

Generation 2

Catherine Bonville Hoyle

Catherine Bonville Hoyle was the eldest of six known children born to William Hoyle, Attorney and Gent of Hooton Levitt and Aughton Hall and his wife Mary (née Johnson of Retford). She was baptised at Maltby, Rotherham, on 21st January 1799. At the age of 22, on the 6th March 1821, she married Francis Parker, Esq, of Ickles, co. York, at Maltby, near Rotherham. Francis Parker, as listed under the miscellaneous section of the profession and trades section of an 1834 Directory, was a seed crusher.¹

According to Burke, Catherine and Francis had five children, one son and four daughters, listed as follows.²

- 1 Thomas William, b. 19 April 1832
- 1 Eliza
- 2 Catherine Ann, m. John Taylor, Esq, of Bakewell, co. Derby and has issue
- 3 Judith
- 4 Lucy

I have located baptism records for all five children. I have ignored the Burke convention of listing the sons first, and have arranged the following list in order of birth. The Aston records were sourced from Bishop's transcripts for Aston-with-Aughton, 1602-1864 Church of England, Parish Church of Aston-with-Aughton (Yorkshire) and the Rotherham records from the Bishop's transcripts for Rotherham, 1600-1837 Church of England, Parish Church of Rotherham (Yorkshire).³

Eliza Parker	bapt 13 Dec 1821, Aston, Yorkshire
Catherine Ann Parker	bapt 30 Jan 1823, Aston, Yorkshire
Judith Hoyle Parker	bapt 1 Jul 1830, Rotherham, Yorkshire
Thomas William Parker	bapt 4 Jul 1832, Rotherham, Yorkshire
Lucy Parker	bapt 24 Feb 1836, Rotherham, Yorkshire

The age gap between Catherine and Judith suggests a series of miscarriages or still-births, or perhaps a prolonged absence of father, Francis. A further search of the IGI results in two Rotherham baptism records for a girl named Mary Hoyle Parker, daughter of Francis and Catherine Parker. The first is for 2nd June 1828, and the second for 13th February 1829. I have found no further records for any Mary Hoyle Parker so it is likely that both died in infancy. The fact that Burke made no reference to these girls is not surprising – after all they were only girls!⁴

Again, referring to Burke, Catherine Ann Parker died on 10th February 1836, very soon after the birth of the last of the Parker children, Lucy. Catherine may have died of some post-natal complications. Thus we find Francis for the 1841 census a widower at home with three of his daughters, at Masbro' Cottage, in the township of Kimberworth. ⁵

Francis Parker	40	Merchant
Eliza Parker	19	
Catherine Parker	18	
Lucy Parker	5	
Thomas Kelk	25	Male Servant
Ann Watkin	21	Female Servant
Amelia Damns	22	Female Servant

I am not sure where Judith was at this time, and Thomas *may* have been the young Thomas William Parker, age 9, staying with William Gill, Clergyman, and his family at Bradford. However both Judith and Thomas are back at home for the 1851 census.⁶

In the first week of July 1841 there was a dreadful accident at Masbrough resulting in the death of a number of local children, thankfully none of them from the Parker family. Apparently it was the custom on that part of the River Dun to launch ships sideways and also the custom to allow young people on board at launching to experience the "rush" of the boat down the stays into the river along with the subsequent big splash! Only this time the ship capsized when the crowd on board rushed to the river side of the boat to experience the splash and the momentum caused the ship to capsize. Francis Parker was one of the men who served on the coronial inquiry.⁷

Francis may have been in financial difficulties at about this time, or at least was involved in some form of legal action. The following is an extract from the Law Journal for the year 1832-1849 relating to the Gazette of Tuesday 24 August.⁸

BANKRUPTS

TOWN AND COUNTRY FIATS

PARKER Francis, of Masbrough and Ickles Mills both in the parish of Rotherham, in the county of York, seed-crusher and oil-merchant, *d.c.* Sols. Taylor, John Street, Bedford Row, and Hoyle, of Rotherham, Fiat, July 27. Pet Cr. Robert Cutforthay Hoyle, of Aston, Yorkshire, gent. of Rotherham, in the county of York, Solicitor.

