to have had only one son:

- William Rushworth #731, bap. 27 Mar 1796 (All at Baildon St John Evangelist, IGI P011901).

William Rushworth Hardaker #731 left a will proved in April 1827, available at the Borthwick Institute, which I have not seen.

Roger Hardaker #305 (m. 1792)

[William #167, William #27, Rodger #12, Roger #4]

Born about 1761, Roger #305 apparently lived at Bingley, but baptised one child, Ann, at Baildon Westgate Wesleyan Chapel in 1807. He married Ann Gott #795 at Bingley Chapel on 9 April 1792 (IGI M007373). Both recorded as “of this parish”, Roger a comber, Ann a spinster. Witnesses were Benjamin Hardaker, most likely Roger's younger brother (#308), and William Gott, presumably a close relative of Ann's. The family of this couple apparently was:

- William #803, b. 21 Feb 1793, bap. 31 Mar at Bingley.
- Richard #796, bap. 4 Jan 1795 at Bingley.
- John #797, bap. 29 Jan 1797 at Bingley.

- Mary Gott #798, bap. 12 Apr 1801 at Bingley (given her mother's family name as a forename).
- Benjamin #799, bap. 7 May 1803 at Bingley (these 5 at IGI C007373).
- Ann #804, b. 31 Jan 1807 and bap. 5 Apr at Westgate Wesleyan Chapel, Baildon (IGI C075831).
- Martha #800, b.11 Mar 1809 and bap. 17 Mar 1822 at Bingley Wesleyan Chapel (IGI C079631).
- John #801, b. 10 Apr 1810 and bap. 17 Mar 1822 at Bingley Wesleyan Chapel (IGI C079631).

It is also possible that this man was the Roger of Otley who was the father of William baptised at Otley All Saints on 8 August 1790, well before the marriage to Ann Gott (CD of register). There is no evidence as to who the mother of this boy was, and I cannot find a previous marriage for Roger. .

I am not completely sure who Roger's parents were, but my best guess is that he was the Roger son of William #167 and Susannah née Briggs #161, born at Horsforth and baptised at Rawdon on 18 January 1761 (WYAS).

James Hardaker #85 (m1 1795, m2 1815)

[James #80, James #60, Joshuay #14, Roger #4)

This James first married Sarah Thorns #767 at Baildon on 28 Dec 1795 (IGI M011901).

The only candidate for his birth that I can find is James son of James #80 bap. Guiseley St Oswald 17 Sep 1769. I believe that his mother was Elizabeth Myers #83.

James and Sarah had at least four children, all recorded at Baildon St John Evangelist (IGI P011901):

- Elizabeth #768, bap. 27 Nov 1796.
- Mary #769, bap. 30 Mar 1800.
- Susannah #770, b. 13 Feb 1803, bap. 13 Mar 1803.
- Hannah #771, b. 21 Oct 1805, bap. 10 Nov 1805.

I think that Elizabeth #768 probably married John Lancaster #1348 at Baildon St John Evangelist on 17 June 1815 (IGI M011902). The couple had at least three children at Baildon.

I presume that Mary #769 was the mother of Maria #824, baptised 26 Dec 1819 at Baildon St John Evangelist, and that Susannah #770 was the mother of Sarah #825, baptised at Baildon St John Evangelist on 14 July 1822, both born out of wedlock (IGI C011902).

Daughter Hannah #771 was buried at Baildon St John Evangelist on 24 Jan 1809, aged 3 (Mrs Rennie), and it seems that Sarah #767, the mother of the family listed above, was buried there on 25 Jun 1806 (Mrs Rennie again).

I believe that James, the father of the above family, married again, for a James married Susannah Town #805 at Otley All Saints on 25 Dec 1815 (WYAS P83/3/5).

The register says he was a wool sorter, but does not describe him as either a bachelor or a widower. Susannah was a spinster.

James and Susannah had six children together, all recorded at Baildon St John Evangelist (IGI C011902):

- Sarah #806, bap. 1 Sep 1816 (possibly named after James's late wife).
- Hannah #807, bap. 22 Feb 1818 (possibly named after James's daughter who died).
- John #808, bap. 17 Oct 1819.
- Thomas #809, bap. 27 May 1821.
- Anne #810, bap. 30 Mar 1823
- James #811, bap. 15 May 1825.

In the 1841 Census we find James, 70-74, and Susannah, 45-49, he a wool sorter, living at Tong Park, Baildon. With them were James, aged 20-24, a mill hand, John, aged 15-19, also a mill hand, and Thomas, 15-19, also a mill hand. While some of the ages are well astray, particularly James's, this looks like the same household. That view tends to be supported by the fact that also in the house was Sarah Smith, aged about 25, with what are presumably her three daughters, Susannah aged 5, Maria, 4 and Mary aged 1. I think the mother of these girls was Sarah #806 above, daughter of James and Susannah. I think Sarah married Robert Smith #1345 at Otley All Saints on 29 Dec 1833 (IGI M009352) – see below.

I have found marriages for John #808, Thomas #809 and James #811 – see below.

Mark Hardaker #550 (m1. 1798, m2 1830)

[William #225, William #58, Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

Born in 1768, son of William #225, he married Hannah Lambert #773 at Baildon on 20 Nov 1798, he OTP, a weaver, she OTP, a spinster, by banns. Both signed (WYAS). I have found only one child of this couple:

- John #815 born 11 Jul 1799, son of Mark and Hannah of Baildon, registered at Shipley Bethel Baptist Chapel (www.calverley.info).

