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# Bradberry Family

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## **The Ladies and the Swaledale Connection**

Thompson  
Kirkbride  
Alderson

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Following my story about the Bradberry Family history being published on the Ravenstonedale website in 2011 I was contacted by the following people.

- Frank Chalmers continued to send me snippets of information and introduced Charles Broadberry as an intriguing new player.
- Val Fermer, of Ravenstonedale, sent me information concerning the Milner family being connected to my Uncle John Atkinson Nelson who married Sarah Bradberry and advised me of the email contact of a cousin, Julie Varty.
- Julie Varty sent family information and photos from her previous Bradberry research. It was a delight to receive a photograph of my own father taken when he was 12 years old captured at a family wedding. This photo also showed the extended family, his aunts and uncles, as well as his own mother my Grandmother Maggie Bradberry(Jackson).
- David Williams, who spent many happy childhood holidays with Uncle Jack at Stennerskeugh, sent me a copy of his memories with photos and the information regarding Ann Bradberry's marriage into the Hewetson family

This extension of my Bradberry Family document of July 2011 is a record of further research undertaken and should start with a recap of relationships. This is for my benefit as a “where to from here” reminder for future work, but also to make it easier for anyone in my family reading my story and wanting to continue the project.

The generations that lead back from my father through his maternal line are:

Charles James Jackson	1920 - 2005
Margaret Bradberry (Jackson)	1888 - 1959
James Bradberry	1843 - 1909
Thomas Bradberry	1797 - 1856

Before I set off looking further back for the Bradberry ancestors I was curious to discover something of the ladies who became Bradberry's by marriage.

- Margaret Thompson c.1863 married James Bradberry
- Ann Kirkbride c.1803 married Thomas Bradberry

## THOMPSON

### Regarding the family of Margaret Thompson c.1863 who married James Bradberry

As I write this I have only looked briefly into Maggie's mother's family - the Thompsons of Lytheside.

Margaret Thompson the mother of the thirteen Bradberry children appears in the 1881 census, age seventeen years, at her family home. As stated in my first story I believe her father to have been Robert who had died prior to this date and her mother to be Isabella, recorded as being the head of the household at the time. This ggrandmother of mine did not die until 1916 at the amazing age of 96 years.

It would appear from further scrutiny of the LDS data that Margaret Thompson herself was also from of a family of thirteen children.

Robert Thompson married Isabella Nicholson from Crosby Ravensworth in the West Ward. I believe they were married 24<sup>th</sup> December 1842 (IGI West Ward Dec Qt. Vol 25. Page 539.

Thompson family members:

Elizabeth	1843	
Ann	1845	
Mary	1847	
Thomas	1849	
Robert	1850	
Isabella	1852	
Jane	1854	
Joseph	1855	
Sarah	1857	
Richard	1859	
John	1860	
Margaret	1863	<i>Married James Bradberry</i>
George	1866	

In the recording made by Jack Bradberry, mentioned in my July 2011 document, he mentions this Lytheside connection and members of the Thompson family a number of times and one comment is that there was someone who was 18 stone and needed a chair made especially for him. I think it was his grandfather Robert. Unfortunately because of the stopping and starting of the tape it is not quite clear.

## **KIRKBRIDE**

### **Regarding the family of Ann Kirkbride c.1803 who married Thomas Bradberry**

Ann is Maggie's Grandmother, the wife of Thomas Bradberry of Street. I did have the index reference for and subsequently requested the birth record for James, Maggie's father. It shows that his mother was Ann Kirkbride. James was born (one of twins) on 18<sup>th</sup> August 1843 and was registered on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1843. Unfortunately the record does not show where Thomas his father was born. So I could not confirm from it the census data that records his birthplace as Swaledale.

Kirkbride is a familiar name in my research and I had considered it earlier because of a marriage record I had found, but dismissed at the time because it was after the birth of what I thought was Ann and Thomas's first son, John Bradberry c.1824.

The gap between her first and then subsequent children could have been explained by the high mortality rate in those days. But now on the surface of things it looks like there was a John Kirkbride at High Stennerskeugh married to Margaret Earnest and I think that they had a daughter Ann who was not married to Thomas Bradberry when she gave birth to a son John 12 October 1823

John Bradberry is listed as the son of Thomas and Ann Bradberry on their headstone but so far it looks like they did not marry until 17 March 1829 five years after he was born. So at the moment I cannot clarify either the marriage entry or his birth or his parentage for that matter.

