

There were Staleys in Stanton Ford in the late 1500s, the few details include a marriage between Henry Staley of Baslow and Maria Eaton of Calver.

Steven Staley 1788-1858 was born in Rowsley where his family was living at the time. He married in 1812 and moved to Baslow where his first son George was baptised in 1813. The family home was Woodside, not far from the Wheatsheaf inn. In the 1848 Tithe Award, Woodside was in the same block as the next door farm occupied by the longer established Stafford family, suggesting some connection between the two families.

Stephen was a wheelwright, and many of his subsequent family were either Wheelwrights or joiners/carpenters or both. In the late 1800s, an outhouse was used as a forge but they seem to have employed a Blacksmith to operate it

The business was extended in the early 1900s when J Arthur Staley b1868 and his family moved into White Lodge. Earlier this had been the home of workshop of Samuel Hibberd, one of the leading carpenters in the village. Earlier still it was the village tannery

Both sides of the family continued their businesses until the mid 1900s.

NOTES

Please refer to the family tree file in www.baslowhistory.co.uk

I have used modern house names which would not have been recognised in the 1800s.

The main source is the parish registers of Births (Baptisms) Marriages and Deaths, Other sources include memorial Inscriptions, Hearth Tax, Tithe Awards and word from the families themselves NB accuracy not guaranteed.

In general there appears to be continuity of tenure over the years. A family in the 1500s could well have occupied that same dwelling as his descendant in the 1848 Tithe Award.

BEWARE I have taken some shortcuts in making these family trees. Mistakes will have occurred (hopefully only a few).

Please get in touch - I may well have some more information, and I love new information to include in further updates

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