It seems Hannah the wife and mother died for later in life Mark married Nancy Holmes #774 on 30 Oct 1830 at Baildon St John Evangelist, by license (Mrs Rennie). In the licence application he said he was 50, from Baildon. In fact, he was born in 1768, so he was about 62. Nancy said she was 40 years old, from Baildon. In the 1841 Census we find them living at Delf Hill, Baildon, he aged about 70 (in fact he was about 73). She was reported to be 50. With them was Hannah aged 9, perhaps their granddaughter Hannah #821 below, daughter of Mark's son John.

Mark died about 1848 leaving a will which is available at the Borthwick Institute. I have not yet seen it. Ann [Nancy], the widow of Mark, died on 22 Sep 1867 aged 81 and was buried at Baildon Monrovia chapel on 23 Sept. The summary of her will in the Calendars of Probate tell us nothing new.

I have found no record of the death or burial of the first wife Hannah née Lambert #773.

Betty Hardaker #275 (m. 1799)

[William #225, William #58, Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

Born in 1779, daughter of William Hardaker #225 and Elizabeth Marshall #286, married Samuel Hardaker #272 at Otley All Saints on 3 Jun 1799 (he of Calverley parish and she 'of this parish' – my transcript).

It is possible that Elizabeth had a son John #1346, baptised at Baildon St John Evangelist on 1 July 1798 (IGI P011901). She was only 19 at the time and a spinster, so John was born out of wedlock. It seems unlikely that this was Samuel's child as no father is named and there is no sign of him in Samuel's household in the 1841 Census. I do not know what became of him.

In any event, Samuel and Betty lived at Idle and later at Wrose (very close to where I was born and reared). Samuel and Betty were my great-great-great uncle and aunt. He was born in 1771 and died in 1861 at a grand old age of 90. He and Betty had ten children details of whom are in Our Family Tree on this website⁴.

John Hardaker #733 (m1 1815, m2 1832)

[Joshua #548, William #225, William #58, Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

Son of Joshua #548 and Isabella Ambler/Slater #729 and born at Baildon in 1789, he married Ann Halliday #736 at Baildon on 26 Mar 1815 (Wharfegen, IGI M009352). They had three children that I know of:

- Joshua #737, bap. 23-Jun, 1815 (Wharfegen, IGI C011902).
- Isabella #738, bap. 14-Dec, 1817 (Wharfegen, IGI C011902), died 2 Sep 1819.
- Abraham #739, bap. 11-Jun, 1820 (Wharfegen, IGI C011902).

I have located marriages for Joshua #737 and Abraham #739 – see below.

Ann, the mother of these children died on 19 Aug 1830 (Mrs Rennie). John, their father, outlived his wife by 20 years and died on 29 Sep 1850, aged 60 (Mrs Rennie). He left a will, available at the Borthwick Institute, which I have not yet seen.

Without the will I cannot be sure, but I think John remarried after his first wife died in 1830. John of Baildon, aged 40 married Elizabeth Atkinson #826 on 23 Sep, 1832 by licence at Baildon St John Evangelist. She was from Horton, Bradford, aged 20 (IGI M011902). I have not found any offspring from this union. He would have been about 43, not 40, if he married in 1832, which was a couple of years after Ann's death.

John Hardaker #815 (m1 1822, m2 1855)

[Mark #550, William #225, William #58, Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

Yet another John Hardaker married Rebecca Brook #816 at Otley All Saints on 18 Jul 1822. After some uncertainty I have now concluded that he was John #815, son of Mark #550 and Hannah #773, born at Baildon in 1798 and registered at Shipley Bethel Baptist Chapel (www.calverley.info). I am persuaded that this is the right John of a number of possible candidates because he named his first son Mark after his father. John's occupation was recorded as a maltster (prepared malt from grain, usually then for brewing) at the birth of daughter Anna.

⁴ <http://hardakerfamily.id.au/descend.php?personID=I272&tree=tree3>

John and Rebecca had at least five children at Baildon that I know of (all found in IGI C011901):

- Mark #817, b. 21 May and bap. 29 Jun 1823 at Baildon.
- Richard #818, b 8 Mar and bap. 3 Apr 1825 at Baildon.
- John #819, bap. 15 Apr 1827 at Baildon.
- Anna #820, bap. 8 Nov 1829 at Baildon.
- Hannah #821, bap. 30 Dec 1832 at Baildon.

So far I have traced the marriage for of Mark #817 – see below. I think that Hannah #821 may have married William Dodsworth #1844 in 1851 in Knaresborough, registered there in the first quarter, vol. 23 p. 396.⁵ He was a house painter, born in Knaresborough in about 1828 who died in Baildon in 1874. He was buried at St John's Baildon 11 Oct of that year (WYAS). Hannah survived him and died in Knaresborough in 1896, registered there in the first quarter, vol. 9a, p. 68. Hannah and William had seven children, all born in Knaresborough.

It is fairly clear that John the father of these children was the one who died at Knaresborough on 8 Nov 1861, aged 62, leaving a will, the summary of which reads:

The Will of John Hardaker of Knaresborough in the County of York Maltster deceased who died 8 November 1861 at Knaresborough aforesaid was proved at Wakefield by the oaths Mark Hardaker of Kildlinghall in the Parish of Ripley in the said County Maltster the son and James [?] Fyfe of Shipley in the Parish of Bradford in the said County Coal Merchant the Executors. Effects under £3000. (Calendar of Probate 6 January 1862.)

