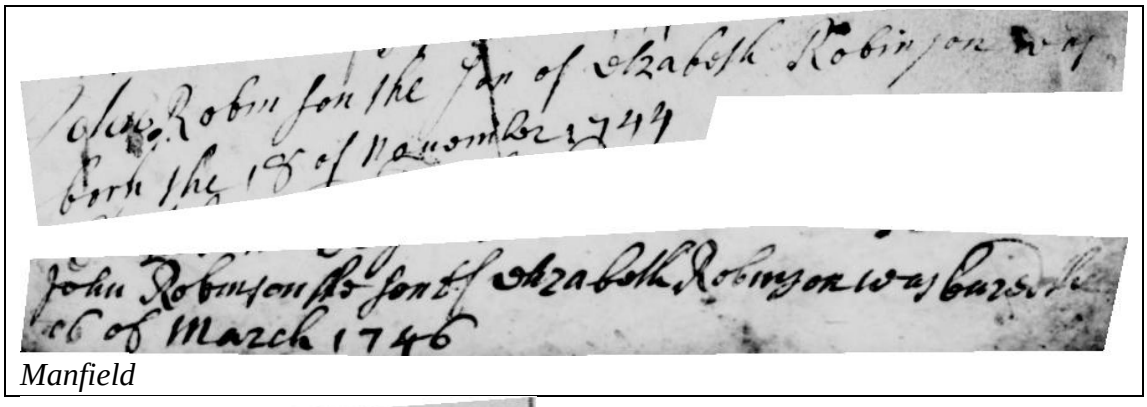
Kiplings, Robinsons and Hardings



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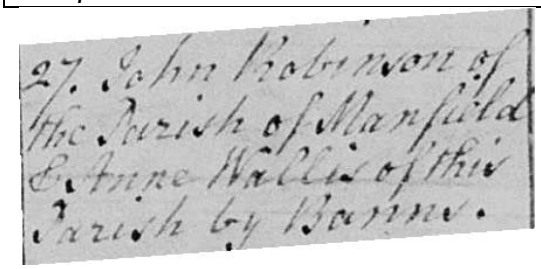
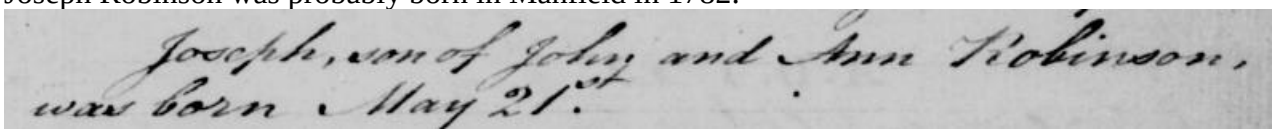


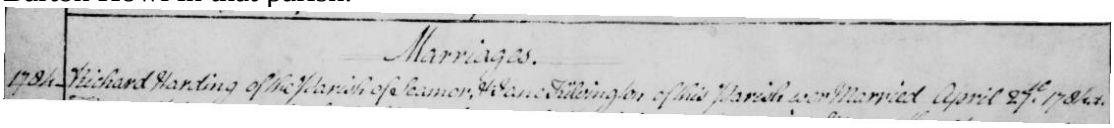
Richmond Feb 1770

Joseph Robinson was probably born in Manfield in 1782.

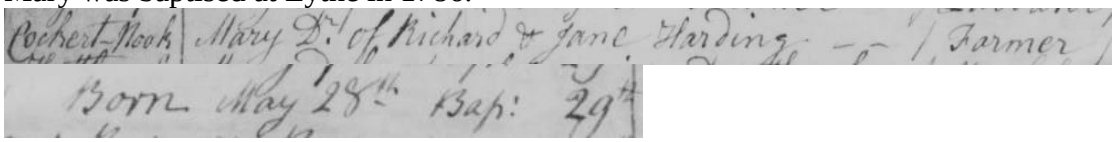


He is reputed to be related to the Robinsons of "Hutton Hall near Greta Bridge" [1] (this is probably actually meant to Rokeby Hall, which was owned by Robinsons).

