

The Great North Road: Bawtry-Boroughbridge: Roman road. Stretch between Castleford and Bramham where it joins York Lane is referred to as Watling Street(OE straet - 'paved way, Roman road, street'). Direct continuation of this Roman road north through Wetherby has not been established (but modern name Street Ho in Kirk Deighton near Great North Road which crosses Nidd at Walshford). Apparently the route to Aliborough turned east at Bramham on Tadcaster-Ilkley road and near Toulston it turned north and is known as Rudgate. In Bramham York Lane is supposed Roman road from Bramham to Tadcaster and York. A Roman road starting near Toulston on road from Tadcaster-Ilkley went north and crossed Wharfe at St. Helen's Ford - Rudgate or 'Rudda's road' (OE pers. name Rudda). York-Tadcaster-Ilkley road passed through Bramham and Bardsey and was there called Yorkesgate, Stony Gate or Staingate in Bardsey (ON gata - 'a street; ON steinn - 'stone, rock'). In Bramham, Stony Gate refers to this Roman road running west from Bramham (OE stanig - 'stony')

Spen Farm is on end of a headland and on track of the Roman Watling Street (OE spenne - 'strip of land')

Camp Hill - near Roman road at Spen Farm. Bramham Moor (ON moor - 'moor')

Site of Battle of Bramham Moor 1408. The defeat of Earl of Northumberland helped to secure throne for Henry IV (1399-1413). The stone commemorating battle now stands in wood on right hand side of road between Bramham and Toulston

Halloway Leys Wood (OE hol, weg, leah - 'hollow', 'way', 'clearing in wood')

Open Rakes (OE hrace - 'rough narrow path, cattle - or sheep-walk) Beck (ON-bekkr - 'stream')

Black Fen (OE blaec - 'black' fenn - 'marsh')

Bowcliffe (OE bula - 'bull' clif (ON klif) - 'cliff, steep bank' 'river bank')

Bramham (OE bron han - 'homestead amongst the brook')

Bramham Biggin (OE niwe ~~building~~ (ME -building) - 'new building')

Oglethorpe (OW Scandinavian personal name; porp O Dan ON 'secondary settlement' - Oddkell's outlying farmstead)

Headley (OE - haed leah 'heath' 'clearing' - 'clearing on the heath')

Carr Beck (ON - kjarr, bekkr 'marsh' 'brushwood'; 'stream')

Old Firth (OE ald, ford - 'old ford'). The ford crossed Carr Beck just below the Mill Dam of Clifford. It is the ford from which Clifford was named. Ford near steep bank

Ballow Hill (OE calu hyll - 'bare hill')

Lendrick Hills (OE, ON lind - 'line tree' OE ric - 'narrow strip' - 'strip of line trees')

Rhodes Hill (OE rod - 'clearing')

West Wood (OE West Wudu - 'west wood')



Bramban - the village at the end of the rainbow!