Although it is not evident in this summary, according to Mrs Rennie, John had married a second time to a woman called Hannah, who died on 15 Dec 1874 at Baildon. She was aged 71 at death so must have been born about 1803. She might have been Hannah Bottomley #1339 who married a John Hardaker #815 at Otley Register Office in 1855. In 1851 Hannah Bottomley was a widow living at Lane End, Baildon, aged 47, which fits with her stated age at death in 1874. She had two daughters with her, Ann, 20 and Henrietta 11 (Piece 2285, ED 3b, folio 370, h/h 270). Since she outlived her second husband, it would be interesting to read his full will to see how he provided for her.

The marriage to Hannah is supported to some degree by the 1861 census data that recorded John Hardaker, aged 61 (b. abt 1800) with his wife Hannah, aged 58 (b. abt 1803), both born in Baildon, living in Knaresborough. John's occupation in recorded as 'Maltster', which corresponds to the information recorded in the birth records of his last three children. John died a few months after the 1861 census.

Lancelot Hardaker #1794 (m. 1826)

In the 1851 Census at Baildon we find the household of Lancelot Hardaker and his wife Elizabeth, he a gardener aged 47 and said to have been born at Preston in Lancashire, and she aged 51 from Baildon. I think she was probably Elizabeth Coates #1795 and that the couple were married at Bradford St Peter on 26 March 1826, he a comber of that parish, she a spinster also of Bradford parish (WYAS). I suspect that he was Lancelot baptised at Ellel, a chapel of ease in Cockerham parish, located about

⁵ Information about this couple supplied by Stephen Carr.

5 km south of Lancaster, on 26 Jan 1803, son of James #1796 and Jane #1797 Hardacre [sic], but I am far from certain. However, it seems that he is unrelated to 'my' Hardakers, who were descended from Roger of Rawdon #4.⁶

There were no children living with Lancelot and Elizabeth in 1851 but I believe they had at least four children born at Manningham, Bradford and baptised at Bradford St Peter:

- Lanslett James #1798, bap. 15 April 1827 (apparently called James in 1841 Census).
- Mary #1799, bap. 11 April 1830.
- William #1800, bap. 22 Apr, 1832 (All IGI C107652).
- Lancelot #1801, b. 1836 or 1837.

It is clear that son Lanclett James later became James, hence the re-use of the name Lancelot for the son born in 1836. Sons James and William married – see below.

In 1861 William #1800 and his wife Elizabeth and two young children – see below, along with William's brother Lancelot #1801, were back in Baildon living with the mother Elizabeth #1795, with the father Lancelot #1794 apparently elsewhere, perhaps in jail (see footnote 5). He was back by 1871.

Elizabeth #1795, the mother of the family above died at Baildon on 2 July 1871 (Mrs Rennie).

The father Lancelot married again in 1873 at Baildon St John Evangelist, when he was aged 70. He married Mary Parker née Iles #1802, a widow aged 65 from Little Horton (WYAS). The register entry gives his father's name as James, which tends to confirm my guess above as to his birth. He died at Baildon in 1884, said to be aged 80 (Mrs Rennie).

Sarah Hardaker #806 (m. 1833)

[James #85, James #80, James #60, Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

I think that Sarah #806 born at Baildon in 1816 married Robert Smith #1345 at Otley All Saints on 29 Dec 1833. From a newspaper extract, the source of which unfortunately I have lost, I believe that Robert was already married and was later prosecuted for bigamy. Certainly, a man of this name, aged 26, was convicted of bigamy at York Assizes on 2 March 1842. He got 9 months in prison. He must have been a rogue for the following year Robert Smith aged 27 got another 6-month sentence for 'poaching in the night time'.

Apparently the couple stayed together long enough for him to father three children:

- Susannah, b. c. 1836
- Maria, b. c. 1837
- Mary Ann, b. c. 1840.

As noted above for Sarah's parents, they were all with their mother in the 1841 Census, but with Robert absent. Ten years later she was still at Baildon, without

⁶ In any case, he is not the sort of person I would want to be related to for, in the Petty Sessions at Otley on 16 May 1862, a Lancelot Hardaker, possibly this man or perhaps his son of the same name, was sentenced to seven days in gaol (record in Otley Library).

Robert, yet reporting herself to be married. With her were these three daughters, but also another daughter:

- Hannah, b. c. 1848.

Had Robert returned and been welcomed back, or was someone else the father of this child? We cannot know. (I have failed to locate a baptism.)

I have traced Sarah through the later censuses and no husband Robert was ever present. By 1861, when she was living at Idle, she reported that she was a widow, so either Robert had died or she found this a convenient explanation for the absence of a husband.

In 1891 Sarah was living in Bradford with her daughter Hannah, who had married a man called Hartley Henshaw – surname unclear on the census form. I think Sarah probably died in 1894 but there were two deaths of Sarah Smiths registered in Bradford that year, both aged 78, and it is unclear which was this Sarah.

Richard Hardaker #282 (m. 1834)

[Samuel #272, Richard #270]

He was the son of Samuel #272 and Betty Hardaker #275 of Idle/Wrose. Betty, listed above, was a daughter of William #225, born at Baildon.