He married Mary Harding in 1811. Mary was the daughter of Richard Harding of Lythe, who had married Jane Kilvington at Great Ayton in 1784 and later farmed at Barton Howl in that parish.



Mary was baptised at Lythe in 1786.



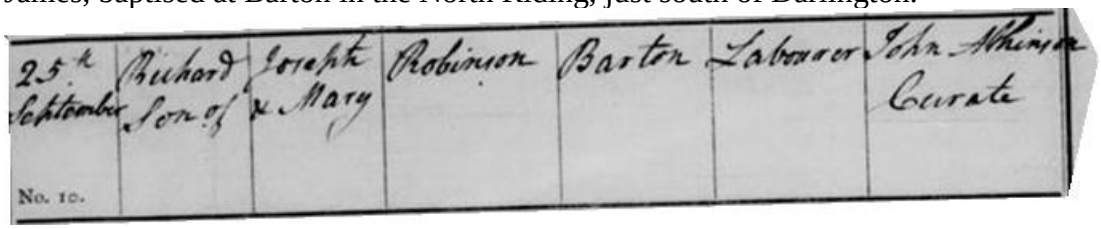
Her mother, Jane, died at Lythe in 1794

Her father Richard married a second time in 1796.

[1] Claimed by John Kipling in *A Memoir of James Harding of Whitby*. This seems unlikely, as most lines of the Robinsons of Rokeby have been traced with no link found.

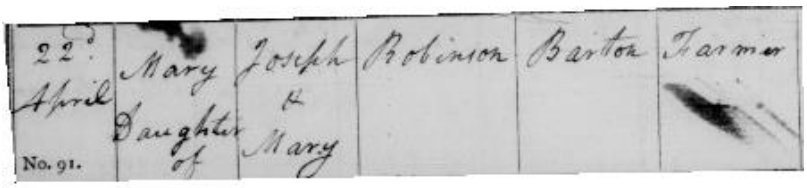
Amongst his children from this second marriage was James Harding (see Appendix 1), born around 1802.

Joseph and Mary Robinson had a number of children, including Mary, Richard and James, baptised at Barton in the North Riding, just south of Darlington.



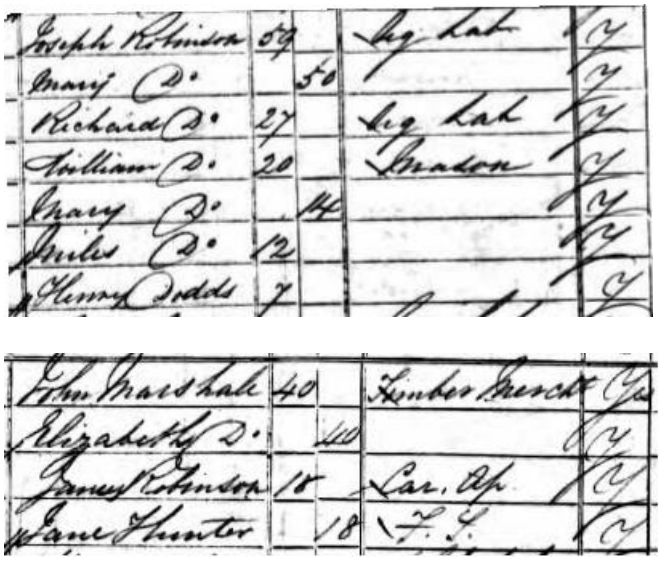
Barton 1814

Barton 1823



Barton 1827

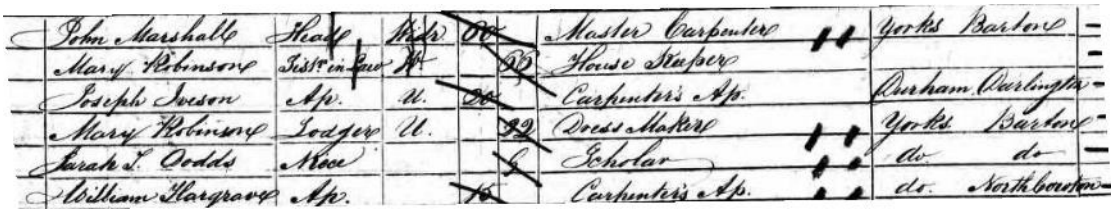
In 1841, Joseph and Mary were still living at Barton, with Richard, Mary and other children, although James had left home and was apprenticed to his uncle, John Marshall.[2]



Barton 1841

[2] This was probably the John Marshall who married Elizabeth Harding at Easington near Guisborough in 1821, Elizabeth having been born in 1792, younger sister of Mary Harding sen.

