

The Maudsleys, talented folk

The many branches of the Maudsley family have populated the local area for centuries and 39 of them are buried in Giggleswick churchyard with others in Settle, Stainforth and Long Preston. They were a particularly talented family and here are just a few that made the headlines.

North of Rathmell we find the farmsteads of Field Gate, Grain House, Rome, Wham and Little Bank, the various farms of the Maudsley family. **Henry Maudsley**, born in 1835, must be one of the area's most successful exports. He was one of at least seven sons and just one daughter of **Thomas Maudsley [A]** and his wife **Mary**, born at the farm at Rome. Thomas and Mary soon moved to farm at Stainforth Hall where members of the family remain until this day. Thomas and Mary (and several descendants) have fine memorial stones close to each other in Stainforth graveyard, a sure sign of their wealth and status. 1845-6 were awful years for Thomas with the death of their youngest twins, his wife and a daughter. Thomas outlived his wife by 35 years and did well to bring up his remaining children.

2 Kings, chap 4, verse 26, James Maudsley, Stainforth Hall, January 25th 1845, aged 8 months. Richard Maudsley, Stainforth Hall died March 16th 1845, aged 9 months 3 weeks.

Mary Maudsley, their mother died October 11th 1845, aged 45 years.

Ezekiel chap 24 verse 18. Jennet Maudsley, died April 30th 1846, aged 13 years. Death has been here and borne away a sister from our side. Just in the morning of her day, as young as you she died.

Thomas husband of the above, died October 13th 1880, aged 82 years.



The biblical quotes from Kings is usually associated with recently widowed women, 'Run to meet her and ask her, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?'' "Everything is all right," she said.' The Ezekiel quote, 'So I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the evening my wife died. The next morning I did as I had been commanded.'

After studying at Giggleswick School, Henry [ph1] decided to pursue a career in medicine and, as preparation, found some work-experience at Essex County Asylum. Directly from there, aged just 23, he was appointed Superintendent of Manchester Royal Lunatic Asylum and successfully raised both patient numbers and income. Then he worked as a physician in London, was appointed a co-editor of the 'Journal of Mental Science' and became one of Britain's foremost authorities on mental health. Henry became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Professor of Medical Jurisprudence at University College London — that's the official term for legal medicine which includes forensic science. Later in life he ran an extremely lucrative mental health consultancy for the aristocracy in the West End of London.

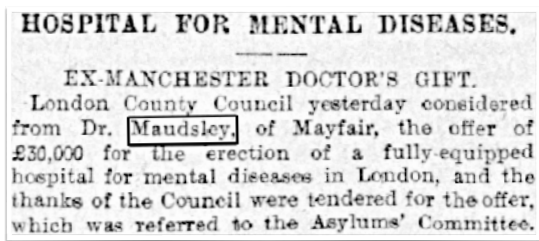


Henry married **Anne Caroline Connolly**, daughter of **John Connolly**, a psychiatrist at Middlesex County Asylum. Shocking as it is to us today, in the early 1800s many of the insane spent their lives restrained in one place. John pioneered the idea of reducing physical restraint to rehabilitate them and his ideas became generally accepted. Henry and Anne married just two months before her father's death in 1866.



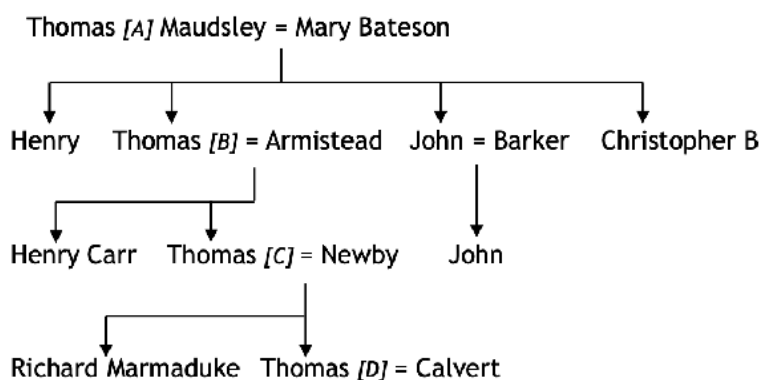
Apparently, Henry wrote John's obituary and shocked the family with his unsympathetic tone! It didn't do him any harm though, as he inherited John's private mental hospital, Lawn House in Hanwell, which provided for six wealthy women. Henry and Anne didn't have children and so, instead, he had plenty of time for *'riding, lawn tennis and attending good cricket matches'* [1].

In 1907, when he was 72, Henry made an extraordinary bequest of £30,000 which would secure his name in history [3]. He met another pioneering physician, **Frederick Mott**, and they planned a new type of hospital providing free care for voluntary patients with mental disorders which would also



serve as a teaching and research hospital, linked to the University of London. When asked why he made the donation he said, *'At the moment there is no such Hospital in London for the poor of the metropolis. The poor of London who cannot afford to pay for treatment are sent to the infirmary and then forwarded to an asylum. My idea is to give these people a chance of being cured by*

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proper treatment in a thoroughly equipped hospital dedicated to mental cases.' Soon after opening, in 1911, the building was requisitioned for use in the war for the treatment of soldiers suffering from shell-shock and research into the causes of it. Eventually the hospital, *'The Maudsley Hospital'* was used, as planned, in 1923 and still 'operates' to this day as the largest mental health training institution in the UK. Henry had died in 1918, aged 83 and left an estate worth over £4 million at today's value to the children of his brother **William Maudsley**. William was a chemist in London but died aged 36.