Richard married Sarah Hartley #459 at Otley All Saints on 14 Sep 1834 (IGI M009352).

In 1841 Sarah was in Baildon with William and Hannah Hartley, aged 81 and 82 respectively, probably her grand-parents. There was no sign of her husband Richard, although there were two sons, William 3, and Harley, 1, with her. However, by 1851 Richard and Sarah were back together, living at Guiseley, with six children:

- Abraham #545, born Windhill (Idle), bap. 29 May 1836 at Baildon St John Evangelist (IGI C011902). In 1841 he was in the home of his father's parents, Samuel Hardaker #272 and Betty #275, at Green House, Wrose.
- William Samuel #460, bap. 24 Jun 1838 at Baildon St John Evangelist (IGI C011902).
- Hartley #546, bap. 22 Mar 1840 at Baildon St John Evangelist (IGI C011902), named with his mother's surname. He died 27 Oct 1841 (Mrs Rennie).
- Richard #461, bap. 27 Jun 1845 at Baildon St John Evangelist (IGI C011902).
- John b. #462, b. 20 May 1848 at Baildon, bap. 31 Oct 1848 at Baildon St John Evangelist (WYAS).
- Mark #463 b. 16 Jun 1850 at Baildon, bap 27 Jul at Baildon St John Evangelist (Stephen Carr pers. comm.).

Richard #282 was a successful worsted spinner, employing several staff, as recorded in the censuses. The family moved about quite a bit, perhaps to be near suitable premises as the business expanded. He died at Green House, Wrose, Yorkshire on 27 October 1893 leaving assets of over £14,384 (Calendar of Probate), equivalent to well over a million pounds today.

I have traced marriages for sons Abraham #545 and William Samuel #460 and Mark #473 – see below.

Richard Jnr #461 lived with his parents, apparently unmarried until at least 1881 (aged 35). He was working as a worsted spinner, most likely at his father's factory. In 1911, presumably some time after the death of his parents, we find him at St Andrew's Hospital for Mental Diseases in Northhampton. He appears to have died in the Leeds Workhouse at Kirkstall in 1916, and was buried on 4 Jun 1916 in the Beckett Street Cemetery at Leeds. Seemingly a sad and apparently lonely end for the son of quite successful father.

James Hardaker #811 (m 1841)

[James #85, James #80, James #60, Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

James #811 son of James #85 was born at Baildon on 25 Apr 1825. He married Sarah Myers #1845 at Otley All Saints on 27 Dec 1841 (WYAS P83/3/7). He was 18, a bachelor, a wool comber of Baildon, son of James, a wool sorter. She was of full age, of Esholt, daughter of William a clothier. James signed. I think that Sarah was the daughter of William Myers #1808 and Rebecca #1809 baptised at Guiseley on 25 April 1819 (so about 22 when she married – ‘of full age’).

At some time before 1850 they emigrated to America where James led a somewhat exciting life working as a painter, a paper maker but also as a soldier. According to Stephen Carr (pers. comm.), James enlisted as a private in G Company, Massachusetts 52nd Infantry Regiment, which was raised in the Franklin and Hampshire counties of Eastern Massachusetts after a call on 4/8/1862 for ‘nine-month troops’. The regiment left for New York on 19/11/1862 and went from there to Louisiana. It participated in the siege and surrender of Fort Hudson, north of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, between May and July 1863. The fall of Fort Hudson gave the Union complete control of the Mississippi, and the Regiment travelled home by steamer up the Mississippi to Cairo, Ill., before returning by train to Greenfield, Mass. on the 3/8/1863 and being mustered out on the 14th. 10 men were killed in action and 101 were lost to disease.

From the censuses it seems that James and Sarah had five children all born in Massachusetts:

- Susanna #1846, b. c. 1842
- Rebecca #1847, b. 15 Jul 1845 at Northampton (Massachusetts Births 1639-1915), d. 1897 (Stephen Carr pers. Comm.)
- John W. #1848, b. c. 1848, died 1900 (Stephen Carr pers. comm.)
- Henry W. (a.k.a. William Henry) #1813, b. c. 1850, d. 1897 (Stephen Carr pers. comm.)
- James #1849, b. 4 Sep 1853 (Massachusetts Births 1639-1915).

I have not followed these children further since they were far away from Baildon. See the SPC Tree of pandscarr1 on Ancestry.com for more information about them.

James #811 died in 1870 and was buried at Amherst on 4 June (Stephen Carr pers. comm.). Sarah née Myers #1845 died 23 Jan 1877 at Amherst.

John Hardaker #808 (m1 1843, m2 1870)

[James #85, James #80, James #60, Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

John, a brother of James above, was the son of James #85 born Baildon in 1819. He married Mary Stansfield #451 by banns at Otley All Saints on 9 Jul 1843; both were of Otley Parish, he 22, a bachelor, a blacksmith, son of James, a sorter. She was 25, a

spinster, residing in Baildon, daughter of Jonathan, a carrier. Both made their marks (WYAS P17/3/6). I believe that she was born in Idle on 4 Oct 1817, daughter of Jonathan Stansfield and Susanna née Murgatroyd. She was baptised at Idle Holy Trinity on 9 Nov of that year (WYAS).

