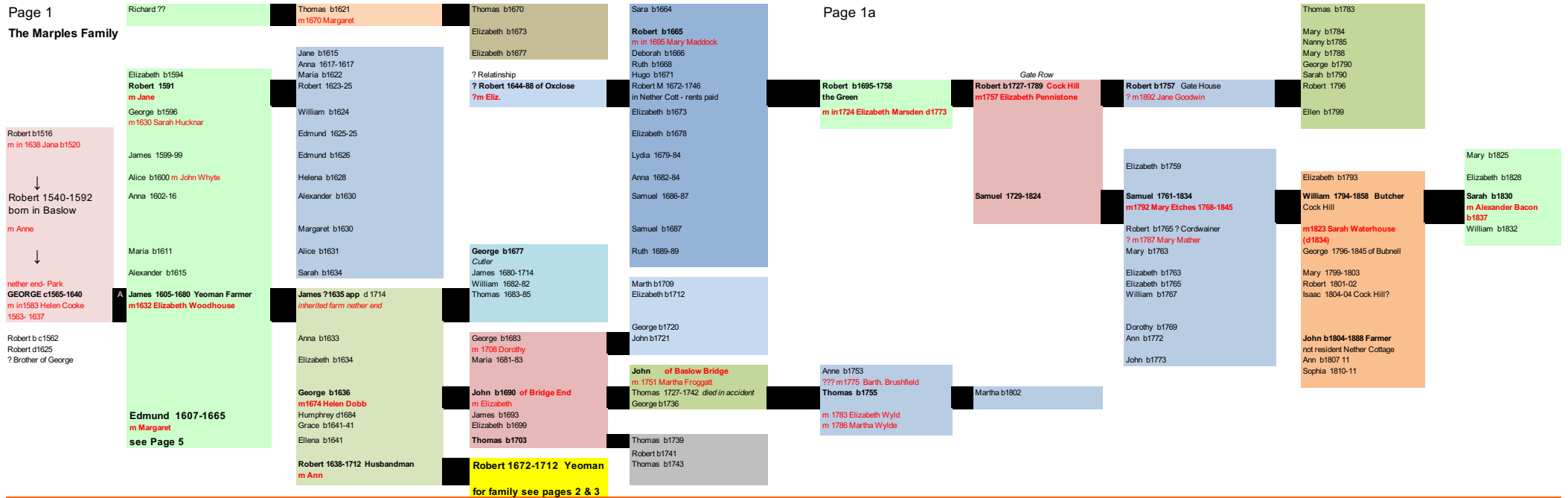


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Bridge End

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Robert 1672-1712 Yeoman Farmer
 m 1st 1696 Anna Brushfield
 b 1674, daug of Thomas

Thomas 1714-1779 Backsmith
 m **Anne 1705-1782**
 Helena b1717

John Blacksmith
 m 1771 Elizabeth Rowse b1784
 James 1748-69

William b1772 Joiner to Sheffield
Robert b1774 Joiner to Sheffield
 Thomas b1774
 Elizabeth b1776
 Mary b1777
 Ann b1780
 John b1783

Robert b1801 Sheffield
 William b1809 Sheffield

John b1809
 Hannah b1811
 William b1812
 Harriet b1814
Thomas 1816-1861 Blacksmith
 m **Mary**
 Mary b1818
 Betty b1821

John b1844
James 1846 - 1899 Blacksmith
 m **Mary J b1856**
 Mary F b1848
 Sarah b1850
 Thomas b1854 Blacksmith
 Elizabeth b1856
 Fanny b1858

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Brushfield family ? In Bridge End going back to 1590s no hearth taxes. Continuity?