The marriage entry I have located has been transcribed as Broadberry but I do not know Ann's status at the time and she could have well been a widow Kirbride with a child and not born a Kirkbride at all or a single woman with a child. Not to be outdone I continued on the notion that she was single and present this *possibility*:

The LDS site shows a number of children born to a John Kirkbride and Margaret Earnest who were married on 17 March 1788 at Kirby Stephen.

1. Thomas 13 Dec 1788
2. John 21 Nov 1789
3. Margaret 21 December 1800
4. Ann 29 Jan 1803. *Possibly married Thomas Bradberry*

The Kirkbride name appears at Fellend, and at Greenside, in the *History and Traditions of Ravenstonedale* mentioned earlier, and there are two people with that name buried in the St Oswald's cemetery at Ravenstonedale - but much later in time.

John Kirkbride (possibly father or brother to Ann) is listed in 1829 as a farmer, head of the household, at High Stennerskeugh in the Parson and White Directory & Gazetteer of Westmorland

The census data puts the older children of Thomas and Ann Bradberry at High Stennerskeugh in 1841, 1851, while the parents and younger children remained at Street. In documents dated 1856, supplied to me by Frank Chalmers of the Ravenstonedale Independent Historic Archive, it is clear that they remained on both properties for some time, possibly I venture to suggest until the deaths of Thomas (1856) and John (1857) changed life for them all. Ann then appears to take over High Stennerskeugh as she is listed as head of the household there in 1861. (More of Ann later in the Alderson information)

#### **STREET**

Occupier 1856      Thomas Bradberry

Owner      1856      Thomas Fawcett

#### **HIGH STENNERSKEUGH**

Occupier 1856      Thomas Bradberry

Owner      1856      Rev Arthur Gibson ?

As the plot moves on I realise that only the most ardent of readers will be following the various generations so now it is time to clear up just where we are. According to previous research we have the following information relevant to the period before 1841

1. In 1828-29 there was a John Kirkbride living at Stennerskeugh. Possibly a relative of his named Ann married Thomas Bradberry of Street on 29 August 1829
2. In 1828-29 there was a William Bradbury living at Street
3. In 1841 Thomas and Ann Bradberry were living at Street with children Margaret 6 and William 3. Thomas died in 1856
4. In 1841 Three Bradberry children; John 15, Thomas 11 and Jane 10, were living at Stennerskeugh. This 11 yr old Thomas went to London with or to William and Ann Hewetson (nee Bradberry).  
John and Jane died in 1857 and 1855 respectively.

Added to which Frank Chalmers has passed on to me information regarding Charles Broadberry who died at Ravenstonedale in 1816 leaving, amongst others, William Broadberry of Thomas of Muker in charge of his affairs.

Part of the UK archives network [Cumbria Record Office, Kendal](#) [Metcalf-Gibson, Ravenstonedale](#).

WD MG 2/18 1816

*Contents:*

*Bond in £1,000, 26 June 1816, by William Broadberry of Thomas in Muker, co York, yeoman, Christopher Alderson of Tarn House and Thomas Hunter of Bowberhead both in Ravenstonedale, yeomen to Robert Lumb, esq., Official of Rt. Hon. William Earl of Lonsdale in the Peculiar of Parish of Ravenstonedale.*

*Condition: true performance of will of Charles Broadberry of Ravenstonedale, yeoman, deceased.*

So who was Charles? How long had he been in living at Ravenstonedale. I feel that “*William Broadberry of Thomas in Muker*” perhaps should read “*of Thorns*”. See later data under Alderson

## SWALEDALE

### Searching for the Swaledale Connection.

Thomas Bradberry c.1797 who married Ann Kirkbride is reputed to hail from Swaledale in Yorkshire. In Jack Bradberry's recording he states his father James and Aunt Ann (the twins) "*came out of Swaledale*" I have not found this to be the case as all records say they were born at Ravenstonedale and every census puts them there. It is their father Thomas who came from Swaledale in the true sense as he always indicates it is his birthplace. James and Ann may have moved to Swaledale at one time and then back again in between the census years as it appears they lived together until James got married to Margaret Thompson.

Thomas Bradberry of Street died at Ravenstonedale Westmorland when he was 59 years old, 12/10/1856, of consumption. Living with Thomas and his family in 1851, at Street, Ravenstonedale, was an Aunt Margaret Alderson, unmarried and blind (c.1769) who also gave her birthplace as Swaledale and whose presence is indeed fortunate for researching family history. She became my first clue in looking for the Swaledale connection. Other Aldersons appear from time to time in the census records in Ravenstonedale and show Swaledale as their place of birth but I was unable in my brief foray to connect her with them.

