

Hannah Knaggs

(b.1853, d.1897)

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Mary Kelly

Hannah Knaggs was born in Ripon in the second quarter of 1853 (1). I was unable to find Hannah in the 1861 census but in 1871 she is living as a lodger with the Gill family. The head of household is Mary Ann Gill, aged 54. Living at the same address in Allhallowgate, Ripon are Margaret Gill, Mary Ann's daughter aged 20, Joseph Gill, her son aged 17 and Emma Gill, her baby granddaughter. Mary Ann has 'No Occupation' and Joseph is a Labourer (2). Hannah is eighteen.

The York Herald of 10th June 1875 has this story (3):

'RIPON – AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – At the Police-Court yesterday, Hannah Knaggs, of Ripon, was summoned for having assaulted Margaret, wife of Thos. Foxton, butcher. The complainant, who is getting into years, said that on Friday night she was going down Stammergate, when defendant, without any provocation, knocked her down several times; and not content with that, followed her down the street and continued to strike her, knocking her head against the wall. It was stated that the defendant, by her loose conduct was a pest to the neighbourhood. Defendant (who failed to appear) was once more sent to prison for four months with hard labour, without the option of a fine.'

It would appear that, by the time she is twenty-three, Hannah has acquired a reputation for 'loose conduct' and being a 'pest to the neighbourhood'. She fails to appear in court and is sentenced to four months' hard labour for this assault.

In 1881 Hannah is to be found in the Workhouse. She is said to be a General Domestic Servant and is now twenty-seven (4). In 1883, Hannah marries Thomas Hullah in Ripon (5). Thomas is a bricklayer's labourer born in 1852. In 1891 they are both living in Bondgate, Ripon (6).

Hannah dies in 1897, aged 46 (7). Hannah's husband (it seems) remarries, and in 1901, continues to live in Bondgate (8).

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