A further entry in the 1845 Law Journal referred to the Gazette of Friday, 10th January.

BANKRUPTS

DIVIDENDS

Date of Fiat 1841; PARKER Francis, of Masbrough and Ickles Mills both in the parish of Rotherham, Yorkshire, seed-crusher and oil-merchant, final div.

At least by 1846 Francis was able to afford a not immodest investment as a subscriber to a Railway Title. Francis Parker, gentleman, Masbro', near Rotherham, purchased Title 138 for the sum of £125.⁹

If Francis was in financial difficulties, the small bequest of £1,000, as provided for by his father-in-law's Will, and to be paid out twelve months after William Hoyle's death, would be been a welcome boost to his economic situation. The somewhat paltry amount, compared with the provision made for William Hoyle's children; may have been a reflection of William Hoyle's dim view of his son-in-law's predicament, or perhaps reflected the fact that Francis's status as an 'in-law'. The latter hypothesis may be closer to the mark, because, as we shall see, another son-in-law received nothing. There was no mention of any provision for the Parker grandchildren in the Will and maybe William Hoyle anticipated that Francis would provide for his children from the £1,000, and certainly the spinster daughters, Eliza, Judith and Lucy, appear from the later census records to have private incomes by which they were able to support themselves. However, and particularly in view of forthcoming changes in Francis Parker's personal circumstances, the money would have come in handy.¹⁰

Sometime after 1846, and certainly by 1851, Francis had not only moved to London but had also remarried. The first name of his second wife was Alice, and she hailed from Bakewell in Derbyshire. In fact, a Pancras marriage registration for the Oct-Dec quarter of 1844 records the marriage between Francis Parker and Alice Roe, and is confirmed by the record of a marriage settlement of Francis Parker and Alice Roe (1844). For the 1841 census there is an Alice Roe listed with a number of the well-to-do at a house in Bakewell. Also staying at this house were Elizabeth and Eliza Staines. In relation to the number of people residing in the same house, the census enumerator was at pains to note, in the margin of the page, that although this page may seem wrong, it is correct – no doubt the house being one for boarders and the place celebrated for Baths. So, all these independently wealthy people were apparently 'taking the waters'.¹¹

It was at Elm House, on the High Street of Hackney in the borough of Tower Hamlet that we find Francis and his second wife living, together a motley collection of relatives, servants and visitors.¹²

Francis Parker	Head	M	51	Proprietor of Land and Houses	Brinsworth, Yorkshire
Alice Parker	Wife	M	47		Bakewell, Derbyshire
Eliza Parker	Daur	U	29		Aughton, Yorkshire
Judith H Parker	Daur	U	20		Ickles, Yorkshire
Thos W Parker	Son	U	18	Acc(ountant?) Apprentice	Ickles, Yorkshire
Mary Hoyle	Visitor	U	40	Annuitant	Hooton Levitt, Yorkshire
Eliza M A Staines	Serv	U	28	Annuitant	France (British Subject)
Elizabeth Boyes	Serv	U	31	House Servant (Cook)	Beverley, Yorkshire
Eliza Wicks	Serv	U	15	House Servant (Housemaid)	Homerton, Middlesex
Hannah Webster	Visitor	U	29	Servant of Visitor	Woodhalls, Yorkshire

Mary Hoyle was Francis's sister-in-law, and we have already 'met' Eliza Staines (and will come across her again). By this time Catherine Ann Parker was a married woman and was no longer Francis's responsibility. Young Lucy, now aged 15, was not too far away. She was a boarder at a small private school run by the spinster sisters Emma, Elizabeth and Ellen Ayrd, at 1 Lower Terrace, off the Clapton Road, Hackney.¹³

