

## Henry Hullah

**(b. 1809, d. 1882)**

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Henry Hullah, son of William Hullah, was born in Ripon and baptised on 26<sup>th</sup> November 1809 (1). No mention is made of his mother and no obvious marriage record has been found for his father William. Henry had at least 2 siblings - Mary, baptised 1805, and William, baptised 1807 (2,3). He married Sarah Morland on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1832 in Ripon Cathedral (4). In later censuses, Sarah gives the same age as her husband, and her place of birth was also Ripon, however her baptism has not come to light (15).

Nothing is known of Henry's childhood or his apprenticeship, however he plied his trade as a shoemaker, and by 1834 was self-employed - this being the first year in which he advertised his business in the local trade directories (5). In Pigots Directory of 1834 and 1841, his address is given as Bondgate, although the family must have moved house early that year because the census address in 1841 is Bedern Bank, Ripon (6). The family stayed there for many years and in the directories of 1848, 1851, 1857 and 1867 the business is advertised from Bedern Bank. (7,8,9,10).

Twin children, Sarah and William Hullah were baptised at Ripon Cathedral on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1837 (11,12). In the register of baptisms, Henry's trade is given as shoemaker, which helps to confirm that this is the same family. Baby Sarah died at the age of 7 months, and her burial took place at Ripon Cathedral on 18<sup>th</sup> February 1838 (13,14).

From census records, we find that Henry and Sarah had 6 surviving children, Mary (b.1834), William (b.1838), Sarah (b.1843), Richard (b.1846), Henry (b.1848) and Charles (b.1857) (6,15,16). Mary is found on the 1851 census at the age of 17 as a servant to Thomas Dinsdale, who was Sergeant at Mace to the City Council (17).

At the time of the 1861 census, 5 of the 6 surviving children were living at home, with eldest son William also working as a shoemaker, however they seem to have left to pursue their own lives over the next 10 years. Early in 1871, Sarah (senior) died and she was buried on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1871 (18,19). A month later, at the time of the census, only their son Henry, then aged 23, is still living at home with his father, and is recorded as a journeyman stonemason (20). Whilst Henry (senior)'s date of admission to the Workhouse is unknown, he was resident there in the 1881 census and was to die there in the last quarter of 1882 (21,22).

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