Searches for the birth of Thomas Bradberry on the free LD site based on c.1797 came up with one possibility.

Born 9/1/1797

Baptised 15/1/1797 Independent

Keld. North Yorkshire in Muker Parish

Father: Thomas

Mother: Jane

At the time it is listed that his parents lived at a place called Greenzes

Data since received from Swaledale historian Marion Hearfield, indicates that the parents of this Thomas Bradberry born 1797 are Thomas of Keld and Jane Alderson who were married at Muker Parish Church 24 April 1794. James and William Alderson were the two witnesses and Thomas Bradberry of Keld is listed as a Miner.



This information confirms a Bradberry connection with the vast Alderson clan and it was his mother Jane's relative, Margaret Alderson, who was living with him in 1851 at Ravenstonedale.

There is a very good website that advances the family information further:  
[http://www.gunnerside.info/Archives/Keld\\_Baptisms/Keld\\_Baptisms.html](http://www.gunnerside.info/Archives/Keld_Baptisms/Keld_Baptisms.html)

And it has supplied the following information copied as is:

These are to Certify, That William  
Son of Thos BRADBERRY and of Jane his Wife,  
was born in Greenzes in the Parish of Muker in the County of York  
the fourth Day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety five  
Registered by me {Edwd Stillman {Protestant Dissenting Minister  
Baptized Sepr 6th 1795

**These are to Certify, That Thomas  
Son of Thos BRADBERRY and of Jane his Wife,  
was born in Greenzes in the Parish of Muker in the County of York  
the Ninth Day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven  
Registered by me {Edwd Stillman {Protestant Dissenting Minister  
Baptized Jany 15th 1797**

These are to Certify, That James  
Son of Thos BRADBERRY and of Jane his Wife,  
was born in Thorns in the Parish of Muker in the County of York  
the 29th Day of December in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight  
Registered by me {Edwd Stillman {Protestant Dissenting Minister  
Baptized Decr 31st 1798

These are to Certify, That Ann  
Daughter of Thos BRADBERRY and of Jane his Wife,  
was born in Thorns in the Parish of Muker in the County of York  
the 25th Day of Feby. in the year one thousand eight hundred and two  
Registered by me {Edwd Stillman {Protestant Dissenting Minister  
Baptized Feby 28th 1802

So it looks like a Thomas Bradberry of Keld married Jane Alderson in 1794 and produced children named William, Thomas, James, Ann. These are all very familiar names through the next two generations.

This information raises a few questions:

- Is William Bradbury of Street 1829 the older brother of our Thomas.
- Is this the William named by Charles of Ravenstonedale in his will
- Is this the Ann Bradberry that married William Hewetson
- Did they all end up in Westmorland because of Charles.
- Charles died 1816 but who is he and where in Ravenstonedale did he live. Perhaps he lived at Street.

Julie Varty sent me information indicating that Thomas Bradberry and Ann Kirkbride of Stenerskeugh took their Ravenstonedale born son Thomas (first son if you do not count John) to Keld to be baptised. This was confirmed by data received from Marion Hearfield. This Thomas is the one that disappeared off to London to be an upholsterer so it sounds like he was destined to be foot loose right from the beginning

Thomas Bradberry				
<b>Thomas Bradberry</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>m. Ann Kirkbride</b>	<b>Married 29 August 1829</b>	
<b>1797-1856</b>		<b>1803-1878</b>		
<b>Born Swaledale to Thomas Bradberry and Jane Alderson</b>		<b>Born Ravenstonedale to Kirkbride or married previously</b>		
Family:				
<b>Family:</b>	<b>dob</b>	<b>dod</b>		
John	1824	1857	?born a Kirkbride	
Thomas	1830	?	To London upholsterer. Baptised at Keld	
Jane	23 May 1831	1855		
Margaret	30 Sept 1834	1857		
William	Dec Qt 1837 East Ward 25 333	1905		
<b>James</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> August 1843	<b>1909</b>	<b>Married Margaret Thompson.</b>	
<i>Ann</i>	18 <sup>th</sup> August 1843	<i>1908</i>	James and Ann were twins	
Charles	14 April 1847	1858		

## ALDERSON

Ten years before her appearance at Ravenstonedale Margaret Alderson the aunt is found at Thorns in the Muker Parish, age 72 years, living by independent means. The assumption at the moment is that Jane Bradberry and Margaret Alderson are sisters. Although my journey is supposed to be based on Bradberry I have had a look for the Alderson family briefly, as part of my search for The Ladies.

