

The Baslow Sheldons

The name Sheldon appears in the Baslow Parish Records from 1621. Most entries came from Curbar and Calver. A Baslow family can be traced back to David whose children were born around 1800. These include George who became a mason. His son David, another mason lived at Greenhead (upper Bar Road) almost certainly in Yeldside Cottage which was the Sheldon home until the 1970s. Many more in the family were masons or in the building trade up to recent times.

John Sheldon

The best known Sheldon is John, better known locally as Jack. He was born in 1906 died in 1977. All his life he lived at Greenhead Cottage

- 1911 went to Baslow School,
- 1919 Rural Pupil Teacher at Baslow,
- 1925 uncertified teacher C of E Boys school Bakewell,
- 1928 Chester College,
- Langwith School,
- 1931 Deputy head, Bakewell (primary) school
- 1934 Head Baslow school.
- 1967 Retired.

From 1934 to 1967 he was headmaster at Baslow school, well known in the village and well remembered by his pupils. He had a keen interest in local history and his book A Short History of Baslow is a must for anyone interested in its history

The Cartledge branch

One woman in the family, Esther born in 1885, married John Harold Cartledge, a mason from Tideswell who started another family of Baslow builders. David and Harold Cartledge are names still remembered by older residents.

Sheldon Family from Edensor

There was a Sheldon family in Edensor, first mentioned in the parish records in 1761. Thomas from this family 1802-1883 worked as a servant in Chatsworth. In the 1850s he retired to live in The New Buildings in Baslow, perhaps to be near his sister who had married Abraham Redfearne, grocer at Bridge Cottage. His wife committed suicide in 1865 by drowning herself in the Derwent near the Rutland Arms

His son Frederick b 1856 became a Druggist and Drysalter with premises in Hanover Street Sheffield where he lived.

His first marriage, a year or so before the birth of his first child in 1880 was to Sarah daughter of the Thomas Bates the village policeman at the time of the 1871 Census, His son Thomas Frederick Sheldon was killed in 1917 in the 1st World War. In the Rutland Sale T. F. Sheldon is recorded as tenant of Hanover Cottage. His daughter married Mr Ted Broughton, a figure well known in Baslow in the 1900s.

His second wife was Catherine Tomlinson landlady (widow) at The Rutland Arms.

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