Thomas Brushfield 1717-1797 blacksmith
 m **Mary Vickers in 1743**

Anne 1751-1826
 m 1775 Bartholomew Brushfield 1752-1826 blacksmith
 Mary b1753
 Elizabeth 1756-69
 Ellen 1759-69
William 1761-1821 Saddler
 m 1794 Elizabeth Bradley d1803

Joseph Brushfield 1777-1851 Blacksmith
 Church Cottage
 Sarah Brushfield 1781-1843
 m Joseph Marples b1780

Old post office
Isabella 1786-1853 Postmistress
 m **John Stroyan 1874-1845**
 George b1795 ? d1845 of Bunnell
 Mary 1796-99
Matthew 1796-1871 Saddler
 m **Mary 1803-1882 York House**

Old post office
 John b1820 Draper & Postmaster
 m Esther
 James b1820
 Ann b 1825

William 1799-1869 Shoemaker & Sexton Bridgefoot
 m **Mary Hallam 1800-1882**
 Betty b1800
 Mary b1800
 Hannah b1801

Elizabeth b1825
 Robert b1826
 Ann b1828
 Matthew b1830
 William b1833 Scissor Smith
 George b1845 miller

Robert 1672-1712 Yeoman Farmer
 m 2nd in 1728 Joanna Vickers d1764

George 1730-1814
John b1733-1811 Carpenter
 (of Bunnell)
 m **Mary 1739-1818**

John 1770-1834 Millwright
 m 1793 Elizabeth Brittlebank 1768-1824
 Robert b1772
 ? m Ann (Benjamin b1797)
 Joseph b1781
 George b1783

John 1794-1874 Millwright
 m **Hannah Howard 1805-1859**
 ? Designed Crystal Palace
 Lydia b1798
 Betty b1802
Joseph 1796-1847 Millwright
 m **Elizabeth 1796-1872**

Thomas b1812
 Lydia b1822
John M b1828-1903 (Red House)
 "Wild Jack"
 m **Caroline 1832-1865**
 Elizabeth b1826
Robert 1831-1921 Saw Mill
 m **Harriet**

Adelaide b 1852 m Alsop
 Elizabeth b1855
 John b1857 Millwright of Church Ter
 m **Elizabeth b1860 later grocer**
 Nether End

John Henry

THE FARM

Nether End (Chat Park)
Joseph 1736-1813
 m Elizabeth Calton 1748-1821

George 1768-1846 Skinner
 m 1st Margaret Orr (d1799 age 26. Lost house Chat Park 1824
 m 2nd in 1804 Hannah Hearnshaw 1772-1850
 Sally b1770
 Hannah b1772
 Elizabeth b1774

David b1796
 Calton 1797-1880
 Eliza b1799-99
James b1805
 m 1828 **Hannah**
 George b1806
 William 1807-07
 Joseph b1808
 Mattida b1810
 Ann b1813
Mary b1816-1896 Flourdealer
 Magnolia cott

Eliza b1826
 John b1828 Joiner
 Joseph b1833 Gardener
 Marianne b1835
 Emily b1838

Joseph b1774
 James b1776
 John b1777
 Rebecca b1778
 Sarah b1778
 Robert b1780
 Betty b1783
 Peggy b1786

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Edmund b1607
m Margaret

EDMUND SON OF ORIGINAL
GEORGE.

Jane b1633

Frances b1634

John b1637

John b1674

m 1698 Sarah Hancock b1674

Anna b1684

James b1700

John b1701

Grace b1703

Sara b1705

Edmund 1643-1688

m 1683 Emma Mitchell (d1702)

Edmund b1686

Edmund

m in 1711 Maria Marple d1713

m in 1714 Alice Cook

Joshua b1712-20

John b1715-15

Maria 1716-19

Anna b1719

Two families that cannot be placed

Joseph m Elizabeth

Ann b1790

Mary b1799

Hannah b1801

Harriett b1803

William b1805

Joseph b1807

John b1810

Ann b1812

Matthew Labourer

m 1797 Rachel Lees

Hannah b1798

Ann b1800

Sarah b1803

William b1806

Mary b1808

George b1812

Elizabeth b1816

James b1819

The Marples Family

The earliest known member of the Marple(s) family was Robert who was in Baslow in the early 1500s: there is a suggestion that he came from Marple near Stockport about that time. Unlike most families which remained small and were based on a single house, the Marples thrived so that by the 1700s and early 1800s they were one of the two largest extended families in the village. Many were skilled craftsmen. Few remained into the 20th century.

