

The Kitchin Family

The Kitchin (or Kitchen) family lived in Bramley Farm village for generations. It may have been the family home of the first recorded Kitchin whose son John appears in the Baslow parish register in 1584.

A dominant figure was William born in 1766 and died in 1851 aged 85. He outlived many of his family and was succeeded on the farm by his grandson Joseph 1825-1862. He had other interests. Family records note that he was "of Calver Mill". In fact the family managed the mill from 1818 to 1878. His son John worked there as miller having married Hannah White of Calver in 1818. He was followed by his son William 1819-1874 who was also miller.

He was also a businessman buying and selling land. He owned property in Nether End including The Malthouse, and land in Brampton. In 1800 he was in debt and had to borrow £1000, a large sum of money in those days.

The original farmhouse was immediately above the acute bend in Bramley Lane. William built the present house and farm in 1802. Both were occupied for some time. The old house was demolished, probably in the 1850s after William had died.

The last Kitchen John left the farm in 1935. It was taken over by Samuel Watts

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