

Introduction

To 'set the scene' I have found the following extract from Burke's Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Landed Gentry which charts the lineage of the Hoyle family.¹

The Hoyle family, which has held considerable estates in the co. of York for upwards of four centuries, were anciently seated at Hoyle House, in the parish of Halifax, co. York. Watson, the Halifax historian, observes that it is reckoned a very ancient place, but has nothing remarkable about it now. The earliest ancestor from whence there is a clear and direct descent is

JOHN HOYLE (of Lightcliffe), living 21st EDWARD IV. His grandson,

EDWARD HOYLE, of Hoyle House, mentioned in the endowment deed, of Lightcliffe Chapel, dated 1 March, 20 HENRY VIII, m. and had issue,

Margaret, m. 1st ___ Mallinson; 2nd, Edward Hanson, of Netherwood House, d. 23 Feb. 1614, *aet* 87.

John Hoyle, of Hoyle House, m. Mary, dau. of John Drake, from whom is lineally descended,

WILLIAM HOYLE, Esq., of Netherthorpe and Aughton Hall, co. York, bapt. 22 Aug. 1742; m. 1st, 8 Jan. 1767, Barbara, dau. and heir of John Redfearn, Esq. of Sheffield, by Barbara his wife, dau. and heir of John Fretwell, Esq. of Hooton Levet Hall, and had issue,

I William, b. 11, July 1773

II John, of Netherthorpe, b. 4 June 1776, m. Sarah Tibbett, and had issue,

1 John

2 William

1 Barbara

2 Sarah

I Elizabeth, b. 30 July, 1769; d. 9 May 1770.

II Barbara, b. 8 Sep 1771; m. Samuel Fisher, and had issue,

1 William

2 John

3 Henry

1 Sarah

2 Barbara, m. 22 Aug 1839, Jonathon-W. Piggott, of St. Andrew's, London *

3 Ann

4 Elizabeth

5. Hannah.

III Hannah, m. 5 Oct. 1793, John Bullock, Esq. of Ashburn, Derbyshire.

He m. 2ndly, 4 Feb. 1802, Sarah, relict of John Cutforthay, Esq. of Aughton Hall, co. York, by whom he had no issue. He d. 8 Sept. 1807, in the 66th year of his age, and was s. by his eldest son...

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Crest An eagle's head, erased, ppr, charged on the neck with a mullet, sa, holding in the beak a white rose, slipped

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Seats Ferham House, and Hooton Levett Hall, Yorkshire

* *This marriage date is incorrect.*

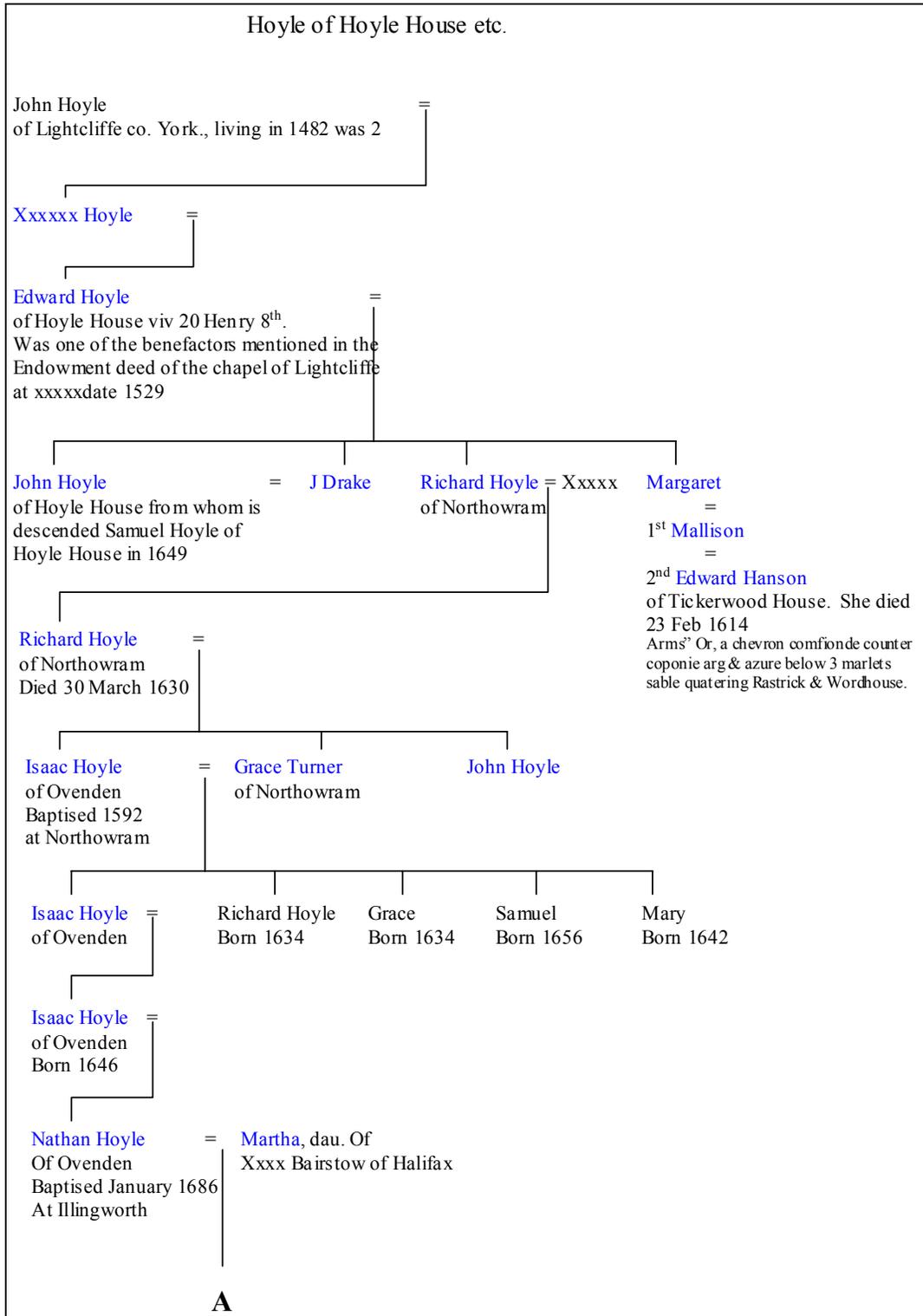
In August 1882 William Dickon Hoyle wrote a paper entitled 'Genealogical & Historical Memorials of the Families of Hoyle and Milward', the introductory paragraph of which states -

The family of Hoyle, anciently spelled "Hoile" has been located in the parish of Halifax co York for upwards of 500 years.

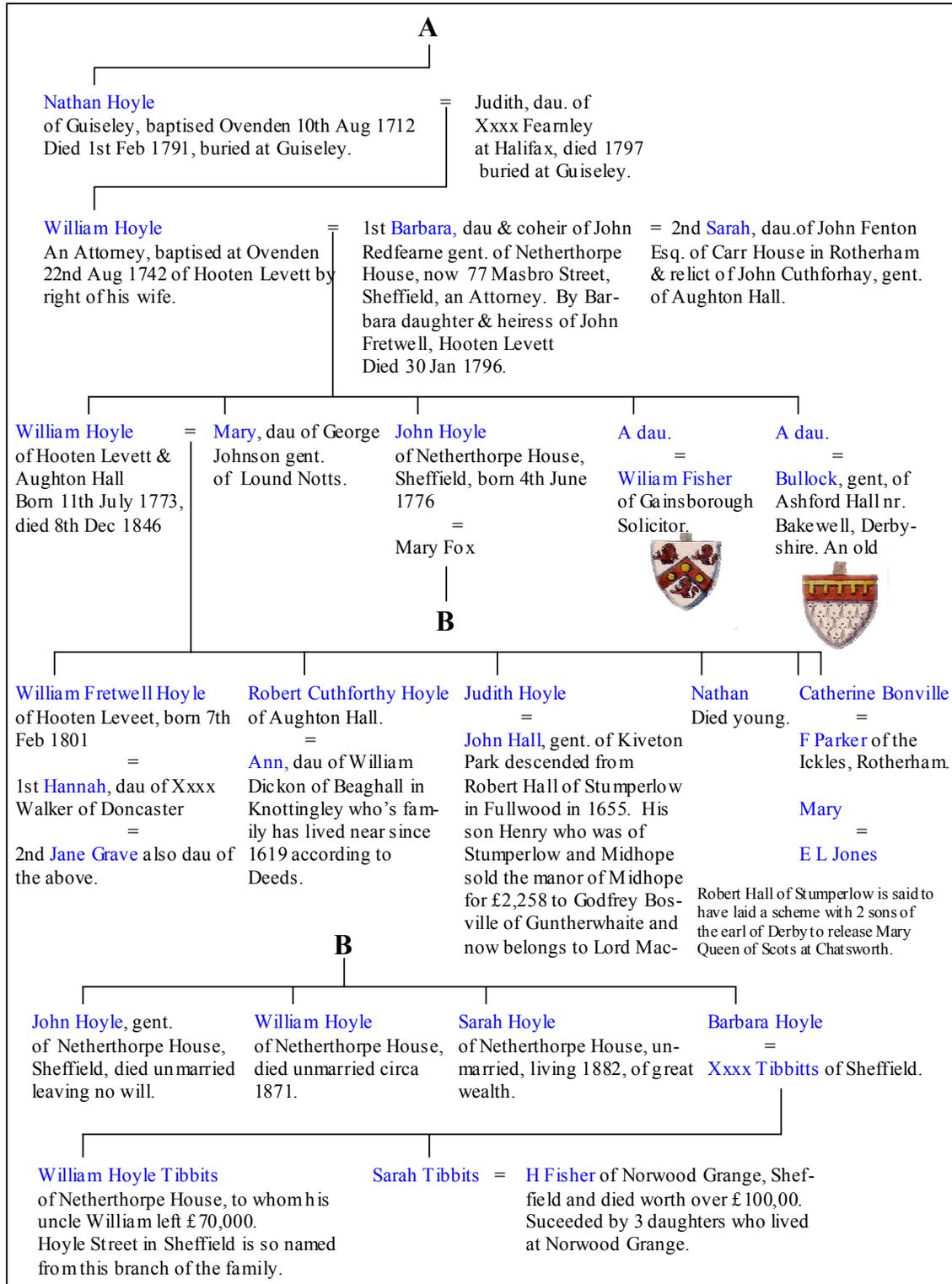
He then goes on to cite numerous records and incidences of the name 'Hoyle' and variants, including the frequent mention in the Court Rolls in the manor of Wakefield extending over a long period of time. He confirms that

The line from which came the Hoyles of Hooton Levett and Aughton Hall near Rotherham springs from the Hoyles of Hoyle House in Lightcliffe parish of Halifax where there is an ancient residence still in existence, a branch of whom was afterwards of Northoram where they had estates.