There are many Aldersons in that part of the country. Keeping in mind that I think that Margaret and Jane Alderson were sisters (maybe they were twins?) and the marriage witnesses for Jane Alderson and Thomas Bradberry were named James and William Alderson I have found two possible links in the Muker parish. Wild cards only.

William Alderson father of: Jane 21 June 1762. Margaret 20 Oct 1768

James Alderson father of: Jane 31 May 1764. Margaret 25 Dec 1771

William looks the most promising as his daughter Margaret is born 1768 but this has just been a quick look basically because I could not help myself.

The following list from website [http://www.dalesgenealogy.com/census/muker\\_41.htm](http://www.dalesgenealogy.com/census/muker_41.htm)

### 1841 Census

#### *Thorns*

ALDERSON John/55/farmer/Y

ALDERSON Nanny/52/Y

ALDERSON George/16/Y

ALDERSON Edward/14/Y

RUKIN Mary/16/f.s/Y

RUKIN Robert/50/coalminer/Y

RUKIN Elizabeth/52/Y

RUKIN Robert/23/Y

RUKIN Elizabeth/20/Y

RUKIN Sarah/13/Y

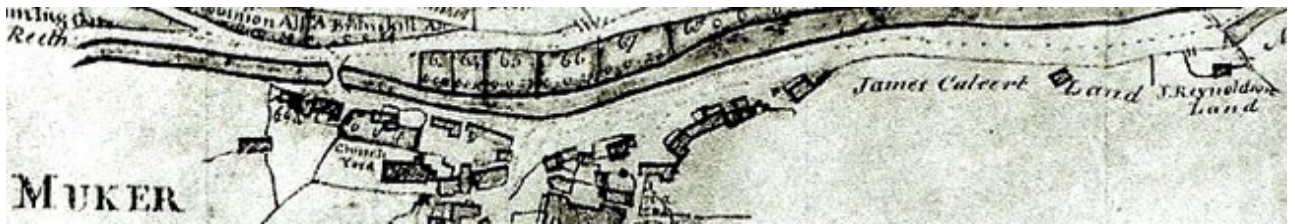
RUKIN Rosamond/8/Y

HALL Margaret/71/ind/Y

ALDERSON Margaret/72/ind/Y

Further research has unearthed Margaret's name along with that of Jane Bradberry on the 1836 list of Tithes. This information is shown with a key on the next pages..

Muker Tithe Apportionment - Introduction



From the Anglo Saxon period, the local church was entitled to one tenth of the local produce - known as the tithe. The Tithe Commutation Act of 1836 provided a general framework under which tithes that had been paid in kind could be converted to cash payments. The process of determining the amount of tithe payable by each landowner produced a series of documents - particularly large scale maps and lists of local land owners and occupiers.

The tithe apportionment schedule is the key to the tithe map. It tells us who owned what pieces of land, what it was used for and the amount of payment due. The schedule is divided into columns:

- The plot number referring to the tithe map
- Landowner
- Occupier – if the landowner, this is shown as ‘himself’, otherwise the tenant’s name is given
- Name or description of the land, premises or field
- State of cultivation eg arable, meadow, pasture, wood, garden, plantation
- The size – in acres, roods and perches (40 perches = 1 rood and 4 roods = 1 acre)
- Rent charge VoG - money due to Vicar of Grinton (£1 = 20 shillings, 1 shilling = 12 pence)
- Rent charge Imp - after the dissolution of the monasteries much church property, including the rights to tithe, passed into the hands of private individuals ('Lay Impropiators').

I have worked through the records on the site and have compiled the table on the next page that reflects the holdings of Margaret Alderson, Jane Bradberry, and Thomas Bradberry.

## Muker Tithe Apportionment 1836

No	Owner	Occupier	Name & Description	State of Cultivation	Quantity	Rent charge	
						VoG	Imp
391}	Alderson, Margaret & Bradbury, Jane Reps of	Robert Rukin	Little Allotment	meadow	1.1	2d	4½d
404	Alderson, Margaret & Bradbury, Jane, Reps of	Robert Rukin	Keldside Allotment	pasture	4.3.25	8d	1/8
497	Alderson, Margaret & Bradbury, Jane Reps of	Robert Rukin	Kisdon Allotment	pasture	5.1.3	4½d	10½d
507	Bradbury, Thomas Reps of	Robert Rukin	Allotment		13	½	1½d
537	Alderson, Margaret & Bradbury, Jane, Reps of	Robert Rukin	Intake	meadow	3.2.6	1/7	3/3½
551	Alderson, Margaret & Bradbury, Jane, Reps of	Robert Rukin	Aygill Close	meadow	1.1.29	1/0	2/3½
731	Alderson, Margaret	John Alderson & George Tiplady	Thwaiteside Allotment	pasture	7.3.36	11½d	7d
804	Alderson, Margaret	George Tiplady	Wills Close	meadow	2.0.9	1/6½	
805	Alderson, Margaret	John Alderson	Wood	pasture	3.0.23	5½d	1/0½