Three of Francis's unmarried children were included in his household for the 7th April 1861 census. Son William is now earning his living, having completed his apprenticeship. The status of Eliza Staines, as niece (presumably of Alice Parker) is now clarified. Francis and Alice had left London sometime over the previous ten years and were now living at Eastwood Villa on the Doncaster Road, Rotherham. Living next door, at Eastwood Lodge, was

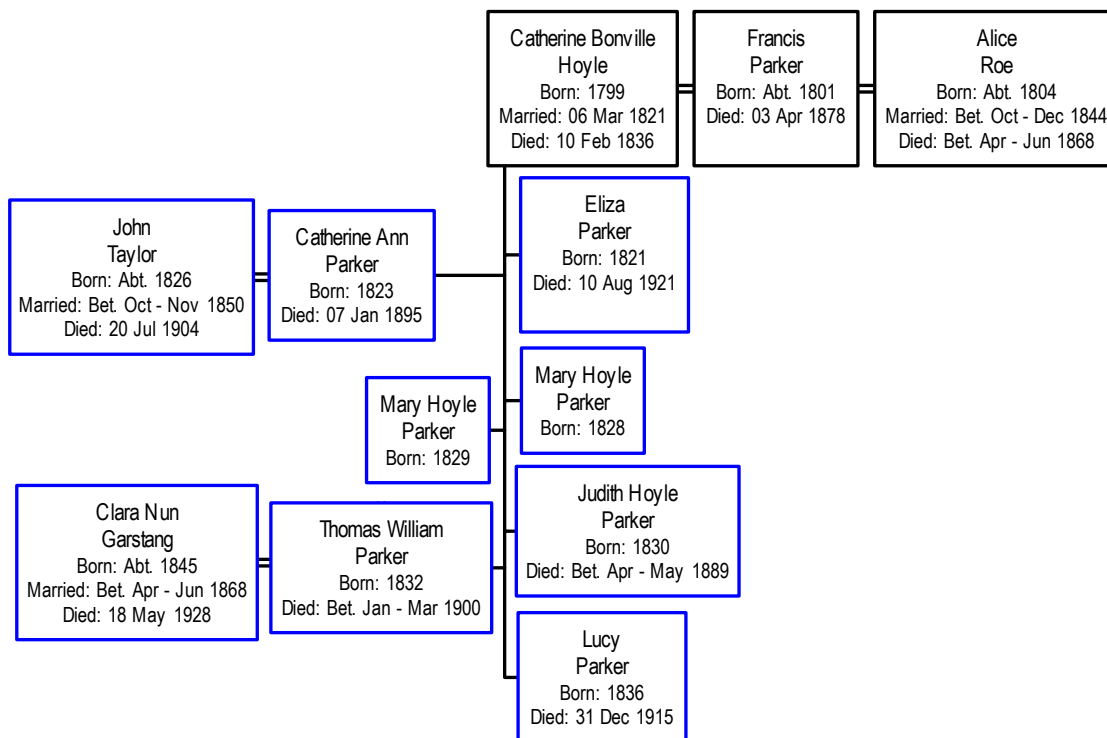
Fretwell William Hoyle, a nephew of Francis by his first wife, Catherine.¹⁴

Francis Parker	Head	M	61	Land Agent etc	Rotherham, Yorkshire
Alice Parker	Wife	M	57		Bangor, Wales
Eliza Parker	Daur	U	39		Aston cum Aughton, Yorkshire
Thomas William Parker	Son	U	28	Cashier Iron Works	Rotherham, Yorkshire
Lucy Parker	Daur	U	40		Rotherham, Yorkshire
Eliza Mary Anne Staines	Niece	U	38	Fundholder	France
Emma Cantrell	Serv	U	20	Cook	Ecclesfield, Yorkshire
Sarah Corker	Visitor	U	22	Housemaid	Rotherham, Yorkshire