William Dickon Hoyle prepared the following charts which, in most respects, mirror Burkes' Hoyle lineage above, but also expand upon it.



The Hoyle Connections



The chart above shows that William Hoyle, baptised on 22nd August 1742, was a son of Nathan and Judith Hoyle. What it does not show is that Nathan Hoyle, originally of Ovenden House, Halifax, was a school teacher at Guisley School from about 1751 to 1774, and he was the agent to the Reverend Henry Wickham, rector of Guisley. Nor does it record that Nathan Hoyle and Judith Fearnley were married on 15th June 1737 at Halifax and that William probably had at least 4 siblings, two brothers and two sisters, all baptised at Illingworth Yorkshire as follows.²

Thomas	15 th July 1739	Nancy	24 th February 1744
Susanna	27 th January 1754	James	16 th April 1756

At the age of 25, on the 8th January 1867 William Hoyle married Barbara Redfearne at Saint Peter's Cathedral, Sheffield. Barbara, who had been baptised in the same Cathedral on 26th February 1746, was a daughter of John Redfearne and his wife Barbara (née Fretwell). The Redfearne family lived at Netherthorpe House, Meadow Street, Sheffield, and John, an Attorney, had established a successful practice. Perhaps it was with the Redfearne legal firm that William Hoyle acquired his training, because he too was to become a highly regarded solicitor, including in his 'portfolio' his appointment as clerk to the Cutlers Company in Sheffield.³

Over the next ten years William and Barbara were frequent visitors to Saint Peter's Cathedral for the baptisms of their five children, three daughters and two sons, as follows.⁴

Elizabeth Hoyle	4 th September 1769	Barbara Hoyle	10 th October 1771
William Hoyle	7 th August 1773	John Hoyle	11 th July 1776
Hannah Hoyle	12 th December 1777		

The first born, Elizabeth, did not reach her first birthday. She died on 9th May 1770. The last of the children, Hannah, probably never saw her Redfearne grandfather as he died at Sheffield on 10th October 1777. With John Redfearne's death, and through his wife Barbara, William Hoyle acquired Netherthorpe House.

In his paper "Old Sheffield as I knew it" in which he describes, street by street, the Sheffield he knew at about 1800, Joseph Woolhouse, makes reference to the Hoyle family as follows.⁵

The House now occupied by Mr. Hoyle was my GrandFather's nearest neighbour, as Green Lane was all Tanyards belonging to Mr Aldam of Upperthorpe {no house between this house (now Mr. Hoyle's) and Green Lane}. This Elegant Country house as it was then, belonged to a very eminent Lawyer, called Redfern (oftener known by the name of Devil Redfern). These Hoyles is descended from him. This House in my Time was situated in the midst of Fields, Gardens, and pleasure grounds. There was a row of Aspen trees from Allen Lane to Burnwell as high as most houses, used to shade the road as you approached to the house, also very elegant privet hedges, and a very large Rookery, a large Dove Cote, etc. etc., Stables, outbuildings, etc. etc. etc.⁶

In a footnote to the text, the editor, Mr R. E. Leader, who had 'some difficulty in restraining a pen trained in journalist traditions, from interference with many sentences which might have been more clearly expressed but...[who deemed it] better to retain quaint language reflecting the manner in which those of the author's class would talk' commented that

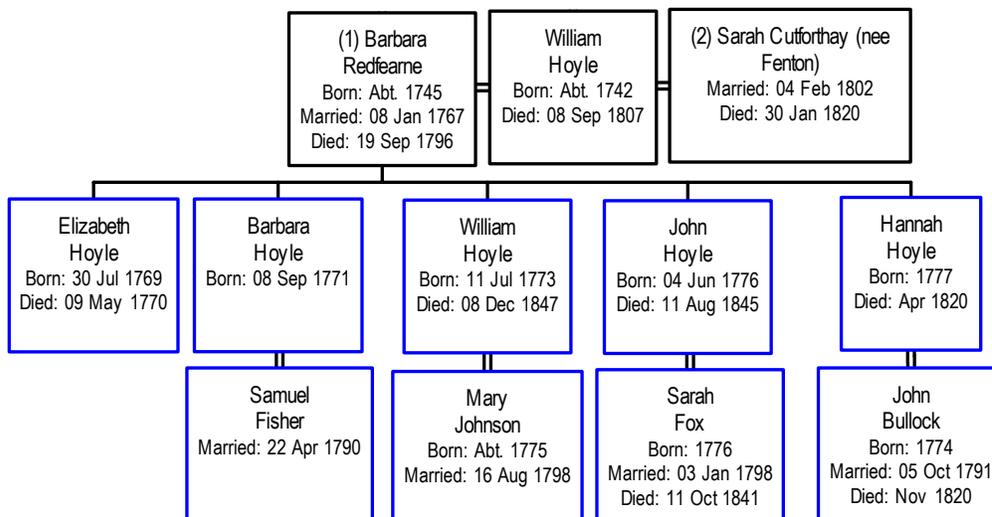
Mr. William Hoyle, attorney and Clerk to the Cutlers' Company from 1777 to 1792, married a daughter of John Redfearn whose wife was a Fretwell of Hooton Levett. Hoyle succeeded to Redfearn's practice and house, which latter is sometimes described as at Portmahon, at others as Netherthorpe. Portmahon has fallen into disuse, surviving in little more than the name of a Baptist Chapel. The position of Netherthorpe, the antithesis of Upperthorpe, is indicated by Netherthorpe Place. The house stood at the present corner of Hoyle Street and Meadow Street, the entrance to its grounds being in Burnt Tree Lane, which curved round them.

At the time of Joseph Woodhouse's recollections William Hoyle was a widower. Barbara Hoyle (née Redfearne) had died on 10th September 1796 at the age of 49. In 1802 William married for the second time and, apart from gaining a new wife, he also acquired more property – an estate and a mansion, Aughton Hall, a seat of the Cutforthay family near Rotherham. The marriage between William Hoyle and Sarah Cutforthay took place on 2nd February 1802 at Saint Peter's Cathedral, Sheffield. This was the second marriage for both partners. Sarah, the daughter of William Fenton of Carr House, Rotherham, had previously been married to Robert Cutforthay, a brandy and wine merchant of Rotherham, of Aughton Hall, who had died on 31st March 1799. Robert was a son of John Cutforthay (1715-1780) and Jane (née) Steer (1816/17 to 1792). John Cutforthay was, like his son Robert, a wine merchant and he was also a surgeon, and was a well known Rotherham character. An imposing man, he stood at 6' 3" and weighed 40 stones. According to folklore, on his death, a hook and pulley was fastened to the roof of the Parish Church in order to assist in the lowering of his coffin into its grave in the north aisle.⁷

William and Sarah were married for just less than six years when William died on 8 September 1807. Sarah outlived her husband by just over twelve years, and died on 30th January 1820.

In 1806 William Hoyle had drawn up his last Will and Testament. I am having some difficulty in transcribing the document and, while more deciphering work needs to be done (denoted by the frequent use of the letter X), I have included the transcription in its current state as it reveals much of William's business dealings, his real estate holdings and personal property, and his intentions as to how the sole Executor, his son William Hoyle, was to

administer the estate and the bequests to various family members, most of whom feature on the following chart.⁸



To get a sense of the approximate value of William Hoyle's estate, £1 in 1810 would have had the same spending worth as £33.96 in 2010 terms. To assist with making sense of the document I have divided it up into paragraphs.

