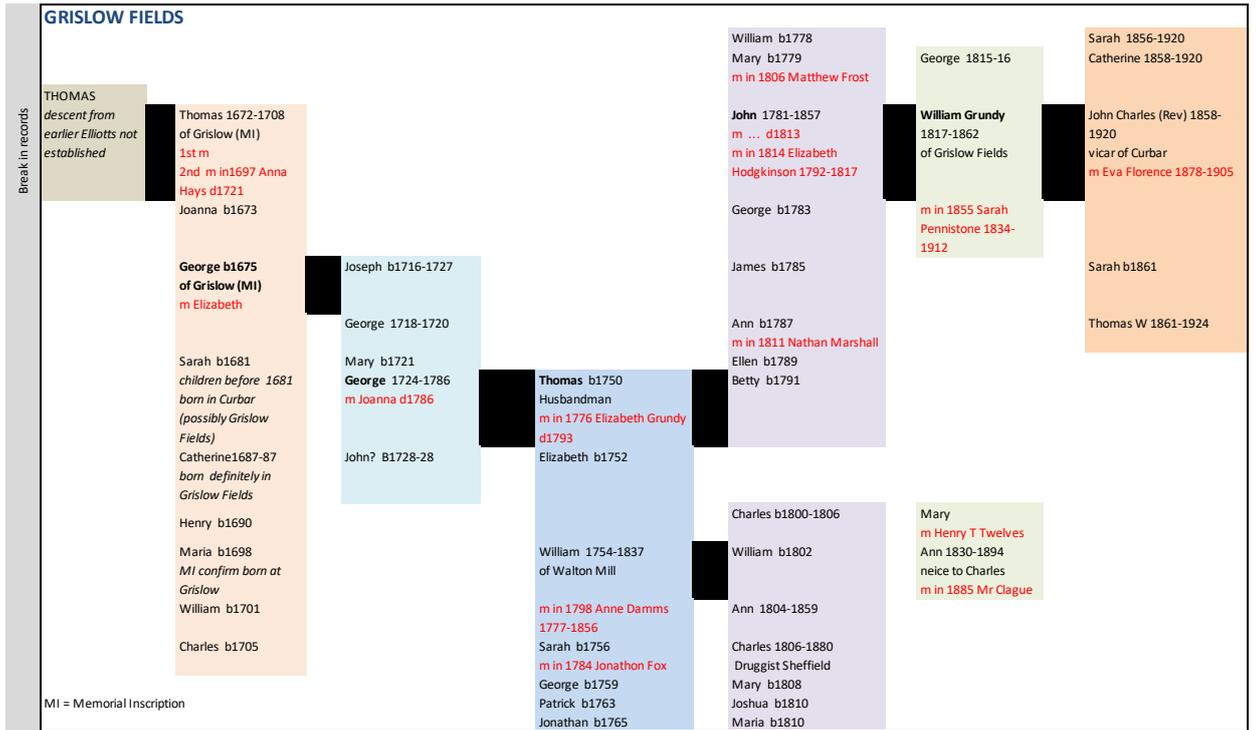
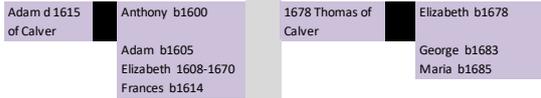


The Elliott Family



no continuity through mid 1600s

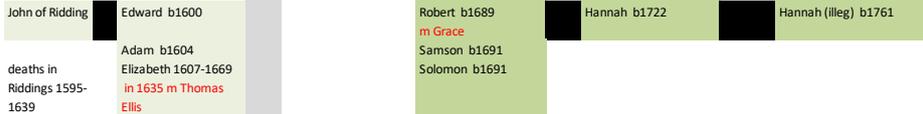
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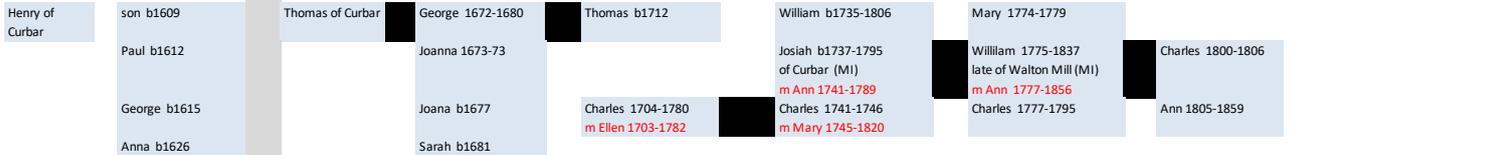
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EARLY ELLIOTTS