The couple had three children that I know of:

- Rebecca #1850, b. c. 1839.
- Thomas #577, b. c. 1855 at Halifax, Yorkshire, died in Amherst, Mass. USA on 12 Sep 1860 of scarlet fever (Massachusetts Deaths and Burials, 1795-1910 via Family Search).
- An unnamed child #1851 born and died at Amherst, Mass. in 1860 (Massachusetts Deaths and Burials, 1795-1910 via Family Search).

The status of Rebecca #1850 is uncertain. If she was 12 in 1851, as stated on the Census return, she would have been born about 1839, well before the marriage of her John and Mary in 1843. The most likely explanation is that she was a child of Mary Stansfield born out of wedlock, perhaps fathered by John, or maybe by someone else, but apparently accepted by him as a daughter by 1851. That tends to be confirmed by the presence of a Rebecca Stansfield aged 1 in the household of Mary's presumed father Jonathan Stansfield, aged 52, a carrier living at Baildon in 1841 with wife Sarah, also 52. For some reason their daughter Mary was missing from the household. There was a Rebecca Hardaker baptised at Leeds St Peter on 17 May 1840, daughter of Thomas and Mary of Calls, Leeds, he a labourer (WYAS P68/3A/12). I do not yet know who the parents were but in any case, this baptism does not seem to fit this Rebecca. No baptism has been found yet for a Rebecca Stansfield at Baildon. It is possible that she died at Halifax, Yorkshire in 1855 (registered there 3rd quarter, vol. 9a, p. 225 as Rebecca 'Hardish' – Free BMDs). Certainly she did not accompany her parents when they sailed to New York in 1856. Overall, considerable doubt remains about both her birth and about what became of her.

Sadly, it seems that John and Mary, having lost at least two, perhaps three children, did not have any more.

Mary #451, the wife of John above, died on 15 Aug 1864 at Amherst Mass. John then remarried to Mary J. Hubbard #660, a widow whose late husband was called Spear. John's death has not yet been located. For more details of John and his life in America see the SPC Tree of pandscarr1 on Ancestry.com.

Thomas Hardaker #809 (m1 1843, m2 1849)

[James #85, James #80, James #60, Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

Thomas, brother of John #808 above was born at Baildon in 1821. Like his brother, he married twice. He first married Ann Hardaker #1111 at Bradford St Peter on 19 Nov 1843. They were married by banns, he 21, a bachelor, a comber of Bowling Lane, Bradford, son of James, a wool sorter. She was 19, a spinster, a weaver of Esholt, daughter of John Hardaker, a shoemaker (WYAS).

I believe that Ann was the daughter of John Hardaker #1006 and Sarah née Burnley #1110 of Eccleshill, where Ann was born. This view is supported by the fact that the baptismal record gives her father's occupation as cordwainer, or a shoemaker, as stated at Ann's marriage.

It seems that Thomas and Ann had no children and I believe that Ann #1111 died in 1848, less than five years after the marriage. She was buried at Eccleshill Norman Lane Cemetery on 18 Oct, recorded as being 25 years old (BFHS Fiche 2/4).

Thomas then married again, quite soon after Ann died, to a Scottish woman called Mary Ann Campbell #813. The wedding took place at Bradford St Peter on 29 Jan 1849, about three months after Ann was buried. In the marriage register Thomas was said to be 27, a widower, a comber of Bradford, son of James, a wool sorter. Mary Ann was 24, a spinster of Bradford, no occupation given, daughter of John a weaver. Both made marks.

In 1851 the couple were in Wapping, Bradford, with no children. He was a combing machine tender (tender?) and she a combing machine (operator?), which is presumably how they met.

What happened next is as yet unclear but in 1870 the couple are to be found in Lawrence, Massachusetts USA, he 48 born England she 43 born Scotland, both working in a woollen mill. Thomas at least was still in Lawrence in 1880 with Mary Ann apparently missing. Amherst, where his brother John went to live, is about 150 km from Lawrence, so they were not physically close. However, it seems that after Thomas died at Northampton, -Massachusetts on 9 Mar 1897 he was buried at nearby Amherst.

There is no evidence that Thomas had any surviving children by either wife.

Abraham Hardaker #739 (m. 1845, m2 1869)

[John #733, Joshua #548, William #225, William #58, Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

Abraham #739, son of John #733 above, born 1820, married Elizabeth Denby #747 at Otley All Saints in 1845. It seems they may have had a child before that because Isaac #748, son of Abraham and Elizabeth, was baptised at Bingley on 10 Oct 1843. Isaac, a son aged 7, born at Gilstead, can be seen living with Abraham and Elizabeth of Baildon in the 1851 Census. The full family seems to have been:

- Isaac #748, b. Gilstead 17 Dec 1842, bap. 10 Oct 1843 at Bingley (WYAS).
- Ann/Nancy #749, bap. 12 Apr 1846 at Baildon St John Evangelist (IGI C011902, aged 5 in 1851 Census).
- John #750, b. c. 1848 at Baildon (aged 3 in 1851 Census). He died on 28 Jan 1933 aged 85. He was buried at Baildon St John Evangelist.
- William #751, b. 31 Oct 1850 at Baildon, bap 22 Dec 1850 at Baildon St John Evangelist (WYAS), died 27 January 1878 aged 27 (Mrs Rennie).
- Abraham #752, b. 24 Jan 1853 at Baildon, bap 27 Mar at Bingley All Saints (WYAS), d. 14 Oct 1911 at Baildon, aged 58 on 14 Oct 1911.
- Martha Ann #753, b. 28 Feb 1855 at Baildon, bap 14 Apr at Baildon St John Evangelist (WYAS).
- Isabella #754, b. 28 Feb 1858 at Baildon, bap 18 Apr at Baildon St John Evangelist (WYAS), died 30 June 1937, aged 79, and was buried at Baildon St John Evangelist (Mrs Rennie).
- Hartley #772, b. c. 1860, d. at either Manningham or Horton, Bradford 15 Jun 1860 (Mrs Rennie), buried Baildon St John Evangelist on 19 Jun (WYAS)

- Samuel #755, b. c. 1861 at Baildon (1861 Census when he was 3 m old). He died on 23 Jun 1932, said to be 71, 'son and husband'. He was buried at Baildon St John Evangelist.
- Frederick #1790, b. c. 1865.

