

# The KAY FAMILY

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John 1780-1865  
Turnpike Lab, Farmer  
Millstone Bridge/ Robin Hood  
m in 1805 Charlotte Webster 1784-1864

Rebecca 1806--1807  
born Clod Hall  
Mary (Maria) 1807-1852. b at Clod Hall  
m Jarvis Beswick of Cupola  
William 1815-1860 Lab

William 1757-1836  
of Clod Hall/Robin Hood  
m Sarah 1756-1821

Sarah b1788  
Hannah b1794  
Ann b1797  
Samuel b1800  
Elizabeth b 1801  
Thomas died 1807

George b1820 -1889  
Robin Hood/Eastmoor Stone Mason  
m Sarah b1820-1894

John b1846-1906  
Cripple  
Maryanne b1849  
Keturah b1855  
Charlotte 1852-1859

Thomas b 1818-1879  
Stone breaker

Sarah b1822

Samuel b1824  
Toll Collector in 1851  
m Sarah

John Samuel 1856-1861  
Charles 1858-1862

Joseph b1826-1898  
m Mary 1825-1873

Joseph 1855-1859  
Mary 1859-1886  
Helena 1867-1867

Charles b1830-1915  
Farmer Road Lab  
m Ann 1829-1895

Rebecca b1858-1923  
m Thomas Hulley  
Henry b1860  
John 1863-1921  
Samuel b1867

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Other early spellings of Kay include Hay and Key

William Kay 1757-1836 lived at Clod Hall, for certain between 1788 and 1836, as his children were born there

Clod Hall is in an isolated position on Eastmoor, on the upper reaches of the Blackleach Brook, close to the large bog area known as Leach Fen. In pre turnpike days it was at a crossroads with marked by the nearby mediaeval Wibbersley Cross. There were roads to Chatsworth, Baslow, Tideswell, Dronfield and Chesterfield. Nearby there were early lead smelting sites or boles and some early ore hearths. Blackleach Brook was earlier called Smelting Mill Brook. The date of the first building there is not known.

William Kay 1757 – 1836 is the first known occupant. The first record of Kay family and of Clod Hall is an entry in the Parish Register of the baptism of his daughter Sarah there in 1788.

Baslow Enclosure Award was in 1824. This enabled the Duke of Rutland, the Lord of the Manor, to gain total control of all Baslow Common Land. The moors rapidly became Grouse Moors. Clod Hall became a Gamekeepers Lodge, and William Kay and his family was rehoused on one of two cottages just to the east of Robin Hood Inn. It is now one of the two buildings in Robin Hood called Robin Hood Farm.

This was the family home for the next 100 years. The Kays were small farmers with a few fields around the house, stone masons, road labours and toll collectors.

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