The story of the Elliott family in Baslow is mainly about their stay at Grislow Fields, but there is more

This short review is based on the family tree that I have made. Most of the data is from the Parish records and the memorial inscriptions in Baslow churchyard, with some extra input from local knowledge and Elliott family members (with thanks). It should be noted that I have used a transcription of the parish records – the originals may provide further information (at the time, Baslow Parish included Curbar and Froggatt and also many persons from Calver). These entries often contain the village of origin and less frequently the house eg Riddings.

At times assumptions have been made when making the tree and in general it should be correct but accuracy is not guaranteed. There is a gap in the records in the mid 1600s, the Civil War and Commonwealth, which makes continuity difficult.. The tree covers the period from the 1590s to the mid 1800s. The Elliott family tree is included in the website baslowhistory.co.uk, and a small print version is at the end of this article.

There are entries for the family in the Baslow Court Rolls, dating back to the mid 1300s so they are one of the early Baslow families. Spellings in the past have included Elliot, Elliott, Eliot & Yealot.

Parish records commence in the late 1500s, when there were three distinct Elliott families, based respectively in Curbar, Calver and Froggatt. The Froggatt and Curbar families can be traced to about 1800

Of particular interest are the Elliotts who lived in Riddings. The location exists today as a house north of Curbar on Riddings Lane. The Elliotts were in residence there certainly between 1595 and 1607 (Parish records of births and deaths). It could have been the ancestral home for generations.

It would seem that there were no male heirs in the early 1600s and the house was inherited by Elizabeth born in 1607. She married Thomas Ellis a neighbour in 1635. Their first child was born at Riddings the following year, and the house was subsequently occupied by the Ellis family for the next two centuries.

Riddings is well situated on the mediaeval road up the valley, and is important enough to be named in early parish records. It still exists as a house in its own grounds just to the north of Curbar village

Grislow Fields is another prime location on the old road from Baslow to Curbar, mentioned several times in the early Court Rolls. It has always been part of Curbar. It was the second largest farm in the village in the 1848 Tithe Award with 131 acres. It is well known in local history as the place where all the members of the Cundy family were wiped out in 1632 in an epidemic of the plague (34 years before the better known Eyam plague). Their graves remain to this day close by in a field above Curbar village. Nothing else is known about the Cundy family, or how long they had been there. The next recorded inhabitant at Grislow was Thomas Elliott in 1687.

It is highly likely that Thomas was one of the local Elliott families but there is no confirmation of this. Records show he was living in Curbar (perhaps even

in Grislow) when his first child, also Thomas, was born in 1672: Joanna and Sarah followed. His next two children Catherine b1687 and Henry b1690 were born definitely at Grislow Fields (parish records). It is not known who lived in the farm between 1632 and 1687. It might have been Thomas part of the time, perhaps his father, or maybe another family altogether.

The Elliotts became a respected and influential family, living at Grislow Fields until the early 1900s. Many are buried in a small area close to the south east corner of the church marked by a group of Elliott gravestones.

According to memories in the family, the Elliotts owned the Corm Mill in Calver. In the early 1780s it was demolished as rebuilt as the cotton mill. It is possible that George Elliott 1724-1786 was miller at the time. He was followed at Grislow by his eldest son Thomas b1750 a husbandman. His second son William 1754-1837 became miller at Walton Mill (near Hardwick).

Marriages when recorded were often to persons of similar high standing in the community.

At all times, the family were tenants of the Duke of Rutland. The last farmer Thomas W 1861-1924, a bachelor, gave up the farm in 1920 when the farm was sold by the Duke of Rutland in his 1920 Sale. His brother Rev John Charles Elliott 1858-1920 was vicar of Curbar

It was the end of an era. Over 230 years and seven generations of farmers at Grislow Fields.

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