I searched a period 1851 to 1861 for Margaret Alderson's death and have one in June Qt 1853 10b 345 East Ward. As she was living in 1851 age 82 in the East Ward I feel confident enough that she died in 1853 although I have not taken this further. Records of St Oswald cemetery do not show that she was buried there and possibly because of her faith may be found at Keld. Alternatively a search of Quaker burial records may produce results.

## **BRADBERRY - KELD NORTH YORKSHIRE**

With regard to Thomas and Jane Bradberry - I have yet to find the death of Thomas. Not because I have failed at this but because I have not looked further. But I have come across another spelling of Bradberry that may help anyone in the future who does set off on that mission. Having a quick look for Jane I came across a couple of deaths in the Non Parochial Registers RG4 3164:

Jane Bridburey 7 April 1837 Gunnerside. Because of the date this is more likely than

Jane Bridburey 17 July 1831 Gunnerside

Reading about the land ownership in Swaledale it is feasible that James and Ann Bradberry (the twins of Ravenstonedale) did go to Swaledale at sometime prior to James's marriage to Margaret Thompson which would explain why Uncle Jack Bradberry makes the statement that his father James "*came out of Swaledale*". Meaning I assume that "*he had gone into Swaledale*" at some time previously. Possibly to work on family land.

On the site [www.yorkshireancestors.com](http://www.yorkshireancestors.com) I have come across a list of land ownership in Yorkshire in 1871. It states that Mrs A Bradbury of Ravenstonedale was the owner of in excess of 15 acres of land for which she received 22 pound per annum rental. Ann Bradberry the widow of Thomas (son of Jane Alderson) was living at the time at High Stennerskeugh Ravenstonedale with the twins James and Ann. She died in 1878. This information tends to add credence to the notion that James and Ann, her children, could have been in and out of Yorkshire prior to James's marriage.

Being a geographically challenged Kiwi it was easy to get carried away with the notion that Keld, Swaledale, North Yorkshire was a long distance away from Ravenstonedale Westmorland and to conjure up pictures of long arduous journeys when they are within a stone's throw of each other. In fact, according to the online AA route planner, 13.76 miles. Taking a babe born at Ravenstonedale to Keld to be baptised in 1830 made me think in the first instance that this was a major event and undertaking. It would have, of course, not been as quick and easy as it is today. I still think that it would have been a special thing to do and must have been very important to them to do so.

David Williams who kindly got in touch with me and supplied stories, photos, and maps advised me of Arthur Wainwrights book; "Wainwright in the Limestone Dales". I was fortunate to be able to source a copy of this and as well as Stennerskeugh and the surrounding countryside it takes the traveller through to Keld. It is a great addition to our family documents.

The lovely pictures bring the countryside to life for those of us who previously only had a rudimentary understanding of the lay of the land and who are not likely to be walking across it.

So for clarification the three Thomas Bradberry's that are mentioned in this document are:

- Thomas of Keld, North Yorkshire a miner. (who married Jane Alderson)
- Thomas who lived at Street farm, Ravenstonedale Westmorland a farmer married Ann Kirkbride.
- Thomas of Stennerskeugh c.1830. Son of Thomas and Ann above. Born Ravenstonedale. Baptised Keld. Lived for a time at Stennerskeugh but became an upholsterer in London. (Brother to James my great grandfather)

I feel it is because of Anne Kirkbride that the Bradberry's ended up at Stennerskeugh and why her oldest son John was there at 15 yrs old with his younger siblings.

Now with the addition of the Alderson connection the generations that lead from my father back through the Bradberry line are:

Charles Jackson	1920 - 2005
Margaret Bradberry (Jackson)	1888 - 1959
James Bradberry	1843 - 1909
Thomas Bradberry	1797 - 1856
Thomas Bradberry	a miner of Swaledale – no dates at the moment

In an effort to clarify the different generations and their Ladies I have compiled a chart named it "Bradberry connections" and include it below.

This document is not intended to be a definitive work on the Bradberry family but a collection of information gathered and collated for my own family. It answers a few questions raised earlier but asks many more. I hope anyone who may chance to read it follows the plot and enjoys the journey.

There is still lots to do of course but this is where I am at the moment in August 2012.

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