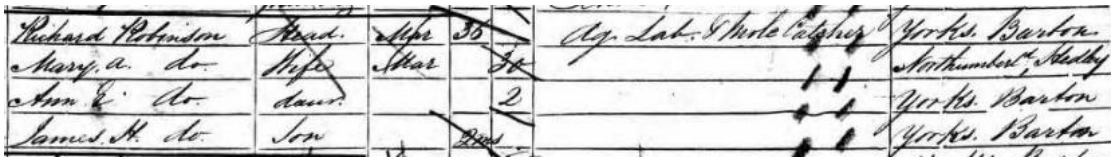
Joseph died in 1848 and by 1851, Mary was living with her brother-in-law, John Marshall, with daughter Mary in tow.



James married Dinah Dent (see Appendix 2) in 1848 and by 1851 was landlord of the Half Moon Inn. Elizabeth Gibson was the daughter of Dinah's sister Anne Gibson (nee Dent).

The Half Moon, Barton (2010)

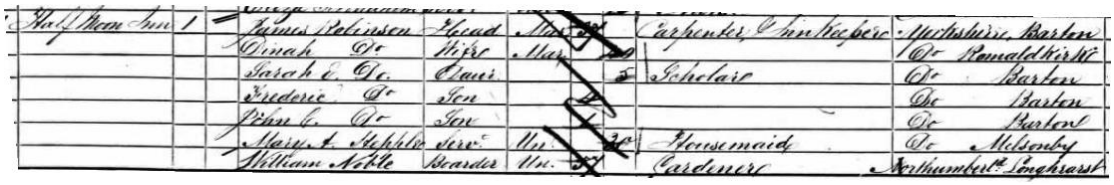
Richard had also married and had two young children.



Their son, James Harding, died later that year.

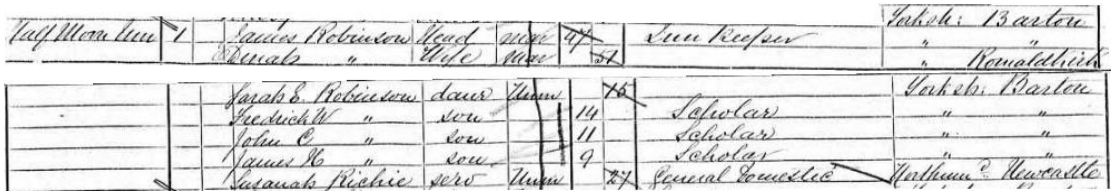
Brother James also named a son James Harding in 1853 but he died at 22 months.

By 1861, their children included Sarah Emma, Frederick W, John G and James Harding, who died before the age of 2 in 1854.



Barton 1861

A further child, also named James Harding, was born in 1863.



1871 Barton

John, Emma, and James (with Fred behind) around 1870

James died in 1878.

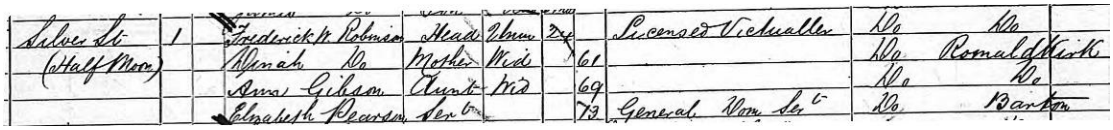
ROBINSON.—On the 11th inst., at the Half Moon Inn, Barton, Mr. James Robinson, aged 54.

York Herald - Monday 14 January 1878

He is buried along with Dinah and the first James Harding in Barton churchyard.