Isaac #748 seems to have gone by the name Isaac HARDAKER DENBY (Denby being his mother's maiden name). He married Caroline GOLDSBOROUGH #1852 at Baildon St John on 18 Apr 1867. The couple can be found living in the Baildon/Idle area through until the early 1900s. I can find two children to this couple, Sarah Elizabeth #1853 and a son named Goldsborough #1854.

John #750 married Rachel FIRTH #1855 at Bradford St Peter on 28 Aug 1872. They lived for many years in the Baildon and Shipley area. From the available census data, they do not appear to have had any children.

Abraham #752 the son of Abraham and Elizabeth married Mary Ann CLOUGH #756 at Baildon St John on 28 Aug 1875. They had at least six children born between 1879 and 1898.

Samuel #755 married Isabella GRANT #1861 in 1885 somewhere in the Braford area. They had one son, and then for some reason travelled to Queensland Australia around 1891. They stayed there for several years and had two more children, after which they returned to live in Baildon.

Abraham the father of this family died at Bank Top Farm, Baildon on 5 Jun 1865, a farmer aged only 44. Probate was granted at Wakefield to Charles Clegg of Woodhead and Isaac Hardaker #748, farmer of Bank Top Farm and the first son listed above (Calendars of Probate 1865).

Elizabeth the mother of the above children and widow of Abraham died at Bank Top Farm, Baildon Green on 6 June 1900, aged 79 (Mrs Rennie).

Mark Hardaker #817 (m. 1847)

[John #815, Mark #550, William #225, William #58, Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

Mark #817 was the son of John #815 and Rebecca née Brook #816, born in Baildon in 1822. He was a maltster and farmer. I think he married Maria Richardson #822 at Hunslet, near Leeds in 1847 (Free BMDs). Mark and Maria buried their eldest son John at Baildon on 28 April 1874. However, for much of their lives together they had lived elsewhere, mostly at Killinghall, just north of Harrogate.

From the various censuses I have identified the following family for them:

- John #823, b. c. 1849 at Arkendale, about 6 km north-east of Knaresborough. He died on 28 April 1874 at Killinghall and was buried at Baildon St John Evangelist on 30 Apr, aged 24, son of Mark and Maria (Mrs Rennie).
- Rebecca #1338, b. c. 1850 at Killinghall. She married Thomas Wardman #1792 at Knaresborough in 1874 (Stephen Carr, pers. comm.).
- Hannah #1340, b. c. 1852 at Killinghall. It seems she married Thomas Ludlam Benson #1791 at Knaresborough in 1874 (Oct/Dec 9a 195). He was born in about 1847 at Hartwith and in 1881 was a farmer of 74 acres. This marriage produced seven children (Stephen Carr, pers. comm.).

- Mark #1341, b. c. 1854 at Killinghall. He married Ann Whincup #1343 in 1789 at Arkendale (registered at Great Ouseburn, Yorkshire, vol. 9a, p. 139). He was a farmer from age 17 at Minskip, 10 km north-east of Knaresborough, later becoming manager of a farm at Huddersfield. He had at least one child, John Thomas #1344, born in about 1880 at Minskip.
- Maria #1342, b. c. 1858 at Killinghall. The 1881 census data (Knaresborough) indicates that she married Ezra Naylor #1793 and they had at least one son.

Mark the father of this family died in 1881 at Killinghall. He was buried at Baildon St John Evangelist (Mrs Rennie). His wife Marie died in Saltaire in June 1896 (Mrs Rennie).

Joshua Hardaker #737 (m. 1848)

[John #733, Joshua #548, William #225, William #58, Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

Joshua son of John #733 born Baildon in 1815, married Sarah Cort #782 on 18 Dec 1848 at Otley All Saints (WYAS). She was born in Menston and baptised at Otley All Saints on 19 March 1826, the daughter of Edmund Cort #783 and his wife Ann née Jennings #784 (IGI C009352, M009352).

In 1851 Joshua and Sarah were living at Baildon with their son John #786 aged 1 year and with Sarah's mother Ann Cort née Jennings #784, a widow aged 61, and her son Esau #785, aged 15.

Joshua Hardaker was 35 and Sarah 25 when they married. The family were living at Menston in 1861 and 1871 and at Hawksworth in 1881. From these sources it seems they had a large family comprising:

- John #786, b. 20 Aug 1849 at Baildon, baptised 21 Oct 1849 at Baildon St John.
- William #1251, b. c. 1851.
- Joshua #1347, b. c. 1854.
- Joseph #787, b. c. 1860.
- Edmund #788, b. c. 1862.
- Annie Louisa #789 b. c. 1864.
- Mary E. #790, b. c. 1864.
- Albert #791, b. c. 1865.
- Esau J. #792, b. c. 1867.
- Hannah A. #793, b. c. 1870.
- Sarah #794, b. c. 1872.