This is the last Will and Testament of Mr William Hoyle late of Sheffield in the County of York but now of Aughton in the parish of Aston in the said County Gentleman made this thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six in manner following that is to say

I do give and devise unto my Son William Hoyle and to my Friend Thomas Evans the younger of Dore House in the parish of Handsworth in the county of York Gentleman their heirs and assigns all and every my Messuages Mills(?) Farms Lands Tenements XXX and appurtenances situate and being at Hooton Levett in the parish of Maltby in the county of York and also my copyhold close or parcel(?) of land situate and being within the Manor of Slade Hooton in the parish of Laughton in Le Morthen in the said county of York to hold(?) to them the said William Hoyle and Thomas Ward their heirs and assigns for ever in trust nonetheless as(?) to the Estate of the said Thomas Ward and his Heirs to and for the use and behoof of my said Son William Hoyle his heirs and assigns forever

Also I do give and devise unto my son John Hoyle and the said Thomas Ward the younger their heirs and assigns forever all my Messuages and Lands called Kitson's Lands otherwise Netherthorpe situate and being within the Township of Sheffield aforesaid late in the occupation of myself Mr George Newton John XXX and John Finningley and also the Close and Lands there lately purchased by me of the trustees of XXX the Duke of Norfolk with their and every of their apperts (appurtenances?) and also all the Land and Grounds in Sheffield aforesaid which I purchased of William WallXXX with all the buildings XXX thereon and all the Rents XXX made payable out of the same now set out into streets and called Marton(?) Street and Well Street and also that part of the said(?) Land which I purchased of Samuel Glossop with all the houses and buildings which have been made thereon and also all that Messuage or dwelling house with all the workshops Buildings vacant Ground and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate opposite the Angel Inn in Sheffield aforesaid lately rented and held(?) of me by Mr George XXX and his XXX copartners and now in the occupation of Mr John Onslow(?) to hold to them the said John Hoyle and Thomas Ward their heirs or assigns for ever in Trust nevertheless as to the Estate of said Thomas Ward his Heirs or assigns to and for the use and behoof of my said son John Hoyle his heirs and assignees for ever⁹

Also I do give and bequeath to my said son John Hoyle his Executors and Admons my two pews in the Church or Chapel of St James in Sheffield for all my term and Interest therein

Also I give and bequeath to my said sons William Hoyle and John Hoyle their Executors and Admons the sum of seven thousand Capital Stock now vested in me in the XXX XXX Consolidated annuities transferrable out(?) the Bank of England which produce dividends payable half yearly to the amount of two hundred and ten pounds per annum in Trust to XXX the said Dividends from time to time as they should become due and to pay one moiety or half part of them into the hands of my Daughter Barbara the wife of Samuel Fisher for and during the term of her natural life for her own sole and separate use not subject to the control or direction of her husband nor liable to the payment of his Debts or engagements and her receipt alone notwithstanding her coverture shall be a good discharge for the same and from and after her decease to sell and dispose of one moiety or half part of the said Stock (viz) three thousand five hundred pounds thereof and divide the money arising therefrom amongst all the children of my said daughter Barbara which shall be then living share and share alike provided such children shall have attained the age of twenty one years but if not of that age then in Trust to pay and apply the Dividends of the

said moiety or to make sale of so much of the said moiety of Stock as they my said Sons or the Survivor of them his Executors or Admons shall think fit and apply the money thereby arising in and about the maintenance education and putting out apprentice or otherwise for the benefit of the said children and all the residue of the money to arise from the sale of the remainder of the said moiety to pay to such of the said children as shall live to attain the said age but in case all the said children shall happen to die before they attain the said age then I direct my said Sons to retain and keep the Residue of the said moiety of the said Stock to their own use on further Trust that they my said Sons their Executors and Admons XXX and shall pay the other moiety or half part of the said Dividends of the said Seven Thousand pounds Capital Stock into the hands of my daughter Hannah the wife of John Bullock for and during the term of her natural life for her own and sole and separate use not subject to the control or direction of her husband nor liable to the payment of any of his debts or engagements and her receipt alone notwithstanding her Coverture shall be a good discharge for the same from and after the decease of my said daughter Hannah to sell and dispose of the said other moiety or half part of the said Stock and divide the money arising therefrom among all the children of my said Daughter Hannah which shall be then living share and share alike provided such children shall have attained the age of twenty one years but if not of that age then in Trust to pay and apply the Dividends of the said last mentioned moiety or to make sale of so much of the said moiety of Stock as they my said Sons or the Survivor of them his Executors or Admons shall think fit and apply the money thereby arising in and about the maintenance and education and putting out apprentice or otherwise for the benefit of the said children and all the Residue of the money to arise from the sale of the Remainder of the said Moiety to pay to such of the said children as shall live to attain the said age but in case all the said children shall happen to die before they attain the said age then I direct my said sons to retain and keep the Residue of the said moiety of the said Stock to their own use and I so will and direct that no part of the said moiety of the Dividends of the said Stock shall be paid to my said Daughter Hannah or her children until her husband the said John Bullock shall have XXX with and paid to my Executor or given him satisfactory Security for the sum of one thousand pounds now owing from the said John Bullock from rent on his Bond and Mortgage XXX one half of all the interest arrear(?) and due for the same

And I so authorise and direct my said Sons their Executors and Admons to deduct and retain out of the money arising from the sale of the said Stock and the Dividends thereof all such Costs Charges and Expenses as they or either of them shall from time to time be put to in or about the Execution of the Trust hereby XXX in them and in any wise concerning the same and that they shall not be answerable one for the other nor for any loss or losses without their wilful default

And whereas on or about the fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two I married and took to wife Sarah Cutforthay of Aughton aforesaid widow and previous to our marriage I did settle a messuage and lands by me then lately purchased situate in Aughton aforesaid for the use of myself for life then to her my said wife for her jointure and in lieu of Dower out of all my Estate with Remainder to my right heirs and she did also settle and convey a Messuage and Lands and all her Estate in Aughton aforesaid to the use of me for my life and then for her life with Remainder to my right heirs and she did also transfer to me and my Heirs two of the one hundred and fifty shares in the undertaking of the Navigation of the River Dun above and below XXX XXX to me and my Heirs in Trust for her until the solemnization of our marriage and from and after the solemnization thereof to the use of me and my Heirs for ever

And I did covenant and agree that in case she survived me my Heirs Executors and Admons should pay and allow to her during her natural life all the Dividends and profits which after my decease should arise from the said two shares and I did also agree that I or my Heirs and Executors should pay such sum or sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the sum of five hundred pounds unto such person and persons and in such parts shares and proportions as she should by her Will direct appoint give or bequeath the same to be paid at the end of six months next after my decease provided that She my said Wife should die in my life time

Now I the said William Hoyle do hereby Confirm the settlement so made on my said wife and I do give and bequeath to her my said wife the sum of one hundred pounds to be paid to her within one month after my decease also her gold watch and the jewels or ornaments of her person and all the wine and other liquors in my House at Aughton at the time of my decease

And I do give and bequeath to my said Son William Hoyle his Executors and Admons the Household Goods Furniture China plate and Book Cases in the Library Linen Farming Utensils Cattle and Sheep at Aughton and all the Corn and Hay and growing Crop upon the farm there in Trust to permit my said wife to have the use of the same (except that China plate and Furniture which I brought from Sheffield and my Desks Books and Book Cases with Deeds XXX which I intend my said son to take immediately) for and during the time of her natural life if she XXX continue the possession of the House and Farm at Aughton She leaving the same of equal value at the time of her decease and at her decease I direct my Son William to give and deliver to my Son John the Silver plate and China I brought from Sheffield

And subject to the life(?) estate of my said wife and the Legacies Charged on the Land given to her by the Will of the late Mr Cutforthay I so give and devise to my said Son William Hoyle his Heirs and Assigns for ever all and every my

Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments situate in Aughton and the parish of Aston aforesaid with the three pews in the Church of Aston and all other the appurtenances belonging to the same XXX my said Son William paying the said five hundred pounds or so much thereof as my said wife shall by her will dispose of six months after her decease

And I do give and devise to my said Son William Hoyle his Heirs and Assigns for ever one of the one hundred and fifty of the undertaking of the navigation of the River Dun he paying the Dividends and Profits thereof as the same shall be received to my said wife during her natural life And I so give and devise to my said Son John Hoyle his Heirs and Assigns for ever my other of the one hundred and fifty shares of the said undertaking of the navigation of the River Dun he also paying the Dividends and Profits thereof as the same shall be received to my said wife during her natural life and in case my said Sons shall neglect to pay the said Dividends within fourteen days after receiving the same I do empower my wife to receive the same from the Treasurer of the said Navigation in future during her natural life

And I so will and direct my said Son William Hoyle His Executors or Admons to pay to my said wife the Interest of two thousand and eight hundred pounds owing to me from Mr William Wasteneys of Rotherham on mortgage of his Estate there during her natural life and the same shall be received from him or from any other Security for that Money if necessary to be called in and XXX out again and that that money of the Legacies then payable by the will of the late Mr Robert Cutforthay and that the Remainder be made up by my said Son William out of the Residue of my personal Estate but in case my said wife shall not conform to and confirm this my Will in every respect then I do revoke the Direction for payment of five hundred pounds or so much thereof as she shall dispose of by her Will at the end of six months after her decease and also the Direction for payment of the Interest to her of the said two thousand and eight hundred pounds owing to me on Mr Wasteneys's Mortgage during her life and I will and direct that those Directions shall become null and void and my said Son William shall apply the said five hundred pounds and the Interest of the said two thousand and eight hundred pounds in making good any deficiency or loss my Legatees(?) or any of them may sustain by or through the Interest or XXX of my wife or her refusal or neglect to confirm my intentions¹⁰

Also I do give and bequeath to my Son John Hoyle the sum of nine(?) hundred and fifty pounds principal and interest owing to me upon Mortgage and Bond from John Lewis(?) of Sheffield aforesaid Cutler and all the Interest in arrear thereon and direct my Executor to take all necessary steps for recovery thereof

And whereas I am entitled in right of my said wife six Shares in the Dearn and Dove Canal Navigation and two Shares in the Stainforth and Keadby Canal Navigation to which I have paid a great sum of money towards the making of the said navigation and I do intend to transfer the said Shares to my said Son William Hoyle to hold to him his Executors and Admons in Trust for me or as I shall direct but in case I should omit to make the said Transfers I do hereby desire and direct my said wife to make the same after my decease as soon as possible so that they may go as follows viz¹¹

I do give and bequeath two Shares No 193, 194 in the said Dearn and Dove Canal navigation to my said Son William Hoyle his Executors and Admons for his own use two other Shares No 195, 528 in the same Canal to my Son John Hoyle his Executors and Admons one Share No 529 in the same Canal to my said Son William Hoyle his Executors and Administrators in Trust for the sole use and benefit of my Daughter Barbara and the Share No 530 in the same Canal to my said Son William his Executors and Admons in Trust for the sole use and benefit of my Daughter Hannah the profit to be paid them respectively for life and the Shares at their decease transferred as they shall by their respective Wills direct and the said Shares in the Stainforth and Keadby Canal one Share No 64 shall be vested in my said Son William in Trust for my Grandson Samuel Fisher his Executors and Admons to be transferred to him when of age and one other Share No 65 shall be vested in my said son William in Trust for my Grandson John Swan[n] Bullock his Executors and Admons to be transferred to him when of age

