

There are occasional references to Penyston in the Baslow Court Roles in the 1300s and 1400s.

There are also references in the Parish records in the 1500s and 1600s suggesting an ongoing family over this period. A definite family tree starts with Ralph Penistone born in 1701 and living in Bubnell. At some time in the 1700s the family moved to Baslow to a cottage or homestead now called Penistone cottage.

They are best known in local history as the family responsible for introducing Methodism in Baslow. In 1793, Rev J Buckley passed through Baslow. There was a storm and he sheltered at Penistone Cottage. Mrs Penistone was interested in Methodism. Her son Ralph became a keen convert.

Ralph then bought with £200 of his own money, a plot of land at Over End (between the present School Land and Daisy Bank). The Methodist Chapel was erected there and opened in 1796 with Ralph as one of the trustees.

The family died out in the late 1800s

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