"In loving memory of JAMES HARDING son of JAMES and DINAH ROBINSON who died …25th 1854 aged 1 year and 11 months also of the above JAMES ROBINSON who died Jan 11th 1878 aged [..] also of the above DINAH ROBINSON who died May 22nd 1895 aged 75 years". *Barton parish Churchyard*

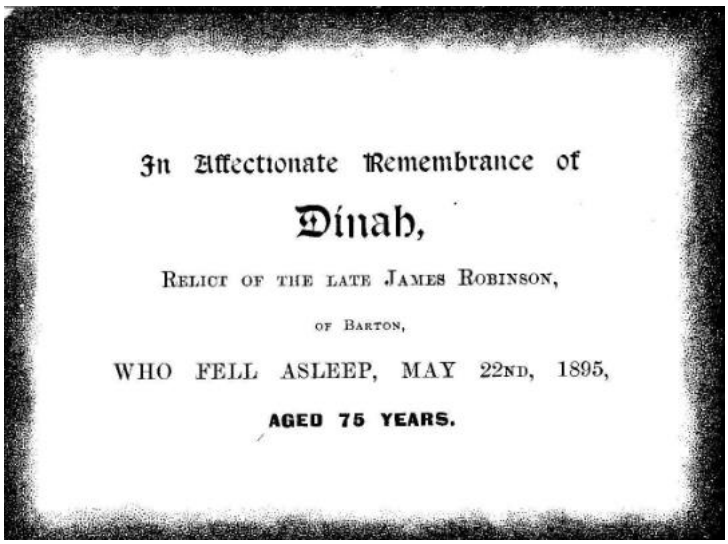
Following James's death, son Frederick took over the Half Moon, assisted by Dinah and Anne Gibson, one of Dinah's sisters.



1881 Barton

Dinah was living alone in 1891, curiously as a 'coal agent'. Next door was her unmarried sister, Sarah Dent.

Church Cottages, Barton 1891



In Affectionate Remembrance of

Dinah,

RELICT OF THE LATE JAMES ROBINSON,

OF BARTON,

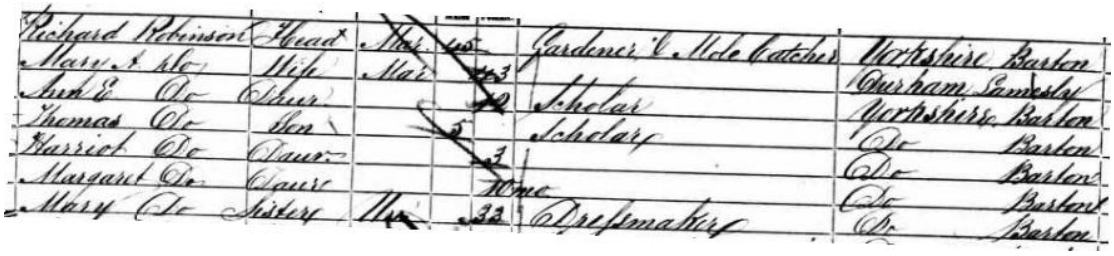
WHO FELL ASLEEP, MAY 22ND, 1895,

AGED 75 YEARS.

SALE OF BARTON COTTAGES.—Yesterday evening, the block of freehold property situated at Barton, consisting of nine cottages, outbuildings, yard and gardens, and known as Robinson's Buildings, was offered for sale by auction at the Half-Moon Inn, Barton, by Messrs Thos. Watson & Son, auctioneers. The bidding commenced at £300, and was rapidly carried up by the bidders—Messrs Sanderson, Oliver, Kipling, and Robinson—to £510, at which the property was withdrawn; it was, however, sold to Mr Sanderson immediately after the sale by private treaty at £520.—Mr R. T. Hett acted as solicitor for the vendor.

Northern Echo - Tuesday 07 February 1899

Returning to James's sister Mary, she and other brother Richard were living together at Barton in 1861[3]



Richard Robinson	Head	Mar.	40	Gardener & Mole Catcher	Yorkshire Barton
Mary & Mo	Wife	Mar	43		Durham Sunderland
Sarah E Do	Daur		9	Scholar	Yorkshire Barton
Thomas Do	Son		5	Scholar	Do Barton
Harriet Do	Daur		3		Do Barton
Margaret Do	Daur		10mo		Do Barton
Mary Do	Sister	Mar	32	Dressmaker	Do Barton

In 1862, Mary married John Kipling, a widower and cabinet maker of Darlington (see "John Kipling, cabinet maker").

