

It appears that the family continued to occupy After Lee for many years. In the 1861 Census for Chipping, Thomas's widow, Anna, is shown to be still residing at After Lee, aged 83 years. Her daughter Jane, and husband Henry Bleasdale and their children are also living there.

During the mid 1800's Marslands were also residing at Outlane Head, Old Hive, Windy Street, and Town End. Other relatives, Boltons and Tindalls, cotton workers, lived in the Bottoms. By 1881 a Margaret Marsland and husband Mark Hoyle ran a Chipping grocer's shop.

Returning to James, the foundry owner of Burnley. He buried nine children during his own lifetime, and was survived by a daughter and two sons. Daughter Jane became a nun. One son, Henry, became a R.C. Priest, and spent most of his life as a tutor at Ushaw Priests' Training College, Durham. The other son James (Junior) entered into co-partnership with his father. James (Senior) made him a gift of about half his assets before he died in 1851, his wife having died a few years earlier. The will of James (Senior) did not help to solve the question of where my Grandfather's inheritances originated. It contained many bequests to relatives, the bulk of his estate went to his two sons.

By the time of his father's death, James (Junior) had moved to Clifton, near Bristol, possibly for health reasons. He died in 1852, at an early age, exactly one year to the day after his father. The Burnley business carried on until 1860. His widow outlived him by 40 years. They had no children.

The will of James Marsland (Junior), proved February 1853, provided the answers to our search. It appears that eight persons:- his brother Henry and seven children of two of his cousins, shared a sum of £24,500. My Grandfather being one of the eight. In a very lengthy will full of conditions, etc, many bequests were made. St Mary's School Chipping and scores of other R.C. Schools in England and Wales benefitted, together with other R.C. Parishes, etc. Money was left in trust for various uses and individuals, too complicated to explain here. The outcome being that the original 'eight' beneficiaries received further sums as years passed. Fairly substantial amounts were released on the death of James (Junior's) widow, and the final legacies were paid in 1897.

If my Grandfather was considered to be wealthy, there must have been many other Marslands in the same fortunate position. One cannot help wondering where are the descendants at the present time? At the time of the death of James (Junior) my Grandfather was five years old. He had to attain the age of twenty-three years before becoming possessed of his inheritance.

He had married Catherine Billington by that time. The 1871 Census shows him and his wife, with two children, aged 1 year, (William. The blacksmith.) and 4 months old Ann, living at Town End, Chipping, together with other relatives and a domestic servant. Rate lists for the same period show him and his wife to be owners of Kirk Mill, and other property in Grove Square, Chipping. About the time when my Grandfather held Kirk Mill, wood turning began there. Possibly he converted the premises for this purpose.

Other publications have credited him with the conversion of buildings in Grove Square to dwellings.



Town End Farm
Chipping



Catherine Marsland
nee Billington,
my Grandmother.
1846-1909