

The Robinson Name in Bramham

a) The earliest record found was a John Robinson noted in the 1803 Land Tax record. However, 'Robinson's Garth' was an old-established name for the piece of land between Old Hall Cottage and the Beck [no. 243, 1907 OS map].

b) The **1851 Census** had 3 individuals of that name : Elizabeth [41], born at Markington ; Martha [13] at the Fox Inn , born in Bramham ; and William P. from Hirst Grove , a student at Bramham College. In addition , there were three Robinson families in the village :

John [49] , Elizabeth [51] and their three children Ann [21] , John [11] and Emma [2] . All were locally born , John was a labourer , and they lived over Windmill Hill .

William [51] , with children Jane [19] and William [18] , all born in the parish, lived in the Tenter Hill area . He was a market gardener.

Thomas [44] , Sarah [41] and daughter Mary [13] , all from Bramham , lived on Town Hill . He was a blacksmith , presumably working the smithy behind the house later to be occupied by Ethel and daughters Dora and Nora . Were these Robinsons connected ?

c) Trade Directories 1851 - 1901.

The 1861 & 1871 Censuses are not currently in our archive , but could be checked . We do have the Post Office description of the village from 1857, when William Robinson [market gardener & seedsman] and Thomas Robinson [blacksmith] were listed as still resident. In 1861 William remained though Thomas did not. Kelly's Directory listed William in 1867 , and again , with his son William , in 1881. Both 1892 and 1901 Kelly 's listed a William , market gardener , this time presumably the son. This line of Robinsons ended in the village during the late C20 with the death of the last Willie Robinson.

d) 1881 Census.

The Archive has the full census in paper form . Here were 9 Robinson groupngs , 5 of them full families , some who had joined the village since 1851.

The smaller households in 1881 were :

Ann [53] and her son Samuel [28] , both Bramham born. She was a charwoman , living in one of the Crag cottages , and probably the unmarried daughter of John and Elizabeth of the 1851 Census. Mother Elizabeth [83] lived over the road in another of the old , long - demolished cottages .

Mary Robinson [40] , a laundress , lived in Church St. [now Low Way]. Born in Bramham , she was possibly the daughter of Thomas the blacksmith.

The five larger Robinson households recorded in 1881 were :

William [80] and wife Mary [65] lived with two of their widowed sisters on Low Way. Their son William [47] , plus his son William [20] lived on Town Hill . This was the gardening family Robinson of the 1851 Census. All were Bramham born.

Yet another William [47] , born at Scarcroft , lived at one of the cottages which comprised 2 , Back Lane , with wife Ellen [35] and son Samuel [8]. He was said to be a malster labourer [maltster ?].

John Robinson [38] , born in Lincoln , a groom , lived on Church Hill with wife Hannah [44] and two teenage girls , Sarah & Lara Steel .

James Robinson [47] , a domestic gardener , lived with wife Ruth [42] and three children James [13] , Mary Jane [7] and Ruth [4] on Olmas [Almshouse] Hill. All were Bramham born , James possibly a son of the elder gardening William .

Finally , there was the family of village policeman William Robinson , as shown on the attached photocopy. They included in 1881 wife Martha [40] , who was to die within 5 years , but not the two youngest of their children who would be born during those 5 years --- George and Ethel.

It was Ethel Robinson [1884 - 1977] who , though she remained unmarried, gave birth to daughters Dora [1903 - 1981] and Nora [1914 - 1996] . They lived at 3 , Town Hill , and all lie buried together in the churchyard , Nora being the last of PC Robinson 's family to live in the village.

3 PC Robinson 's two elder daughters married into local Bramham families. Henrietta or Hettie married Frederick Marriner , who became gardener to the Wharton family at Bramham Old Hall [He is listed as such in the trade directories of 1901 & 1911.] As his employer , the Right Hon. John Lloyd Wharton , MP, PC , Member for Ripon and Speaker of the House of Commons , owned the old cottage next door , this would explain the family photograph outside the cottage around the time of the First World War.

Fred Marriner was the son of Mary Marriner , born at Staindrop ,Co Durham, who was living as Housekeeper at Bramham House at the time of the 1881 Census. Aged 46 , Mary had no husband present , but had two children , both born in Bramham -- Fred [15] , a gardener 's assistant , and Elizabeth [10]. No Marriners had lived in the village at the time of the 1851 Census.

PC Robinson 's second daughter , Flory or Florrie, married into the Jenkinson family who farmed Wise Warren Farm at Headley for around 100 years. Throughout this period the farm formed part of the Estate of Lord Headley , sold on to the Lane Fox Bramham Park Estate in the early 1900s.

These various Jenkinsons can be traced in the trade directories :

1838 , 1841 Edward & William Jinkinson farmed Wise Warren
1857 Mary Jenkinson & son were listed , as was Christopher Jenkinson
1861 Christopher Jenkinson was the tenant at Wise Warren , but in
1870 Christopher Jenkinson bought the cottage at 2 , Back Lane
1867, 1881, 1891, 1901 William Jenkinson farmed Wise Warren
1911 George Jenkinson was farmer at Wise Warren , though William
[now 74] was also listed

It was this last William Jenkinson whose second son married Florrie Robinson . His family was shown at Wise Warren in the 1881 Census [when Florrie was aged 3] as William [44] & Ann [40] , with children Christopher [9] , George [7] , James [5] and Walter [4] -- plus 2 servants and a labourer.

By the beginning of the 21st Century no families named Robinson , Marriner or Jenkinson remained in Bramham , though blood relatives almost certainly did.

Census 1881

Census Place: Bramham Cum Oglethorpe, York, England

Source: FHL Film 1342034 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 4331 Folia 20 Page 11

	Mar	Age	Sex	Birthplace
William ROBINSON	M	46	M	Ovenden, York, England
Rel: Head				
Occ: Police Constable Yorks (WR)				
Martha ROBINSON	M	40	F	Rawmarsh, York, England
Rel: Wife				
Occ: Policemans Wife				
Arthur ROBINSON		17	M	Handsworth, York, England
Rel: Son				
Occ: Policemans Son				
Henrietta ROBINSON		12	F	Wadsley, York, England
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Policemans Daughter				
William Hy. ROBINSON		10	M	Wadsley, York, England
Rel: Son				
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Flory ROBINSON		3	F	Garforth, York, England
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Policemans Daughter				
Harold ROBINSON		2	M	Bramham, York, England
Rel: Son				

Nora Robinson's

Jacobson - Eliza

has mother, first brother

George was born aft.

1881

ARTHUR · WILLIAM · BILLY · GEORGE
HAROLD · HETTIE · ETHEL · FLORIE