There is another connection between the Kiplings and the Robinsons, as Robert Henry Kipling, one of John Kipling's sons by his first wife, married Sarah Emma Robinson, daughter of James Robinson of the Half Moon Inn, in 1883 (see 'John Kipling, Cabinet-Maker').

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Sarah Emma Kipling (1896)

Sarah died in 1898 was buried at Barton alongside her parents and brothers.

"Sacred to the memory of SARAH EMMA KIPLING wife of the Rev. R.H. KIPLING (United Methodist Free Church minister) and daughter of JAMES &

[3] Richard's daughter Ann Elizabeth has a descendant, Julie duRoff, with a 4th cousin autosomal DNA match to Michael Kipling, a descendant of James Robinson.

DINAH ROBINSON who passed to immortality April 18th 1898 in her 43rd year.
Barton Parish Churchyard

Also in the churchyard is the grave of James Harding Robinson (the third of that name) and his wife.

In Loving Memory of

James Harding Robinson,

OF BARTON,

WHO DIED JANUARY THE 19th, 1896,

AGED 34 YEARS.

Interred at Barton Churchyard, on Tuesday, 21st, at 3 p.m.

IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF

JOHN CHARLES,

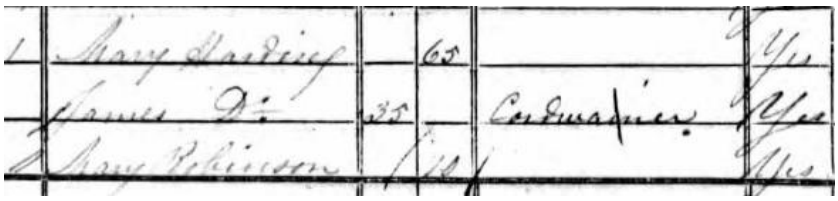
SECOND SON OF JAMES AND DINAH ROBINSON,

OF BARTON,

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE MARCH 3RD, 1886,

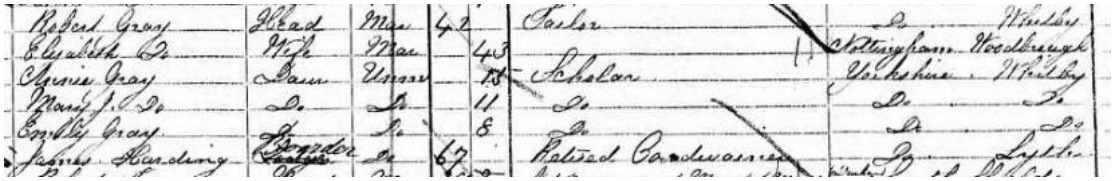
AGED 26 YEARS.

Appendix 1- James Harding's later life



In 1841, James was living with his mother in Whitby. I'm not sure which Mary Robinson is living with them, as his sister and niece are both recorded in the census at Barton.

In 1871, he was living at 7 Grove Street, Ruswarp, Whitby, a house it appears he owned and let out whilst remaining *in situ*.



He died in 1873 at the home of his niece, Mary Kipling (nee Robinson) , in Darlington and was buried at Lythe.

June 19th, at Darlington, aged 71 years, Mr. James Harding, shoemaker, formerly of Brunswick-street, and Glaisdale.