Also I do give and devise unto my Sister Nancy Fisher of the City of York Widow her Heirs and Assigns for ever all my part and share of the Manor of Guiseley in the County of York and all my Messuages Lands and Hereditaments there situate with each and every of their appurtenances to hold for her my said Sister her Heirs and Assigns for ever not doubting that in the disposal thereof she will pay regard and attention to her Daughter late Mary Fisher now the wife of Matthew Blenkarn

Also I do so give and bequeath to my Daughters Barbara and Hannah the sum of twenty pounds each for their own sole and separate use to be paid into their hands by my Executors within one month after my decease and their own use to XXX XXX a good discharge for the same

Also I do give and bequeath to the children of my Daughter Barbara (except Samuel to whom I have given a share of the Stainforth and Keadby Canal) the sum of fifty pounds each when and as they shall severally attain their respective ages of twenty one years and to the children of my Daughter Hannah (except for John Swan[n] the Eldest to whom I have given also a share of the Stainforth and Keadby Canal) the sum of fifty pounds each when and as they shall severally attain their respective ages of twenty one years but in case any of the said children shall happen

to die before he or she shall attain the said age I so direct that the Legacy of him her or them so dying shall merge and sink into my personal Estate and not be payable

Also I do give to my said Sister Nancy Fisher ten Guineas for XXX for herself and her Daughter

Also I do give and bequeath to my late wife's Sister Elizabeth Doughty and her Daughters Margaret and Barbara the sum of twenty pounds each to be paid within twelve months after my decease¹²

Also I do so give to my friend Mr Thomas Ward the younger two guineas for a ----- Ring

Also I do give and bequeath to the Trustees of the General Infirmary in Sheffield the Sum of ten pounds to the Trustees of the Charity School for poor boys in Sheffield ten pounds and the like sum of ten pounds to the Trustees of the Charity School for poor Girls in Sheffield to be paid to the respective Treasurers for the benefit of the said several Charities

All the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Goods Chattels Money out at Interest and all other my personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever after payment of my Just Debts Legacies and Funeral Expenses and the expenses of proving and registering this my Will I do give and bequeath to my Son William Hoyle his Executors and Admons for his and their own use and do hereby make ordain constitute and appoint him my said Son William Hoyle Sole Executor of this my Will hereby revoking all former Wills by me made

In witness whereof I the said William Hoyle the Testator have to this my Will contained in seven sheets of paper put my hand and Seal (that is to say) my hand to the bottom of the first six sheets thereof and my hand and Seal to the seventh or last Sheet thereof the day and year first within written – W Hoyle (XX) – Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said William Hoyle the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament In the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other – Henry Watkins Thos Wright John Batty junr

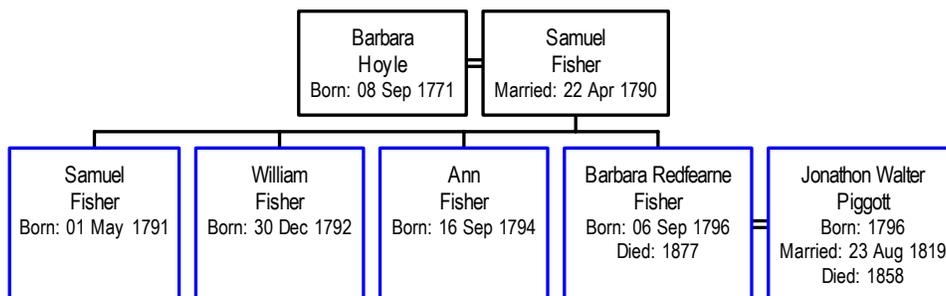
THIS WILL was proved at London the seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven before the Right Honorable Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully so constituted by the Oath of William Hoyle the Son of the deceased and the sole Executor named in the said Will to whom administration of all and Singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased was granted he having been first sworn (by Commission) duly to administer

With reference to the above Will, and before proceeding with William Hoyle junior, I have included a brief account of his siblings Barbara, John and Hannah, and his aunt Nancy Hoyle.

Barbara Hoyle

William's elder sister Barbara Hoyle was 18 when she married Samuel Fisher at St Peter's Cathedral on 22nd April 1790. From her father's Will she was to receive £210 per annum from the capital stock dividends and, after her death, half of the principal, that is £3,500 was to be divided equally between her children. In addition, one share (No 529) was allocated, in Trust, for Barbara's 'sole use and benefit'. Finally, and within one month of her father's death, Barbara was to receive £20.¹³

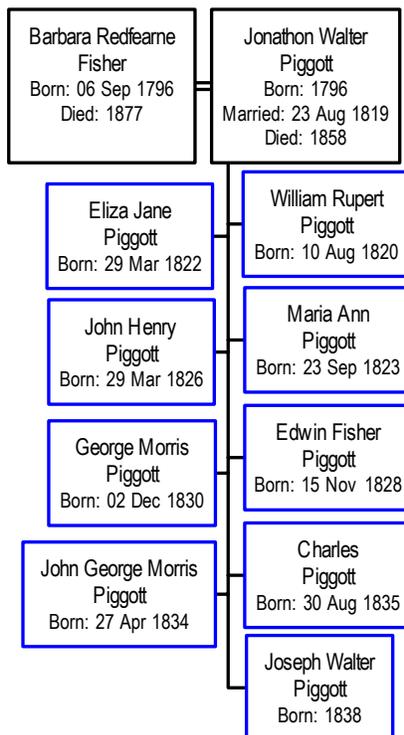
Barbara and Samuel had four children all of whom were baptised at St Peter's Cathedral, Sheffield. The first born was Samuel, born on 1st May 1791 and baptised on 27th May that year. He was followed by William Fisher, born 30th December 1792 and baptised on 31 January 1793, Ann Fisher, born 16th September 1794 and baptised 16th October 1794, and Barbara Redfearne Fisher, born on 6th and baptised on 17th September 1796. So, when their grandfather died, the Fisher children would have been 16, 14, 13 and 11 and would therefore have had to wait some time before receiving any benefit from the Will. Samuel junior, presumably because he was the eldest, was to receive special attention – and was to have Share No 64 in the Stainforth and Keadby Canal transferred to him 'when of age'. The other children were to receive £50 each 'when and as they shall severally attain their respective ages of twenty one years'. The following family tree is at variance with the Hoyle/Fisher listing of Burkes account (refer to page 1).¹⁴



More work needs to be done in following up on Barbara and Samuel and their children. For instance, what was Samuel's occupation, where did the family live, and when did the parents die?

I have found nothing further for Samuel Fisher junior and Ann Fisher but William Fisher may be one and the same as the 1851 census record of 58 year old William Fisher, born in Sheffield but then a solicitor in practice at Grays Inn, married to Margaret, and with a daughter Elizabeth – but this is speculative.¹⁵

We have a little more information for the younger of the two daughters. At the respective ages of 23 and 21, Jonathon Walter Piggott, a lace manufacturer who hailed from Warwickshire, and Barbara Redfearn Fisher were married at Sheffield on 23rd August 1819. Their eldest son, William Rupert Piggott, was born on 10th August 1820 and baptised at the Parish of St Andrew, Holborn on 15th November of that year. They went on to have eight more children all born in London between 1822 and 1838, two daughters Eliza Jane and Maria Ann, and six sons, John Henry, Edwin Fisher, George Morris, John George Morris, Charles and Joseph Walter. The death of Jonathon Walter Piggott was registered at Islington for the Oct-Dec quarter of 1858. Barbara was a widow for nearly twenty years, and her death was registered at Islington for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1877.¹⁶



While William Hoyle junior was the principal beneficiary of his father's estate, his young brother John (and on his death, his heirs) was well provided for.

John Hoyle

Together with Thomas Ward the younger, John was bequeathed property and land in Netherthorpe and Sheffield. In his own right John acquired two pews in the Chapel of St James, Sheffield. After the death of his step-mother Sarah Hoyle (formerly Cutforthay), John was to receive the silver plate and china that his father had brought to Hooten Levitt from his previous home at Sheffield. Both John and his brother were to have 150 shares each in 'the undertaking of the navigation of the River Dun' but the dividends would continue to be paid to their step-mother during her lifetime, and additionally two shares in the Dearne and Dove Canal Navigation. John was to receive the £950 principal and interest for a bond and mortgage, taken out by a Sheffield cutler, plus interest in arrears, and William, as Executor, was directed to effect their recovery.

