

William Herring

(b.1809 d.1884)

Joyce Walmsley

William was born on July 3rd 1809, as recorded on his baptismal entry of 6th August 1809, to William and Ann Herring of Aiskew, Bedale, North Yorkshire (1). From the marriage register of the same church, it seems likely that his parents were married there on 2nd Feb 1807, and if so, Ann's maiden name was Young (2).

Nothing is known of William's childhood or apprenticeship apart from the fact that his parents must have moved to Ripon between his birth in 1809 and that of his brother John in 1812 (3). A third child, Robert, was born in 1818 (4). William next appears in the records in Ripon in 1834 when he advertised as a blacksmith in Pigots commercial directory with an address in Hall Yard, off Kirkgate in the centre of the City (5). He continued to advertise in similar directories until 1855. In 1841, he appears on the census living in King Street, a few minutes walk from Hall Yard (6), but in the 1851, 1861 and 1871 censuses his personal address was also Hall Yard (7,8,9).

In each census, William's wife was Ann, aged a year younger than her husband and also from Ripon, although her baptism has not come to light. They had at least one child, Ann, born about 1832, who was married to William Cook on 10th October 1859 (10).

William's brother Robert, born in 1818, was also a blacksmith and advertised in the same commercial directories from 1851 from an address in King Street (5). In that year's census, both families gave home addresses in Hall Yard, which implies that while they may not have actually shared accommodation, they were close neighbours, and probably co-operated closely in business too. In 1855 both advertised from their separate addresses but thereafter Robert's name is in the directories instead of William's. It appears that from some time between 1871 and 1881 their brother John also joined them in Hall Yard since this is his address on the 1881 census (11).

Ann senior was buried on 9th November 1877 at the age of 67 and in 1881, William was to be found as an inmate of Ripon workhouse (12,13). He died in the third quarter of 1884, aged 74 (14).

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