Whitby Gazette - Saturday 28 June 1873

James Robinson was one of the executors of James Harding's will, placing this advertisement in part to attempt to scotch rumours that Harding had secreted away a fortune that was not forming part of his legal estate.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.—To Secretaries, Clerks, and Others.—Whereas JAMES HARDING, late of Whitby, formerly of Glazedale, both in the County of York, gentleman, who died in the month of June, 1873, it is believed had monies invested in public and other companies, as well as in private hands, at the time of his decease. The only property and monies that are brought publicly to notice are 5 Houses in Christopher-street, Hull; 1 House at Robin Hood's Bay, 1 House in Groves-street, and some property in Skate-lane, Whitby; also 1 Promissory Note of £70, and 1 ditto of £30; one Mortgage Deed of £150; Bank deposit at Whitby of £110.—Any person indebted to the above estate should consult me before discharging such debt. As all other deeds or securities used with or without my name are illegal, therefore any person giving satisfactory information of persons using such deeds, or of monies or property not mentioned above, will receive the above reward (names not divulged if requested), by applying to JAMES ROBINSON, Half Moon Inn, Barton, near Darlington, one of the Trustees under the Will of the said deceased.

Whitby Gazette - Saturday 27 June 1874

HARDING James.
Effects under £450.

16 July. The Will with a Codicil of James Harding formerly of Whitby in the County of York but late of Darlington in the County of **Durham** Gentleman who died 18 June 1873 at Darlington was proved at the **Principal Registry** by John Stockton of Fryup in the Parish of Danby in the County of York Farmer James Robinson of Barton in the County of York Innkeeper the Nephew and John Kipling of Darlington Cabinet Maker the Executors.

In 1874, John Kipling of Darlington, cabinet-maker, had a book published, *Memoir of Mr James Harding of Whitby*, which told something of the life of James Harding and incorporated the text of many of his letters to John on religious and philosophical and personal matters dating between 1866 and 1872.

MEMOIR

OF THE LATE

MR. JAMES HARDING,

OF WHITBY,

WHO DIED AT THE RESIDENCE OF

HIS NIECE, MRS. KIPLING, GRANGE ROAD,

DARLINGTON, JUNE 18TH,

AND WAS INTERRED AT LYTHE, NEAR WHITBY,

JUNE 21ST, 1873.

AGED 71 YEARS.

James Harding

In the book, John relates how tragedy struck James's family when he was still a boy.

In the year 1812, when Mr. J. Harding was about nine years of age, his father's family was attacked with a malignant fever, every one in the house was stricken down, including the domestic servants. According to the obituary in the church burial ground at Lythe, three children died in one week, viz., on the 11th of February, Hannah, aged five years, on the 12th, Sarah, aged thirteen years, on the 16th, Alice, aged one year. Mr. Harding had a narrow escape from death, little or no hope being entertained of his recovery, but when he did recover it was with the total loss of hearing—the sweet singing of birds, the music of the human voice, or the loudest peals of thunder were ever after alike to him. This deprivation when so young was the reason of his pronouncing many of his words inaccurately, and never acquiring the proper modulation of his voice, as might be expected the affliction influenced his character through life, being cut off from social intercourse except by alphabetical signs or writing.

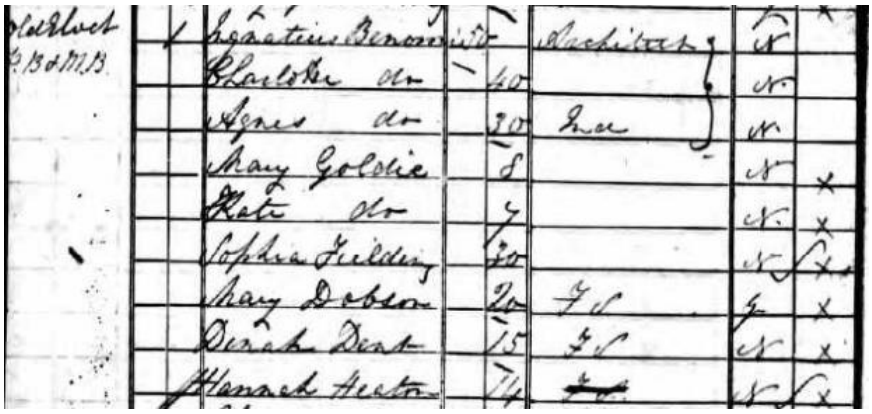
The fever alluded to which broke out in the family appears to have created great alarm in the neighbourhood, so much so, that none could be found to nurse the patients, or render assistance, so virulent was the distemper that one of his sisters, living at Whitby, caught the infection through some linen being sent to her from home.