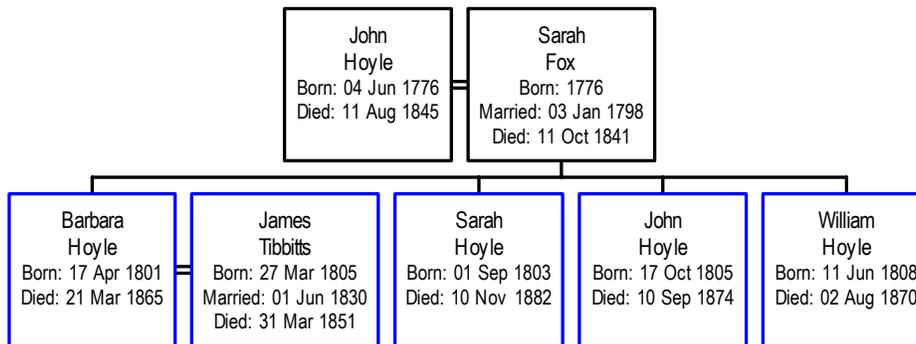
John was 21 when he married Sarah Fox, daughter of William Fox, at Sheffield on 4th January 1798. John and Sarah had four children, one of whom was born after William Hoyle's death. In order, the children were Barbara, born 17th April 1801, Sarah, born 1st September 1803, John, born 17th October 1805 and William, born 1808, and all were christened at St Peter's Cathedral, Sheffield. The June 1841 census (with the surname transcribed as Hayle) finds John and Sarah and three of their children living at Meadow Street, Sheffield.¹⁷

The Hoyle Connections

John Hoyle	60	Ind
Sarah Hoyle	65	
Sarah Hoyle	35	
John Hoyle	32	
Wm Hoyle	30	

Within a few months, wife and mother, Sarah Hoyle died on 11th October. John lived for a few more years, dying at Netherthorpe in 1845. His estate was to be administered by his two sons, but for some reason they failed to discharge this duty. It was some 30 years later in 1875 that probate was granted.¹⁸

HOYLE John Effects under £4,000	15 April. Administration (with the Will) of the effects of John Hoyle late of Netherthorpe in the Township and Parish of Sheffield in the County of York Gentleman who died 11 August 1845 at Netherthorpe left unadministered by John Hoyle and William Hoyle the Sons the Executors was granted at the Principal Registry to William Fox Tibbitts of Sheffield one of the Executors of the Will of the said William Hoyle. Former Grant Prerogative Court of York November 1845.
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Sarah, John and William Hoyle did not marry. I am not sure where William was for the 1851 census, but his brother and sister were in the family home in Meadow Street, and had a young visitor staying with them.¹⁹

John Hoyle	Head	U	44	Landed Proprietor	Sheffield, Yorkshire
Sarah Hoyle	Sister	U	47		Sheffield, Yorkshire
Sarah Tibbitts	Niece	U	19		Sheffield, Yorkshire
Mary Hartle	Serv	U	22		Derbyshire

Ten years later, and all three of the Hoyle siblings are at Meadow Street for the April 1861 census, and this time the household included two different Tibbitts.²⁰

John Hoyle	Head	U	54	Landed Proprietor	Sheffield, Yorkshire
William Hoyle	Brother	U	52	Landed Proprietor	Sheffield, Yorkshire
Sarah Hoyle	Sister	U	57	Proprietor of Ground Rents	Sheffield, Yorkshire
Barbara Tibbitts	Sister	W	59	Proprietor of Ground Rents	Sheffield, Yorkshire
William Tibbitts	Nephew	U	19	Solicitors Articled Clerk	Sheffield, Yorkshire

Before looking at the Tibbitts in more detail, I will complete the records for the Hoyles of the above census listing. The youngest was the first to go. He died at the age of 62.²¹

HOYLE William Effects under £12,000	8 September The Will of William Hoyle late of Sheffield in the County of York Gentleman deceased who died 1 August 1870 at Sheffield aforesaid was proved at Wakefield by the oaths of William Fox Tibbitts of Sheffield aforesaid Gentleman the Nephew and William Kirk of Sheffield aforesaid Gentleman two of the Executors.
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John and Sarah, and their nephew, were at the family home when the census was conducted on 3rd April 1881.²²

John Hoyle	Head	U	64	Landowner	Sheffield, Yorkshire
Sarah Hoyle	Sister	U	57	From Ground Rents	Sheffield, Yorkshire
William Tibbitts	Nephew	U	29	Solicitor	Sheffield, Yorkshire

John Hoyle did not make it to the next census. He died just short of his 81st birthday. Unlike his brother William, he

did not elect to have his nephew administer his estate.²³

HOYLE John Effects under £30,000	24 October Administration of the effects of John Hoyle late of Meadow-street Sheffield in the County of York Gentleman a Bachelor who died 10 September 1874 at Meadow-street was granted at Wakefield to Sarah Hoyle of Meadow-street Spinster the Sister and only next of Next of Kin.
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The last of the Hoyle trio, Sarah, lived long enough to be included in the 1881 census, living alone at the family home with the assistance of Jesse Bartholomew a domestic servant. Just over 18 months later, at the age of 90, Sarah died at home.²⁴

HOYLE Sarah Personal Estate £15,885 5s 5d	12 December The Will of Sarah Hoyle late of Netherthorpe Sheffield in the County of York Spinster who died 16 November 1882 at Netherthorpe was proved at Wakefield by William Fox Tibbitts of Netherthorpe Gentleman the Nephew the sole Executor.
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From the above, we know that Barbara, the eldest daughter of John and Sarah Hoyle, was the only one of the children to marry and that her married name was Tibbitts. The marriage between James Tibbitts and Barbara Hoyle took place on 1st June 1830. James was a son of Thomas Tibbitts and his wife Hannah (née Fox) and he was born on 27th March 1805 and baptised at St Peter's Cathedral a few weeks later on 24th April. James and Barbara, together with a daughter, were living at Westbar, Sheffield for the 1841 census. I am not sure what James actually did for a living, but I would guess that 'making marks' was a process involved in the whitesmith trade.²⁵

James Tibbitts	35	Mark Maker
Barbara Tibbitts	35	
Sarah Tibbitts	9	

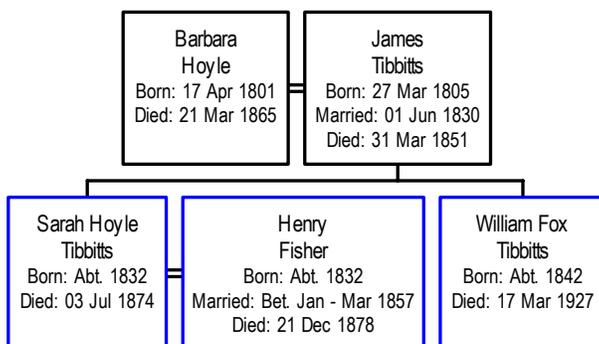
The 1851 census records the family at 22 West Bar, but with James's widowed mother as the head of the household. As previously noted, daughter Sarah was staying with her uncles and aunt, but a son has been added to the Tibbitts' family.²⁶

Hannah Tibbitts	Head	W	80	Owner of Houses	Sheffield, Yorkshire
James Tibbitts	Son	M	45		Sheffield, Yorkshire
Barbara Tibbitts	Wife	M	49		Sheffield, Yorkshire
William Tibbitts	Son	U	9		Sheffield, Yorkshire
Ellen Carnell	Serv	U	21	House Servant	Derbyshire

Ten years later, as noted above, both Barbara and William Tibbitts were at 77 Meadow Street, Sheffield, and Barbara was by then a widow. I wonder if James was not a well man when the 1851 census was taken on 30th March, because no occupation is recorded against his name. He died the next day, and his death was registered at Sheffield for the Apr-Jun quarter 1851.²⁷

The 1871 probate notice for John Hoyle stated that his sister Sarah was his only next-of-kin. From the probate record we learn that, following the death of her husband, Barbara moved in with her siblings at 77 Meadows Street, and it was there that she died in 1865 just before her 64th birthday.²⁸

HOYLE Sarah Personal Estate £15,885 5s 5d	12 December The Will of Sarah Hoyle late of Netherthorpe Sheffield in the County of York Spinster who died 16 November 1882 at Netherthorpe was proved at Wakefield by William Fox Tibbitts of Netherthorpe Gentleman the Nephew the sole Executor.
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With the death of both his parents, as we have seen, William Fox Tibbitts continued to live with his uncles and aunt at 77 Meadow-street, where he remained after their deaths. He never married. However his sister did. The marriage between Sarah Hoyle Tibbitts and Henry Fisher was registered at Sheffield for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1857. For their first census together, in 1861, Henry and Sarah Fisher were living in Longley Lane, Sheffield.²⁹

Henry Fisher	Head	M	28	Metal Smith	Sheffield, Yorkshire
Sarah Fisher	Wife	M	28		Sheffield, Yorkshire
Margaret Fisher	Daur		8 mos		Sheffield, Yorkshire
Emma Fanshaw	Serv	U	31	Domestic Servant	Sheffield, Yorkshire
Mary Ann Scorah	Serv	U	17	Domestic Servant	Sheffield, Yorkshire

Another daughter had been born by the time of the 1871 census and the family had moved to the substantial Piper Hall, Brightside.³⁰

Henry Fisher	Head	M	38	Manufacturer	Sheffield, Yorkshire
Sarah Fisher	Wife	M	38		Sheffield, Yorkshire
Margaret Fisher	Daur		10		Sheffield, Yorkshire
Barbara Fisher	Daur		8		Sheffield, Yorkshire
Caroline Solloway	Serv	U	31	Domestic Servant	Worcestershire
Elizabeth Rathbone	Serv	U	18	Domestic Servant	Cheshire

Sarah would have been heavily pregnant when the census was taken as another daughter, Henrietta Sarah Fisher, was born in the summer of 1871.³¹

The lives of the family were to be turned upside-down in the next few years, starting with the death of Sarah Hoyle Fisher, registered not, as might be expected at Sheffield, but at Hackney, for the Jul-Sep quarter of 1874. She was only 42 when she died. The probate record reveals more.³²

FISHER Sarah Hoyle	7 October Administration of the effects of Sarah Hoyle Fisher (Wife of Fisher) late of Norwood Grange in the Parish of Sheffield in the County of York who died 3 July 1874 at Brook House Clapton in the County of Middlesex was granted at Wakefield to the said Henry Fisher of Norwood Grange.
Henry Effects under £2,000	

Although William Dickon Hoyle, in compiling his family trees, muddled the names of William Tibbitts and Sarah Tibbitts, he correctly described Henry Fisher as being of Norwood Grange. And as we can see, sometime between 1871 and 1874 the Fishers had taken up residence at the Grange. But all was not well with the Fishers, because Brooke House, where Sarah died, was a mental asylum. From the death certificate we find that Sarah Hoyle Fisher, the wife of Henry Fisher, manufacturer, died after having had pneumonia for six days. The informant, and presumably a member of the Brook House staff, was Louise Taylor. A sad and lonely death.³³