Documents show that in 1701 Rowland Eyre sold to John Jackson land in Baslow for £190. The land 20 acres in extent was called "Marples Farm - Messuage Cottage, Farm and Tenement". Later the freehold was bought by the Marples. Subsequent occupants were described as Husbandmen or Yeoman, While there is no proof it is likely this was the family home from the 1500s. The farm was situated across the Barbrook between the Malt House and the Golden Gates.

In 1824 there were major changes in the village, The Duke of Rutland sold the south east corner of the village to the Duke of Devonshire who cleared the land for an extension to his park. Tenants had no option, they had to go. There were three freeholders in the area including the Marples who agreed to sell to the Duke. A good price helped the decision.

The following paragraphs summarise some of the more prominent individuals

George Marples 1768-1846 the last occupant of the farm was described in the census as a Skinner. He was a "Little Master" in Sheffield owning a small firm that specialised in making leather handles for cutlery. One suspects that his main home was in Sheffield so the loss of his farm was not serious especially as he also owned other property in the village (Magnolia Cottage).

Another branch of the family closely related to George were millwrights. They were based at the house now called Abney House in School Lane which they held for most of the 1800s. John b1794 was a contemporary of Joseph Paxton, the Chatsworth head gardener who lived less than a mile away. As neighbours they must have known each other. There is tradition held by descendants of John that he designed the Crystal Palace. True or not, it is likely that Chatsworth made use of his services as a local craftsman, and that he was involved one way or another in the famous Chatsworth greenhouse and the Crystal Palace itself.

Robert 1831-1921 son of John above took over the abandoned corm mill at Heathy Lea and rebuilt it completely. It was soon altered to a saw mill which remained in use well into the 1900s.

There were several Marples families at Bridge End.

- John born in the mid 1700s was a first of a long line of blacksmiths. Their forge at Church Cottage (opposite the drive to the church) moved to Calver Road when Bridge End was redeveloped in the 1820s.
- William b1761 and his son Matthew b1796 were saddlers in a dwelling now replaced by the 3 storied York House,
- William b1799 was a shoemaker and for many years sexton
- Thomas b1813 was a tailor in Church Cottage after the 1820s.

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- Isabella b1786 married John Stroyan and between them started the post office and draper store in the house opposite the Lychgate. Isabella was the named postmistress. Their son John continued the business until the early 1900s

William b1772 and John b1774, sons of John the Blacksmith, moved to Sheffield where they started a small firm making cutlery. Later it became Joseph Marples Ltd which still in business.

William b1752 became landlord of The Joiners Arms, which is immediately opposite the old bridge over the river Derwent. When he died in 1827 it closed as an Inn. The building now called Bridgefoot Farm was then taken over by the Tomlinson Family, who farmed it until the 1990s. William's son Thomas Marples b1787 was given the tenancy of a farm at the top of Bubnell. It was inherited by his son Samuel b1821 but he had to leave in 1870 when the farm and other nearby buildings were demolished to make way for the Duke of Devonshire's new "model farm".

The last family to be mentioned lived in Nether Cottage at Nether End originally known as Gaterow. Rent receipts have been kept in the family since 1723 (now lost) confirming the Robert M Marples b1672 was tenant at that date. The last Marples occupant was William 1794-1858 a Butcher. He had no sons so the house passed to his daughter Sarah and her husband Alexander Bacon. Their descendants eventually left the house, or rather the modern house they built in the garden, in the last decade

The yeomen of England is a well known phrase. The Marples, yeomen and skilled craftsmen helped build Baslow.

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