Judith was away from home visiting her cousins, William, Judith, and Ellen Hall, children of John and Judith Hall (née Hoyle) at the Hall family home, Kiveton Park, at Harthill with Woodall. Clearly the name Judith was very popular within the extended Hoyle family.¹⁵

The decade 1861 to 1871 was an eventful one for the Parkers, and not all changes were welcome. The family's 124 King Henry's Road, St John, Hampstead address for the 1871 census shows that once again they had relocated to London. Thomas William Parker was now a married man, but Francis Parker was again a widower. I have not obtained the certificate, but there is a Rotherham death registration for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1868 for an Alice Parker, estimated birth year about 1803.¹⁶

Francis Parker	Head	W	71	Landowner	Rotherham, Yorkshire
Thomas William Parker	Son	M	38	Accountant	Rotherham, Yorkshire
Judith H Parker	Daur	U	40		Rotherham, Yorkshire
Lucy Parker	Daur	U	34		Rotherham, Yorkshire
Clara Nun Parker	D-i-L	M	26		Barnes, Surrey
Eliza M A Staines	Niece	U	48	Annuitant	Tours, France (British Subject)
Jane Tibbles	Serv	U	22	Domestic Servant (Cook)	Yadley, Huntingdon
Ellen Pyke	Serv	M	27	General Servant	St Pancras, Middlesex



I had not been able to find Francis in the 1881 census. I printed off a list of possible death registrations for the name Francis Parker and have found likely ones, with the most promising (but not checked out) being one registered at Wakefield for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1877. In fact this was not the correct record for Francis. From the National Probate Calendar we learn that Francis actually died on 3rd April 1878 at the age of 78 and this is confirmed by the Ormskirk death registration for the Apr-Jun quarter of that year.¹⁷

The following is an extract from the National Probate Calendar.¹⁸

PARKER Francis
Personal Estate under £1,500

17 April. The will with a codicil of Francis Parker formerly of Northfield House Rotherham in the County of York but late of Southport in the County of Lancaster Gentleman who died 3 April 1878 at 30 Seabank-road Southport was proved at the Principal Registry by Thomas William Parker of Painswick in the County of Gloucester Gentleman the John Taylor of Bakewell in the County of Derby Solicitor the Executors.



Notes

- ¹ IGI Individual Record Batch No MO009102 1813-1836; Pigot's Directory of 1834.
- ² Dictionary of the Landed Gentry, p731.
- ³ IGI Individual Records, Batch Nos C106231 1813-1837, C009072 1813-1837.
- ⁴ IGI Individual Records, Batch No C009072 1813-1837.
- ⁵ Dictionary of the Landed Gentry, p731; HO107/1238/6/p10.
- ⁶ HO107/1327/2/p16.
- ⁷ Sheffield & Rotherham Independent; www.genuki.org/uk.hig/eng/YKS/Mis/Transcriptions/WRY/MasbroShipDisaster.html.
- ⁸ The Law Journal 1832-1849, Google Books.
- ⁹ Seasonal Report of House of Lords, 1846; £125 = approximately £7,313 in 2010.
- ¹⁰ Last Will and Testament, William Hoyle; £1,000 = approximately £58,530 in 2010.
- ¹¹ FreeBMD Marriage Index 1837-1915; Reconveyance 213/C/1/5, 29 October 1859, reciting the marriage settlement, held at Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Archives and Local Studies Section; HO107/183/2/34/p1.
- ¹² HO107/1505/475/pp48-49 - one of the people listed on the summary sheet of this 1851 record is Mary Hoyle Parker. This was a mistake by the enumerator. Alice Parker's place of birth is given as Bakewell, which is correct. A later census record (1861) incorrectly has her as having being born in Bangor, Wales.
- ¹³ HO107/1503/211/p71.
- ¹⁴ RG9/3504/103/p24.
- ¹⁵ RG9/2421/72/p26.
- ¹⁶ RG10/195/36/p13.FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1915.
- ¹⁷ FreeBMD Beath Index 1837-1915.
- ¹⁸ England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1861-1941.