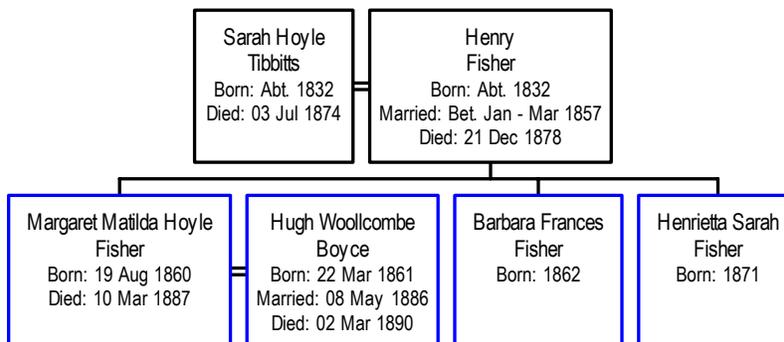
Brooke House in Upper Clapton in the borough of Hackney was originally known as the King's House, the estate having been taken over by Henry VIII, before being purchased by Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke in 1621. After 1724 the house became tenanted and in 1758 was modified by a lessee William Clarke who converted it into a private lunatic asylum. An 1867 report described Brooke House as a large and important establishment, comprising various detached houses and out-buildings, licensed for 39 patients of each sex, the majority of those received being of the middle and upper class. A further note made on 1st January 1874 recorded that the asylum was licensed to Dr H Munro and J O Adams FRCS for 78 patients but which then housed 37 males and 48 females, of whom 21 were found by inquisition to be lunatic.³⁴

So, sometime between the birth of her last child in mid-1871 and her death in July 1874, Sarah Hoyle Fisher was consigned to the asylum. A further blow to the family was death of Henry Fisher at the age of 46, as registered at Sheffield for the Oct-Dec quarter of 1878. The informant recorded on the death certificate was the ubiquitous W F Tibbitts, brother-in-law of the deceased, present at the death but whose home was 77 Meadow Street, Sheffield. Henry had been diagnosed with cirrhosis four months prior to his death and dropsy one month before he died. He was described as an electroplate manufacturer.³⁵

We have already noted that William Fox Tibbitts became very much involved in the family affairs of the Hoyles, and his responsibilities now extended to his Fisher relatives. His first duty was as an executor of Henry's substantial estate, proved in 1879.³⁶

FISHER Henry
Personal Estate under £140,000

24 February The Will with a Codicil of Henry Fisher late of Norwood Grange in the Parish of Sheffield in the county of York Plated Ware Manufacturer who died 21 December 1878 at Norwood Grange was proved at Wakefield by William Fox Tibbitts of 77 Meadow-street Sheffield Gentleman and Samuel Gray Richardson of Doncaster-street Sheffield Cutlery Manufacturer the Executors.



Although his home was at 77 Meadow Street, for the 1881 census Henry Fox Tibbitts was at Norwood Grange, and the head of the household which was listed as follows.³⁷

William Fox Tibbitts	Head	M	38	Solicitor	Sheffield, Yorkshire
Margaret M H Fisher	Niece	U	20		Sheffield, Yorkshire
Barbara F Fisher	Niece		18		Sheffield, Yorkshire
Henrietta S Fisher	Niece		9		Sheffield, Yorkshire

The rest of the household comprised a ladies' companion, a cook and two housemaids. The eldest Fisher daughter, Margaret, married Hugh Woolcombe Boyce, with the event being registered at St George Hanover Square in the Apr-Jun quarter of 1886. She probably got to know him when, as 2nd Lieutenant Hugh Boyce, 2/19th Regiment, the 1881 census listed him as stationed at Nether Hallam Barracks, Sheffield. Tragically Margaret died the following year, probably during birth or from post-natal complications.³⁸

BOYCE Margaret Matilda Hoyle
Estate £17,603 13s 3d

9 June The Will of Margaret Matilda Hoyle Boyce (Wife of Hugh Personal Woolcombe Boyce) late of Piercetown House Newbridge in the County of Kildare in Ireland who died 10 March 1887 at Piercetown House was proved at the Principal Registry by the said Hugh Woolcombe Boyce of Piercetown House Lieutenant in Her Majesty's 19th Regiment of Hussars the sole Executor.

Hugh Boyce died three years later, at St James' London, on 2nd March 1890, from injuries received the day before from a fall while riding in the March First Free Hunters Steeplechase, Sandown Park.³⁹

The last census record I have found for the younger sisters, Barbara and Henrietta, is that for 1891 when they were together at Greenmount, Southam, in Gloucestershire, both living on their own means. Included in their household is young Margery Barbara Boyce, their now orphaned 4 year old niece and daughter of Hugh and Margaret. I am not sure what happened to Barbara Frances Fisher, but she would have died some time before 1927. We know that Henrietta Sarah Fisher never married and was alive in 1927, as evidenced by the Will of her uncle William Fox Tibbitts.⁴⁰

William Tibbitts was back at home when the 1891 census was conducted. Also living with him was Annie Knowles, aged 23, housekeeper, and her 26 year old brother, William Knowles who was William Tibbitts' clerk. For the 1901 census William Knowles, solicitor's clerk, was recorded as the caretaker of 77 Meadow Street, and also in the house were Annie and another sister Isabella. At the same time William Tibbitts was a boarder at Bates Street, Nether Hallam, occupied by widow Mary Bardwell and her married daughter Mary Ibbotson, her son-on-law John and young Florence Ibbotson. It is not clear what William may have been doing there and whether he was a long-term boarder, or just happened to be there when the census collector came calling. However, by 1911 William Tibbitts now aged 69, his housekeeper Annie Elizabeth Knowles and his boarder and clerk, William Knowles were all back at 77 Meadow Street.⁴¹

The death of William Fox Tibbitts, at the age of 85 in March 1927 was registered at Ecclesall Bierlow. Probate on his estate was granted three months later.⁴²

TIBBITTS William Fox of 77 Meadow-street Sheffield died 17 March 1927 Probate London 15 June to Henrietta Sarah Fisher spinster. Effects £1522687 14s 8d. Resworn £1523892 10s 3d. Resworn £1523848 10s 11d

William died a very rich man. Not only was his an executor for the estates of his many of his relatives, but presumably was also a major beneficiary. An item in The Times is illuminating.⁴³

Estate Valued at £1,555,687

Details of the will of Mr. WILLIAM FOX TIBBITTS, solicitor, were published yesterday. Mr Tibbitts, who lived in a slum district of Sheffield, was the possessor of large blocks of property in the city and held a controlling interest in many industrial concerns. He has left property valued at £1,522,687, and it is estimated that the death duties will amount to between £500,000 and £600,000. He gives : -

To his clerk, William Knowles, £1,000; to his housekeeper Ann Elizabeth Knowles, £300; to his foreman, George Knowles, £100; and to the Sheffield Infirmary, £500.

The residue the property is left to his niece, Miss Henrietta Sarah Fisher, of Tunbridge Wells.

We know that the Hoyle money derived primarily from property, either inherited or acquired through investments, but where did the Fisher money come from? The clue lies in the National Archives summary of the Tibbitts collection, an extract of which reads⁴⁴

The heiress of W F Tibbitts was his niece, Miss Fisher, whose family were of the firm of Shaw and Fisher, Britannia metal manufacturers

Working backwards, we already have a reference in the probate record for Henry Fisher to his being a plated ware manufacturer. Going further back in time, and looking again at the 1861 census return for Henry and Sarah Fisher, we can see that living next door were Thomas Fisher, Manufacturer, aged 55 and his wife Margaret, aged 56, both born in Sheffield. A check on the 1841 census, for which I have not found Henry, shows Thomas and Margaret Fisher living at Howard Street, Sheffield, with Thomas's profession being 'Britannia Metal M'.⁴⁵

Shaw and Fisher was a prolific Sheffield electroplating company operating from 1830-1894 after which the company was taken over by James Deakin & Sons Ltd. The firm used the trade mark Brisbane Silver. Norwood Grange, which stood at the junction of Herries Road and Longley Lane was a gabled house built in the 1850s for Thomas Fisher, a partner in the Britannia metal company of Shaw and Fisher.⁴⁶



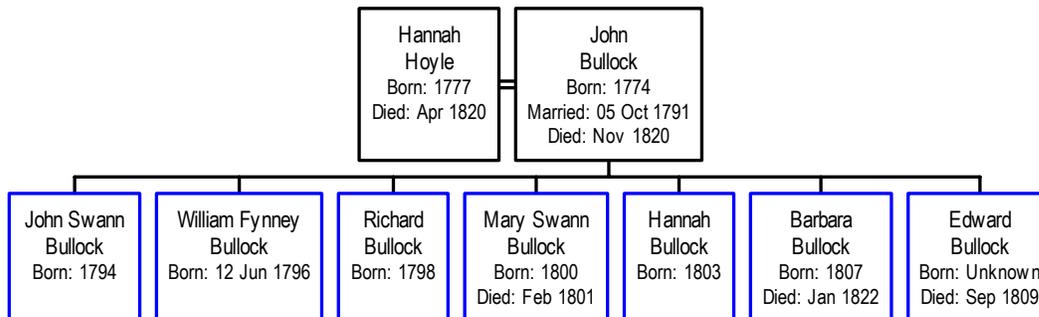
I have not found evidence to confirm the premise, but clearly Henry Fisher was related to Thomas Fisher, and may have been his son. Further, there was probably a link between another Thomas Fisher who, in 1764, married William Hoyle's sister Nancy (see below) and perhaps also with the Sarah Fox who married John Hoyle?