All the eleven children were said to have been born in Menston, however we have some confidence that John, their first child, was born at Baildon.

Joshua #1347 married Grace WALKER #1866 on the 26th Oct 1874 at Burley St Mary. They had at least three children. The first, William #1867, was buried in the Cort family vault at Menston aged 4 weeks (about 6 months after the wedding). The mother of this child is not recorded, but it was presumably Grace. The other two

children, John #1868 and Fred #1869, can be found in the 1891 and 1901 censuses living with their parents at Menston.

I located a marriage for Joseph #787 – see below.

Sarah #782, the widow of Joshua died at Moorfield House, Baildon on 25 February 1899. Joshua was described as having lived formerly at Menston Hall (Notice in Bradford Observer).

The will of Joshua Hardaker of Menston #737, farmer, dated 15 Feb 1883 is to be found in the WYAS at Bradford, Item 10D76/3/56/51. I have not yet seen it. I suspect that his death was registered at the Wharfedale Register Office in the second quarter of 1885, vol. 9a, p. 112. He was said to be 69, so born about 1816.

James Hardaker #1798 (m. 1849)

[Lancelot #1794]

James #1798 born in 1827 married Susanna Webster #1804 at Bingley All Saints on 25 Aug 1849. He was a 22 year old bachelor, a comber of Bingley, son of Lancelot, a gardener. She was a spinster 'of age', daughter of James, a comber. In the censuses there is inconsistent information about where she was born, but I suspect that she was Susanna the daughter of James Webster and Jane, born 18 Jan 1828 and baptised at Keighley Independent Chapel on 21 Dec 1829 (Family Search batch C008861-1). I think she was born at Utley, Keighley, which was sometimes confused with Otley in the census records.

The couple were together in Baildon in 1851, living close to his parents, with no children yet. However, from later censuses, I deduce that they had the following family:

- Mary Jane #1654 b. c. 1852 at Manningham
- Emma Ann #1806 b. c. 1858 at Manningham
- William #1807 b. c. 1863 at Heaton
- Richard #1808 b. c. 1865 at Heaton
- Elizabeth #1809 b. c. 1868 at Heaton.

I have not tried to trace any of these children in later years.

I suspect that James died in 1903, said to be 75 (registered at Bradford in the first quarter, vol. 9b, p. 63) and that Susanna died in 1908 (registered at Bradford in the fourth quarter, vol. 9b, p. 55), though I have not seen the death certificates.

William Hardaker #1800 (m. 1858)

[Lancelot #1803]

William #1800 was born 1832 at Manningham, son of Lancelot #1794 and Elizabeth Coates #1795. I believe he married Elizabeth Edmondson #1810 on 24 Oct 1858 at Bradford St Peter (WYAS). He was a 27, a bachelor, a weaver of Shipley, son of Lancelot, a gardener. She was 25, a spinster, a weaver, daughter of John, a green grocer. He signed the register, she made her mark. I think she was the daughter of John Edmondson #1872 and Hannah née Burnley #1873. Their daughter Elizabeth was 14 in the 1851 Census.

William and Elizabeth lived at Baildon. From the censuses I have found the following children, all born at Baildon:

- Lancelot #1811, b. c. 1859, died 9 Oct 1881, aged 24.
- Hannah #1812, b. c. 1860
- Sarah Ann #1813, b. c. 1864
- John #1814, b. c. 1868
- Lavinia #1805, b. c. 1870.

I have not traced any of these in subsequent years.

Abraham #545 (m1 1859, m2 1869, m3 1894)

[Richard #282, Samuel #272 and Betty #275]

He was born at Windhill, next to Idle in 1836, but baptised at Baildon. As noted, in 1841 he was with his father's parents at Wrose in 1841. By 1851 he was back with his parents, who were at Guiseley. However, I think that this man first married a woman called Betsey Firth #558 from Sowerby, the marriage being registered at Bradford in the second quarter of 1859. They were together at Manningham in 1861 with no children. Betsey appears to have died not long after, perhaps in childbirth with the couple's first (and only) child Albert. By 1871 Abraham was at Little Horton, married to a woman called Harriet. I think he was the same Abraham because the eldest son, Albert #1874, 10, was born at Manningham. I think Harriett was probably Harriett Williamson #1875 who married an Abraham Hardaker in 1861, registered at Bradford. I think I have the right Abraham as his parents, Richard and Sarah, were also living in Little Horton at this time.

It seems likely that Abraham and his first wife Betsey were parents of:

- Albert #1874, b. c. 1861 at Manningham

Then Abraham and Harriett #1875 were the parents of:

- John William #1876, b. c. 1863 at Bowling, Bradford
- Mark #1877 b. c. 1866 at Bowling, Bradford
- Frederick #1878 born c.1870 at Heaton, Bradford.

I have followed the family further but have not given details here since they were not residents of Baildon. However, Abraham, 57, a widower (again!) and annuitant of Dunk Hill Street, Horton, son of Richard, a worsted spinner, married Hannah Sunderland #1508, 36, spinster, a nurse of the same street, daughter of John at Horton All Saints (Bradford), on 10 Feb 1894. I think the third-time groom died on 2 June 1917 (probate naming his widow Hannah).