It was at this distressing period that a married daughter of Richard Harding's first wife, Mrs. Robinson, of Barton, near Darlington, heard of the great affliction which had been permitted to fall on her father's house, voluntarily went with her young child, to render all the assistance in her power to her prostrate family, no easy journey over the Yorkshire Hills in the Stage Wagon days, and there remaining until the object of her mission was completed. She appears to have been one of those plain practical christians, who believe they are far safer in performing a christian duty, although attended with apparent danger, than shrinking from it, or wilfully evading it; the founders of christianity were remarkable for their self-abnegation, the "every one for himself" doctrine is sadly too common, many are ready to say "am I my brother's keeper?" yes, you are, to a greater extent than you appear to imagine. Mrs. Robinson, in this case sustained no injury, but had the consolation of being the means of comforting her family when under great affliction and bereavement.

Mrs. Robinson and her husband are buried at Barton. We are assured they lived the lives of the righteous, and their end was peace.

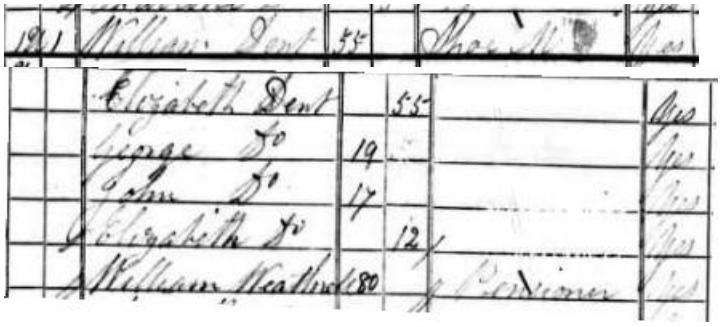
Appendix 2 - Dinah Dent and family

In 1841, Dinah Dent was a servant in the house of railway architect Ignatius Bonomi in Durham, who had married Charlotte Fielding in 1837. Bonomi was responsible for the building of one of the first railway bridges, across the Skerne on the Stockton to Darlington line in 1824, which appeared on the back of the Stephenson £5 note.



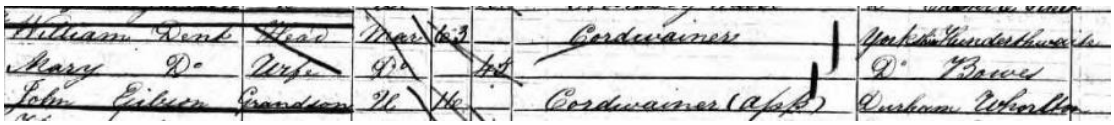
Dinah was given a bible by Sophie Fielding, who was sister of Ignatius Benomi's wife Charlotte, in which she later recorded family events.

Dinah (b 25 March 1820; bpt 4 April 1820) was the daughter of shoemaker William Dent of Romaldkirk and his wife Elizabeth (nee Weatherall, m 1806) and, most probably, Elizabeth's father, too.



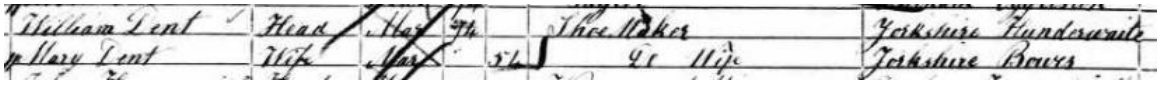
1841 Romaldkirk Township

By 1851, he had remarried, Elizabeth having died in 1842. His grandson, John Gibson, son of Ann Gibson (nee Dent), was living with them as his apprentice.



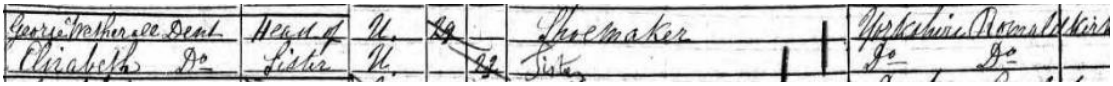
1851 Romaldkirk

John and Mary were still there a decade later.