Hannah Hoyle

Hannah Hoyle was the youngest of the children of William and Barbara Hoyle. She was born in Sheffield in 1777 and, on 5th October 1793 at St Peter's Cathedral, she married John Bullock, gentleman of Ashford Hall and scion of one of the leading Derbyshire families. From the Will of William Hoyle we know they had a son, John Swann Bullock, who had siblings, not named in the Will. Family Search, the IGI, and Ashford in the Water records find at least six other children born to John and Hannah Bullock - three boys and three girls.⁴⁷

John Swann Bullock was baptised at St Peter's Cathedral on 15th August 1794, followed by William Fynney Bullock, born on 12th June 1796 and baptised three days later at St Peter's on 15th June. There is another record of baptism for a William Fynney Bullock – 27th July 1798 at Ashford in the Water, the same day as the other son Richard Bullock. The hasty first baptism, three days after his birth, may suggest that William was a sickly baby, not

expected to survive, but he did, and was 'done' a second time. Two of the identified daughters, both baptised at Ashford in the Water, were Hannah, 13th December 1803, and Barbara, 17th January 1807. The Ashford records include two burial records - for 10th February 1801, Mary Swann Bullock, child of John & Hannah age 9 months of Cliff End, and, for 15th September 1809, Edward Bullock, child of John & Hannah (but no age given). There are four more burial records which may relate to this family – 17th April 1820, Hannah Bullock aged 42, 13th November 1820, John Bullock, aged 46, 22nd January 1822, and Barbara Bullock aged 14 of Hurdlow. At this stage I know nothing more about the Bullock family. I have not cross checked these records, so the following family tree is speculative. Most of the dates refer to baptisms and burials rather than births and deaths.⁴⁸



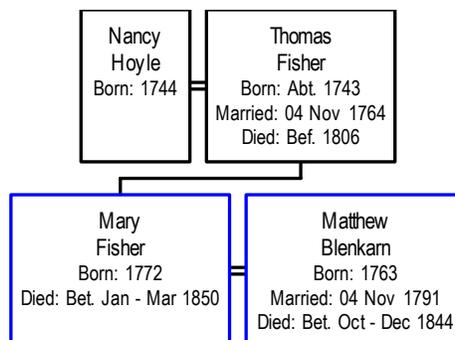
In his Will, William Hoyle provided equitably for his two daughters Barbara and Hannah. As for Barbara, Hannah was to receive £210 per annum from the capital stock dividends and, after her death, half of the principal, that is, £3,500 was to be divided equally between her children. However, William stipulated that none of the said moiety of the dividends was to be paid to Hannah or her children until her husband, John Bullock, had made satisfactory arrangements to clear the debts owing to his late father-in-law. Two shares in the Dearn and Dove Canal navigation were to be placed in trust, and the dividends to be paid to Hannah during her lifetime. The eldest Bullock grandson, John Swann was to receive one share in the Stainforth and Keadby Canal on his 21st birthday. Additionally, within one month of her father's death, Hannah was to receive £20, and her children, except John who had already been 'dealt with', were, on reaching their majority, were to receive £50 each.

Nancy Hoyle

Another person mentioned in William Hoyle's Will is his sister, Nancy, who was about two years his junior. At the age of 19 on the 11th November 1764 Nancy married yet another Fisher – Thomas Fisher - whose age on the marriage record was given as 21. Nancy's father, Nathan, was included in the record but there is no reference to the groom's father. In fact, according to the transcribed Guiseley Marriages 1754-1769, Nathan Hoyle was not only father of the bride but also one of the witnesses and the marriage took place under licence. This same record gives Thomas Fisher's occupation as excise officer.⁴⁹

Apart from bequeathing ten Guineas for Nancy and her daughter (each?), William gave to his sister, who at the time of the Will being drawn up was a widow, his share of the Manor of Guiseley and all his land and real estate property attaching to the Manor, with the notation that, in any disposal of the bequest, Nancy would have regard to her daughter, Mrs Matthew Blenkarn.

I do not know if Thomas and Nancy Fisher had any other children, but their daughter Mary was baptised on 13th March 1772 at Guiseley. At the age of 19, on 9th October 1791, she married Matthew Blenkarn at York. Matthew was a corn merchant and miller located at Walmgate, York.⁵⁰



Both Matthew and Mary were still alive when the June 1841 census was conducted. Living at Walmgate, in the York parish of St Margarets, they were listed as follows.⁵¹

Mathew Blenkarn	78	Ind
Mary Blenkarn	69	Wife
Elizabeth Blenkarn	25	Single Woman
Jane Blenkarn	20	Single Woman

However neither lived to be counted for the 1851 census. The death of Matthew Blenkarn was registered at York for the Oct-Dec quarter of 1844 and that of his widow Mary at York for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1850.⁵²

From the 1841 census return it seems that two daughters – Elizabeth and Jane - were born to Matthew and Mary, at quite a late stage in their marriage. The younger sister, Jane, married Martin Wales on 14th August 1846, and she and her husband were listed in the 1851 census.⁵³

Martin Wales	Head	M	29	Coach builder employing 15 men	City of York
Jane Wales	Wife	M	34		City of York

Martin Wales, born on 29th September 1821, was a son of Thomas Brearey Wales and Eleanor Stoker. The Wales family was well established as coachbuilders in York. There were no children from the marriage, which ended prematurely with the death of Martin Wales in 1854.⁵⁴

I have not located Elizabeth in the 1851 census, but she (surname transcribed as Blenkorn) and her now widowed sister were living together at 91 Union Terrace.⁵⁵

Jane Wales	Head	W	43	Fund Holder	York
Elizabeth Blenkarn	Sister	U	48		York

Neither sister has been found for the 1871 census and, before the 1881 census was conducted, both had died. Jane aged 58 in 1875 and her sister aged 67 in 1877, and both left wills.⁵⁶

WALES Jane
Effects under £1,000

13 November the Will of Jane Wales late of Union-terrace in the City of York Widow who died 24 September 1875 at Union-terrace was proved at York by Elizabeth Blenkarn of Union-terrace Spinster the Sister the sole Executrix.

BLANKARN Elizabeth
Effects under £3,000

20 December the Will of Elizabeth Blenkarn late of 91 Union-terrace in the City of York Spinster who died on 26 November 1877 at 91 Union-terrace was proved at York by William Barker of Beech-grove Otley in the County of York Tanner and Currier and James Walton of Skellbrook Villa in the City of Ripon Collector of Inland Revenue the Nephew the Executors.

The reference to a nephew, James Walton, indicates that Matthew and Mary Blenkarn had at least one other child who would have been James's parent, and more than likely his mother. I have traced James Walton back to the 1841 census, at which time he was married to a woman named Sarah and had two children, Thomas and Sarah. Frustratingly I have not been able to find a marriage record for James and Sarah, and so have not established her maiden name. Later census records – 1851 and 1861 in Scotland, and 1871 and 1881 in Ripon – give no further clues, except to record that James and Sarah had two more daughters, that Sarah died sometime between 1861 and 1871, during which time James remarried a woman Mary, born in Scotland, and that James died at Ripon on 2nd January 1885. What we do learn from all these records is that James was born about 1817, about the same time as his presumably other aunt, Jane Blenkarn.⁵⁷

A check on the Family Search website records brings up a number of children born to a Matthew Blenkarn, with some of these records listing the mother as Mary (with one, William Blenkarn, citing the mother as Sarah). Leaving aside young William, we have the following.⁵⁸

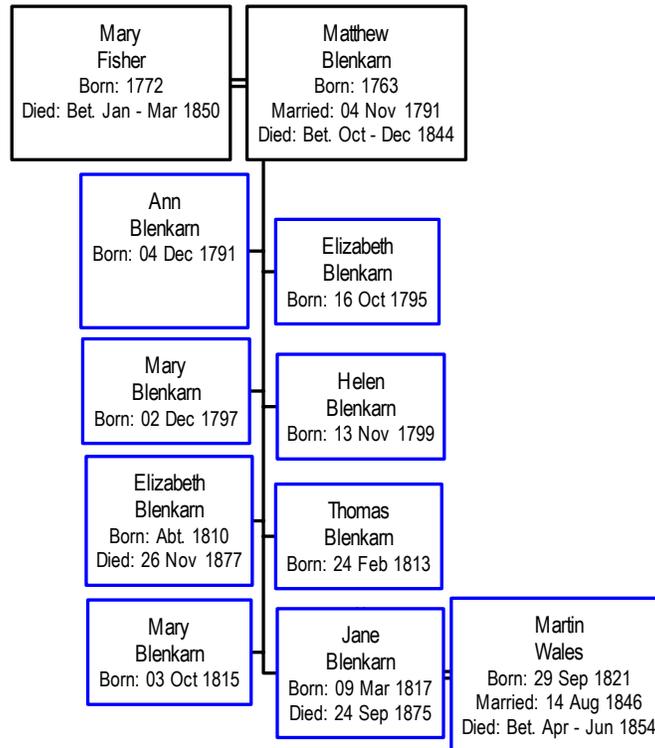
Name	Bap Date	Place	Parents	Comment
Ann	4 Dec 1791	Guiseley	Matthew	Matthew & Mary married Nov 1791
Elizabeth	16 Oct 1795	St Margaret, York	Matthew	
Mary	2 Dec 1797	St Margaret, York	Matthew	
Helen	14 Nov 1799	St Margaret, York	Matthew	Born 13 Nov 1799
Thomas	24 Feb 1813	St Margaret, York	Matthew and Mary	

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Mary	3 Oct 1815	St Margaret, York	Matthew and Mary
Jane	9 Mar 1817	St Margaret, York	Matthew and Mary

The list above does not include Elizabeth Blenkarn, who from her stated age at death – 67 – and the census returns would have been born about 1810. If all the children above were born to Matthew and Mary, the first Elizabeth would probably have died young. And if one of the girls was the mother of James Walton, it could have been any of the first three.

