

The Askey family home was cottage in Bubnell, close to Bramley Farm but on the other side of the road. It is not known when it was built, but it was demolished in 1873. At the time the Duke of Devonshire had a policy of clearing all the old cottages in the hamlet, retaining only the larger houses and farmhouses.

William (1761-1821) and Esther (1795-1821) Askey lived in Bubnell. They may or may not have been related to John (below).

John Askey was born in 1794 in Doncaster. He was in Bubnell in 1823 when he married Grace Bettany of Baslow but she died in 1827. Later he married Joanna. His first son William was baptised the following year at which time he was an Agricultural Labourer. The next year his occupation was listed as a Weaver. The censuses of 1841 and 1851 records him as a handloom weaver, but in 1861 and 1871 he was again an agricultural labourer.

Joanna died in 1867 and John in 1878, after the cottage had been pulled down, so they must have lived elsewhere for their last few years.

In the 1851 census three of his children, aged 14, 13 and 7 are bobbin winders while the 11 year old was "Crown". They were probably employed at nearby Calver Mill. Ten years later three of his sons are lead miners. Lead mines were even closer, less than one kilometre away.

The youngest son, George stayed in the village. By 1881 he had married and was living with his aunt, Maria Barton, who was a porter at the Turret Gates (now the Golden Gates) at Nether End. Initially a labourer, he later became a gardener.