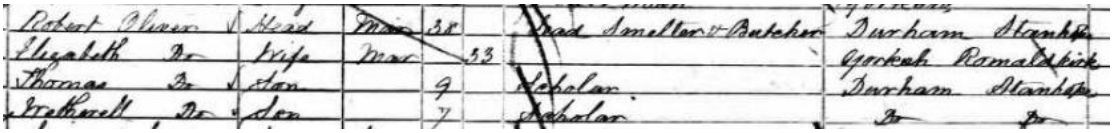
1861 Romaldkirk

Dinah's brother, George Weatherall Dent, followed in his father's trade.



1851 Eggleston

George died in 1853. Sister Elizabeth then married a Stanhope lead smelter and butcher, Robert Oliver.

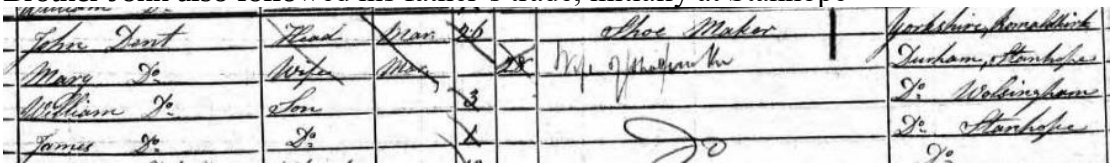


1861 Stanhope

She died in 1898.

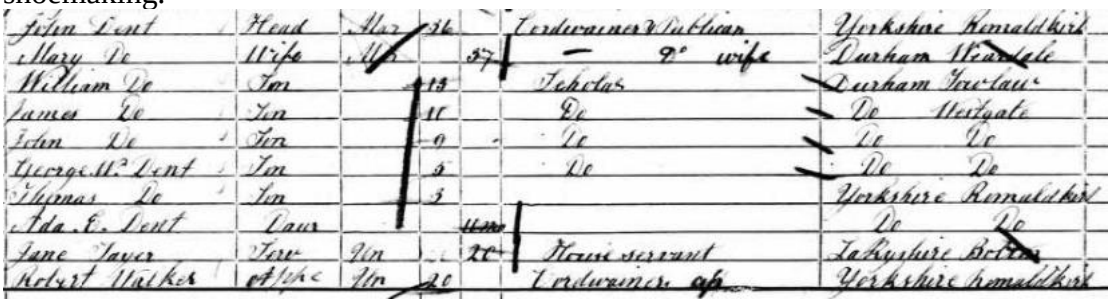
OLIVER Elizabeth of Church-street Shildon county Durham widow died 24 October 1898 Probate **Durham** 8 February to Thomas Oliver butcher and Weatheral Dent Oliver farmer Effects £800 2*s*.

Brother John also followed his father's trade, initially at Stanhope



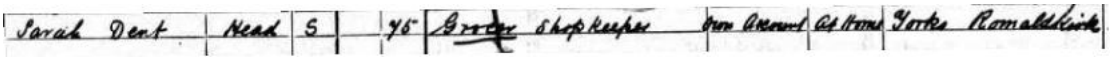
1851 Stanhope

By 1861, he was back in Romaldkirk, landlord at the King's Arms as well as shoemaking.



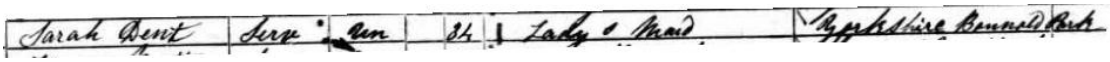
John, who had married a Mary Roddam, died in 1886.

Nan Langridge (nee Kipling) daughter of Robert Henry Kipling and Sarah Emma Robinson, recollected visiting an Aunt Dent in Melsonby with her mother and brother (so c1894-7). Aunt Dent kept a sweet shop in the front room of her cottage with a lovely garden. We find a Sarah Dent fitting this description in the 1901 census.



Melsonby 1901

This is Dinah's spinster sister (who had been living with her at Barton in 1891). She had probably been a lady's maid in her younger days.



1861 Haseley Court, Great Haseley, Oxfordshire

Dinah Dent also had other siblings: Thomas, James, Margaret, William and Elizabeth.