Noting that nothing further has been found to confirm whether all these children 'belonged' to Matthew and Mary, the following family tree needs to be treated with some caution.



Having spent some time with the immediate family of William Hoyle (c1842-1807), it is with his elder son and heir, William Hoyle (1773-1847), and grandson of John Fretwell of Hooton Levitt, that we now continue this account.



Notes

¹ Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Landed Gentry of Great Britain and Ireland, Sir Bernard Burke, 4th Edition, 1862, Part 1, pp730-31; it should be noted that this pedigree differs in some respects to a paper 'Memoranda of the Families of Hoyle and Milward' written by William Dickon Hoyle in August 1882 – copy on file – it should be noted that the Dickon information is not always accurate and the paper should, therefore, be treated with some discretion; much of the information for the Introduction and Generations 1 and 2 of this account is sourced from a document Pedigree of Hoyle, of Hooton Levet Hall which was also drawn up by William Dickon Hoyle. William Dickon Hoyle was a son of Robert Cutforthay Hoyle, and grandson of William Hoyle.

² IGI Individual Record Batch No M007493 and Batch No C009943; Illingworth is one of the outlying Halifax villages which in the course of time and urban expansion has become a suburb of Halifax.

³ IGI Individual Record Batch No M007756; of interest is that that Margaret Frecheville, wife of Peter Frecheville I, was the co-founder of the Netherthorpe Free Grammar School.

⁴ IGI Individual Record Batch No C150531.

⁵ A Description of the Town of Sheffield in my remembrance wrote in the year 1832 at the time the Cholera was raging in Sheffield, by Joseph Woolhouse, edited by R. E. Leader, and which was published in the Transactions of the Hunter Archaeological Society. The original work consisted of five parts, written upon foolscap paper and wrapped up in brown paper. Apparently they were written when Woolhouse was in reduced circumstances and he lent them for a small charge of those were interested, or read them aloud in various public houses in the town.

⁶ I have found nothing to explain why John Redfearn was named the Devil Redfearn.

⁷ IGI Individual Record Batch No M007758, Batch No M009072; Genuki Rotherham Parish MIs for unknown location; www.rotherhamweb.co.uk.

⁸ Public Record Office, The National Archives, Catalogue Reference:prob 11/1/468.

⁹ The managers of landed estates were among the first practitioners of town planning in Britain ... The land agents of the Dukes of Norfolk planned the supply of land to manufacturers in Sheffield and used leases to manipulate the character of their estate ... the agents had to encourage acquisitions, anticipate the infrastructure needs of tenants and the scale of development and attempt to maximize financial returns (Abstract, Planning industrial development - the Norfolk Estate, Sheffield, 1800-1914, Richard Thomas Simmons, Planning Perspectives, Volume 12, Issue 4 October 1997, pp-403-431).

¹⁰ This William Wasteneys was most likely the grandson of John Wasteneys (1677-1714) who, in 1697 at Norton, married Mary Fretwell, daughter of James Fretwell and Mary Beard.

¹¹ The Stainforth & Keadby Canal was authorised in 1793 and opened in 1802; an account of the construction of the Dearn and Dove Canal is given in the section dealing with William Hoyle junior.

¹² Elizabeth Redfearn who married John Doughty.

¹³ IGI Individual Record Batch No M 007758; note – the charts prepared by William Dickon Hoyle have Barbara's husband as William Fisher, Solicitor of Gainsborough.

¹⁴ IGI Individual Record Batch No J007758, K150551.

¹⁵ HO107/1513/27/p12.

¹⁶ Family Search England Marriages 1538-1973 – note the age given for Barbara suggests a birth year of 1898 which is in conflict with the IGI record, putting her birth year as 1796; the 1851 census shows Jonathon and Barbara living in Sussex Place, Islington (HO107/1502/522/p24). Jonathon Walter Piggott died in 1858 aged about 64, and Barbara Redfern Piggott died at the age of 80 in 1877 (FreeBMD Death Index 183701915).

¹⁷ Family Search England Marriages 1538-1973; IGI Individual Record Batch Nos 7903030, K 150552, C 007759, C 150521; HO107/1335/Book 9/10/p13.

¹⁸ FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1915; England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1861-1941.

¹⁹ HO107/2339/496/p6.

²⁰ RG9/3483/30/p1.

²¹ England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1861-1941.

²² RG10/4681/35/p1.

²³ England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1861-1941.

²⁴ RG11/4647/71/p4; England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1861-1941.

²⁵ Family Search England Marriages 1538-1973 – the Hoyle family pedigree gives the date of their marriage as 17 June; IGI Individual Record Batch No C 150521, 7831834; I wonder if Hannah Fox was related to Sarah Fox, Barbara's mother; HO107/1338/Book 1/ 37/p21 – a Hannah Philips is listed with the family, and this may have been a mistranscription for Hannah Tibbitts, James' mother - noting that Hannah was the head of the household when the 1851 census was taken.

²⁶ HO107/2338/46/p6.

²⁷ FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1915.

²⁸ England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1861-1941.

²⁹ RG9/3497/95/p24.

³⁰ RG10/4693/122/p35.

³¹ FreeBMD Birth Index 1837-1915.

³² FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1915; England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1861-1941.

³³ William Dickon Hoyle referred to William Tibbitts as William Hoyle Tibbitts, whereas in fact he was William Fox Tibbitts – and he could have been given his middle name for either of his grandmothers, both of whose maiden name was Fox - it was his sister who inherited the Hoyle name.

³⁴ Wikipedia; http://studymore.org.uk/3_06.htm#BrookeHouse; <http://bankbottom.pbworks.com/w/page/12929177/Brook-House>; the asylum continued to operate until it was bombed in 1940 and the surviving parts of the house were demolished in 1954; copy of Death Certificate DYC892036.

³⁵ FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1915; certified copy of Death Certificate DYC892076.

³⁶ England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1861-1941.

³⁷ RG11/4660/20/p33.

³⁸ FreeBMD Marriage Index; England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1861-1941; RG11/4627/155/p37; the result of the marriage was Margery Barbara Boyce, who was being cared for by her aunts Barbara and Henrietta Fisher at Bishops Cleeve, Gloucestershire, when the 1891 census was conducted following the death of her father in 1890, and an uncle, William Boyce, at Cheltenham, for the 1901 census (RG12/2040/41/p1, RG13/2465/132/p5).

³⁹ Visitation of England and Wales Vol 16 privately printed 1909; FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1915; I have not located a probate record for Hugh Woolloombe Boyce, but according to the Visitation, admnons was granted at Gloucester on 14 May 1890, to his brother William Frederick Reynolds Boyce; daughter Margery married Richard R Cruise, FRCS, on 13th December 1913 – The Times Wednesday Dec 17 1913, FreeBMD Marriage Index 1837-1915.

⁴⁰ RG12/2040/41/p1.

⁴¹ RG12/3819/45/p3; RG13/4339/105/p11; RG13/4365/140/p24; RG14PN27882 RG78PN1595 RD510 SD2 ED15 SB84.

⁴² England & Wales Death Index 1916-2005; England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1861-1941.

⁴³ The Times, Saturday, Jun 18 1927 – Wills and Bequests; from the British Phone Books 1880-1984 we know that Henrietta was living at 77 Meadow Street in 1939 and 1940 but I am not sure how long she lived - I have found a death registration for a Henrietta S Fisher aged 70 for 1950 at Newton Abbot, but I have not followed up on this record.

⁴⁴ The National Archives, Sheffield Archives, Tibbitts collection.

⁴⁵ RG9/3497/95/p24; HO107/1337/Book 5/p17.

⁴⁶ <http://www.silvercollection.it/electroplatesilverS.html>; White's 1837 Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire – Shaw & Fisher, mfrs. of Brit. Metal, silver mounted, & German silver goods, Howard place, Eyre Lane; Whites 1862 Directory & Topography of the Borough of Sheffield – Fisher, Henry, Britannia metal and electroplated ware manfr. (Shaw and Fisher) h Norwood Grange.

⁴⁷ Family Search England Marriages 1538-1973.

⁴⁸ Family Search England Births and Christenings 1538-1975; IGI Individual Record Batch Number 7128138; <http://derbyshiremarriagesandchristenings.yolasite.com/ashford-in-the-water.php>; as well as the Bullocks, the Swanns and the Fynneys were leading Derbyshire families, and given the middle names of the Bullock boys, there would have been some links by marriage between all three families; following up on the Bullock family has proved to be a challenge, and the only information I have found is two marriages for a William Fynney Bullock, son of William Fynney Bullock, gentleman and farmer - William junior, a clerk, married Sarah Keable in 1854 at Islington, and again on 29th November 1856, as a 27 year old widower and now a merchant's clerk, to Mary Hannah Hopkins, at St Leonards, Hackney (London England Marriages and Banns 1754-1921).

⁴⁹ <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/YKS/Misc/Transcriptions/WRY/GuiseleyMarriages1754-1769.html>; Family Search England Marriages 1538-1973; there is a second FS record which gives the marriage date as 19th October 1764.

⁵⁰ IGI Individual Record Batch No C009383; Family Search England Marriages 1538-1973; Baines 1823 Directory (York trade listing), www.genuki.org.uk.

⁵¹ HO107/1354/Book 9/36/p7.

⁵² FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1915.

⁵³ <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/w/a/l/John-L-Wales/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0033.html>; HO107/2353/373/p2.

⁵⁴ www.red1st.com/axholme/getperson.php?personID=1748859993&tree=Axholme.

⁵⁵ HO107/3544/123/p9.

⁵⁶ England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1861-1941.

⁵⁷ HO107/1335/Book 1/p1; Parish Gorbals; ED6; p8; Parish Kilarrow; ED5; P8; RG10/4376/p23; RG11/4312/14/p22; England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1861-1941.

⁵⁸ Family Search England Births and Christenings 1538-1975.