THE MARSLANDS OF CHIPPING AND BEYOND. (continued) The Marsland family at After Lee from around 1780 to 1800, contained ten children, including:-

Mary who married a James Fye, of Lancaster, in 1810. Some of her descendants were given the name Marsland Pye. A member of this family was in charge of some American Forces, at Pearl Harbour, when the Japanese attacked.

William a bachelor, settled at Quernmore, after building a house on land belonging to Greenalls Farm which he bought about 1838. He gave £1000 to build the steeple at St Peter's R.C.Church at Lancaster.



St Peter's R.C. Church, Lancaster.



James Marsland, Senior, of Burnley. 1780-1851. Born at St Helen's. Childhood at After Lee Farm, Chipping. Became the owner of a Burnley foundry.

James moved to Burnley. In 1817 he acquired land there, built a foundry, up in business etc, and set manufacturing brass ware, gas pipes, and "Marsland" steam engines. In 1840 his assets were valued at £40,854 13s 9d. He was a well respected employer of 126 men and boys. He provided training for some relatives from the Chipping area, starting them off on a career in industry. James also paid all expenses for a great nephew from Bashall (see below) to have a private boarding school education, at the R.C.Sedgley Park College, Wolverhampton. He was a member of the committee which raised money to establish St Mary's R.C. Church, Burnley. After his death the Marsland family donated the east window of the chancel there in his memory. More about James later.

Thomas was the eldest son of the family of ten. He married Anna Snape and took over at After Lee Farm. Between 1802 and 1830, twelve children were born to them, including a Thomas, the eldest, and a William. Great Grandfathers to William Marsland of Pendleton, Clitheroe, and myself respectively.

Thomas, the Great Grandfather of William Marsland of Pendleton, married Elizabeth Marsden and moved about 1830 to Bashall Hall as gamekeeper, then from the 1860's farmed Ayxa. Four of their sons went into farming locally, except their eldest, also called Thomas. After attending public school, funded by his great uncle James (see above), this son Thomas worked in industry, starting in his great uncle's firm about 1857, and eventually becoming a director of factories in Burnley and a director of Burnley Building Society.

William, my Great Grandfather, was a farm labourer. He married twice:- to Nancy Seed who died in 1840, and to Ann Walmsley. They lived at Outlane Head and my Grandfather and his sisters were born there. But by the 1861 and 1871 Censuses my Grandfather, Thomas Marsland, is described as a Landowner, his sister Margaret a Catholic School Mistress, and his sister Jane a Milliner. Their mother, then a widow, is shown as an Annuitant.

John Marsland, one of the twelve children of Thomas and Anna, left After Lee, Chipping, in the 1830's to work in Burnley for his uncle James. In the 1840's he moved to Waterfoot in Rossendale to set up his own foundry. Other relatives followed to work there. At least one Marsland child, my Grandfather's half brother, was apprenticed to John by the Trustees of Brabin's Charity, Chipping. My Grandfather when a youth also worked for him as an apprentice pattern maker.