

The Brough Family (Ancient)

This family is included because of its connection with the important Marsden family of Baslow

Alicia Brough b1574 in Baslow married Hugh Marsden 1575-1616. Together they started a dynasty which enlarged to become one of the two largest families in Baslow. Subsequently they have spread around the world. By the end of the 1800s none remained in Baslow.

Alicia's family the "de Burgh" had a long history. Apparently an ancestor came from Normandy with King William 1, and eventually settled in the Leek (Staffordshire) area. Names have been traced back by the family to Richard de Burgh born about 1450. A grandson Thomas Burgh born about 1523 was appointed Vicar (or Curate) in nearby Waterhouse

The Baslow connection starts with his son Richard Burgh 1549 to 1592 who became Curate in Baslow about 1570. He married in 1571 Alicia who had been born in Baslow. He died in 1592 when his youngest daughter was only seven years old. There were a number of other Broughs in the village notably Robert who died in 1617. They may well have been siblings of Richard who came with him from Waterhouse and could have taken responsibility for his family.

Richard and his wife Alicia had a family of seven girls most of whom married in Baslow, no sons are recorded. His second daughter Alicia born in 1574 married Hugh Marsden 1575-1616. Hugh came from a family of wool merchants who lived in Livesely Hall in Tockholes in Lancashire. It is not known how he first met his future bride - he may have been on a business trip.

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