William Samuel Hardaker #460 (m. c. 1862)

[Richard#282, Samuel #272 and Betty #275; Betty: William #225, William #58, Joshua #14, Roger #4]

I am fairly sure that William Samuel #460 was baptised at Baildon on 24 June 1838, son of Richard #282 and Sarah née Hartley #459 (IGI C011902). I believe that he married Tabitha Copley #776, the event being registered at Bradford in the second

quarter of 1862, vol. 9b, p. 77. It seems that the children of William Samuel and Tabitha at Baildon comprised:

- Sarah Elizabeth #779, daughter, b. 1863, died 13 Jun 1931 at Baildon, aged 67.
- Ellen #780, b. c. 1865. Unmarried, aged 16 in 1881, born Bradford, a dressmaker.
- Matilda #777, daughter, died 16 Dec 1868 at Girlington, aged 3 months. Buried at Baildon St John.
- Richard #778, son, born 1870, died 20 May 1870 at Baildon, an infant.
- Mary #781, aged 7, born Bradford in 1881, a scholar, b. c. 1874, died 5 Mar 1939 aged 65. Buried at Baildon St John Evangelist (Mrs Rennie).

William Samuel died at Baildon on 20 June 1902, aged 64 (Mrs Rennie). Tabitha his wife had died on 9 May 1891 aged 53 (Mrs Rennie).

Lancelot Hardaker #1801 (m. 1867)

[Lancelot #1794]

Born at Manningham in 1836, he lived only briefly at Baildon. He was there in 1851, living with his mother. By 1871 he was back a Manningham, living in a lodging house with Mary Ann, his wife. I believe she was Mary Ann Wilkinson #1884 whom he married in 1867, the event being recorded at Leeds in the first quarter of that year, vol. 9b, p. 516. She was born in Sunderland in the county of Durham in about 1845. By 1881 they were in Leeds, with no children. I have not traced them further but I think he died in 1908 aged 71, registered at Leeds in the first quarter of that year, vol. 9b, p. 275.

Joseph Hardaker #787 (m 1897)

[Joshua #737, John #733, Joshua #548, William #225, William #58, Joshuay #14, Roger #4]

Joseph #787 born about 1860, son of Joshua, a famer of Menston, married Mary Ann Taylor #1885 at Baildon on 18 Apr 1897. He was a bachelor, a farmer aged 37, son of Joshua a farmer. She was 'of age', a spinster of Baildon, daughter of Joseph Taylor #1886, a wool merchant. They were married by licence (WYAS). The 1901 Census shows them together at 29 Land End, Baildon, with no children, he a salesman aged 41, born Menston, she 43, born Baildon.

I believe that they had only one child:

- Joshua Joseph Taylor Hardaker #1887, b. c. 1897, bap. 11 Oct 1897 at Baildon St John Evangelist, son of Joseph and Mary Ann. He died I think the same day, his death being registered in the 4th quarter of the same year at the Wharfedale Register Office, vol. 9a, p.111.

In 1911 they were living at Baildon in the home of her father Joseph Taylor #1886, 83, along with his son Seth, 42. Joseph #787 was 50, a cattle salesman, Mary Ann was also said to be 50 and to have been married 14 years with only one child born and died.

I think Joseph #787 died at Butler House, Baildon, on 15 Sep 1918 aged 58 and Mary Ann #1885 died at Baildon on 15 Nov 1945, aged 88. Both were buried at Baildon St John Evangelist (Mrs Rennie).

Other Hardaker links to Baildon

In 1763 Richard Hardaker #139 of Rawdon wrote his will in which he leaves to his nephew Robert Hardaker #68, son of his brother Robert Hardaker #31, his share of lands and housing lying at Baildon in the County of York. (He also appointed his nephew Robert #68 to be his sole executor.) I have so far found no evidence that Robert lived at Baildon. However, he evidently held on to this property for, in his will written in 1784 he leaves to his son Robert #75 'all my messuages, cottages, lands and tenements in the township of Baildon'. Robert the son also apparently never lived at Baildon.

There are a number of early records of Hardakers at Baildon that I have failed to fit into the above story. These include:

- Elizabeth Hardaker married James Hutton at Baildon St John Evangelist on 6 May 1754 (IGI M011901). They were both 'of this parish' and were married by banns with the consent of parents, indicating that at least one of them was under 21. He could have been as young as 14 and she as young as 12. But it seems more likely that she would have been born about 1735 and I have no record of an Elizabeth born at Baildon around that time.
- On 21 Oct 1800 Ann Hardaker aged 24 of Baildon was licensed to marry William Barrett at Baildon St John Evangelist. He was 20 and in the Army (Newsome). I am not certain that the marriage took place, but in any case, I do not know who she was.
- Joseph, b 13 Mar 1825, bap. 2 Apr at Baildon Westgate Wesleyan chapel, son of Mary (IGI C075831). Perhaps this was the Mary #769 who was also the mother of Maria #824 on 1819, but as yet there is no way to be sure.
- James, bap. 24 Aug, 1844 at Baildon St John Evangelist, son of John and Mary (IGI C011902). He was the only child of these parents in this batch. I have failed to find this family in the censuses or from other sources.

Of course, that is by no means the end of the list of exclusions from the above. There have been many more Hardakers living at Baildon in more recent times. The task of tracing them all is beyond the scope of this effort.