

The Caines Family **including Bubnell Hall and the Girls School**

Bubnell Hall

The earliest part of Bubnell Hall was built in the mid 1600s with extra sections added on over the years. John Broomhead was resident in the late 1600s. His niece married Thomas Gardom whose descendants continued to live there until the early 1800s.

By the late 1700s Bubnell Hall had been divided in two parts. The larger western part of the building had become the Bubnell Hall Farm House run by John Oddy and then his son Jepson. When the latter died the tenancy was awarded to Thomas Gardom (Yeld Farm Baslow), then William Smith Tomlinson (Bridgefoot Farm Bubnell) and finally to Cyril Smedley.

The smaller older part near to the road, The Hall, was (probably) occupied by William and George Gardom sons of John Gardom founder of Calver Mill. Both died in the early 1800s: their families may have stayed on a while longer.

The 1841 census records that the Hall housed a small boarding school run by the misses Ann and Jane Wilkinson with two 14 year old pupils and one 10 year old. Ten years later the tenant was a Robert Wrightson a retired bookseller and his daughter. In 1861 it was again a girls school. The head of household was William Farrow an 86 year old retired banker married to Eliza aged 51 who was a governess. Their daughter was a general teacher. Also in the Hall was another governess and four girl pupils aged 6 to 15

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In 1861 Mrs Catherine Caines a 40 year old widow was living in Bridge End Baslow with her (youngest) daughter Gertrude, a boarder, a 9 year old girl pupil and a single servant.

The 1851 Census shows that she had been married to George Caines a General Practitioner in Uffculme Devon with four children, Georgina 7yr, Anna M 6yr, Catherine, 2yr and Hammond 1yr. There were three servants.

Her husband died during the decade, leaving her in reduced circumstances and having to get employment as governess. The location of her elder children in 1861 and her location after 1861 are not available.

In 1871 Georgiana and three of her sisters, all unmarried and all governesses, were living in Bubnell Hall now called the "Ladies Boarding School". Their brother Hammond an ornamental engraver was with them. They had 16 pupil boarders aged between 8 and 15 and a single servant. In 1881 and 1891 three sisters remained with 6 then 8 pupils. The school had closed by 1898 and the sisters left the area. Subsequently the Hall was let to private tenants.

About 1960 the whole building, Farmhouse and Hall was sold together to Colonel Rhodes as a single private house.

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