It's not surprising that another member of this family excelled in the medical field. Sir **Henry Carr Maudsley** was Henry's nephew, son of brother **Thomas Maudsley [B]** and his wife **Ann Armitstead**. After qualifying at University College London, Henry emigrated to Melbourne, Australia and was elected physician to the Royal Melbourne Hospital. During the war he *'gave 4 years of splendid service in recognition of which he was knighted.'* Henry [T,5] ran an Australian hospital in Egypt and led research into intestinal diseases which were affecting Australian troops. He was awarded the KCMG by the UK for pre-eminent contributions overseas. In his student days Henry had been a skilled mountaineer. In 1934, when taking his evening walk he was hit by a car and sustained a cerebral injury which made him a complete invalid. He died ten years later, aged 84. Henry's son **Henry Fitzgerald Maudsley** was awarded the Military Cross in World War I and became a prominent Melbourne neurologist.



THE LATE SIR HENRY MAUDSLEY, from a portrait by Dr Julian Smith, of Melbourne.

In the last war Sir Henry Maudsley gave 4 years of splendid service, in recognition of which he was knighted. With the rank of lieutenant-colonel he left Australia in 1914 on the hospital transport *Kyarra*, and was in charge of No. 1 Australian General Hospital at Heliopolis, Egypt. There the strain of the work was so great that his health broke down, and he went to England, where he remained until December, 1915. On his return to Egypt he organised special research into intestinal diseases which were affecting Australian troops, and in pursuance of that work he paid many visits to Mudros and Gallipoli. His work is specially noted in the official history of the Australian Army medical service.

Thomas[B] and Ann Maudsley were buried alongside his parents in

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Stainforth graveyard.

In loving memory of Thomas Maudsley, died March 7th 1899, aged 69 years. Also of Ann, widow of the above died Nov 27th 1914, aged 83 years. Thy will be done.

Thomas[B] and Ann Maudsley's descendants remained at Stainforth Hall. Thomas[C] and his wife **Ann (Newby) Maudsley** were buried in Stainforth graveyard, with two unmarried children, next to his parents.

In living memory of Thomas Maudsley, born November 26th 1863, died January 2nd 1945. Also Ann beloved wife, born November 26th. 1863, died November 19th 1944. Also their son Henry Bateson Maudsley, their son, born March 12th 1910, died April 14th 1956. Also Margaret Cottam Maudsley, their daughter, born August 13th 1891, died July 15th 1963, cremated at Blackpool.



The old bridge crossing the Ribble was part of the Maudsleys property. The bridge, 'one of the prettiest in Yorkshire' was rumoured to have been built in the 16th century, used as a pack horse bridge on the York to Lancaster route [4, ph3]. The introduction of cars caused a significant increase in 'wear and tear' to the bridge, beyond the means of **Thomas Maudsley [D]** and so he decided to donate the bridge to the National Trust in 1931.



ANCIENT BRIDGE AT
STAINFORTH.
National Trust Accept Deeds
and Endowment Fund.

Stainforth Bridge (Pack Horse), photograph by the Horner Studio. Horner Collection@NCBPT (CC-BY 4.0)

This Thomas Maudsley[D] married **Margery Calvert**, granddaughter of **Henry Calvert**, the innkeeper at the Naked Man Inn in Settle. They were also buried in Stainforth graveyard.

In loving memory of a devoted husband and father, Thomas Maudsley of Stainforth Hall, who died Aug 17th 1968, aged 74 years, and Margery, his wife, who died Oct 22nd 1976, aged 73 years.



Thomas'[D] younger brother, **Richard Marmaduke Maudsley**, a bank clerk, had a

BANK CLERK'S ESCAPE.
R. M. [Maudsley] of Bankwell, Giggleswick, employed as a bank clerk at Nelson, was charged at [Settle] yesterday, with being drunk in charge of a motor-car and driving to the danger of the public at [Settle]. He was fined £20, including costs, on the first charge, and ordered to pay costs on the second. His licence was suspended for twelve months.

bit of a blip in 1930 when we was caught 'drunk in charge of a motor car and driving to the danger of the public in Settle' [1]. He moved to Liverpool, still working as a bank clerk.

Thomas [A] and Mary Maudsley's son **John Maudsley** ran Grain Farm just outside Giggleswick. Their son, another **John Maudsley** had a full and varied list of contributions to Settle life alongside his farming. These included Chair of Settle Rural Council, a member of the Board of Guardians, Chair of

MR. J. MAUDSLEY, SETTLE.
Mr. John [Maudsley], of [Settle], a member of the [Settle] Rural Council, and its chairman for several years, and also a member of the old Board of Guardians, has died at [Settle] aged 55. He had been chairman of the [Settle] Branch of the National Farmers' Union ever since its formation nine years ago, and represented it on the County Executive Committee of the West Riding Farmers' Union. Mr. [Maudsley] was chairman of the General Purposes Committee of the West Riding Executive, a position he had held for the last five years. He had also been vice-chairman of the County Branch. He was noticeably gifted as a chairman and as a speaker.

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the Settle branch of the National Farmers Union and Chair of the General Purposes Committee of the West Riding Executive. *'He was noticeably gifted as a chairman and as a speaker'*!^[4] John was the chair of the District Council during the war and played an important role in Settle's *'Welcome to Returning Soldiers'* ceremony.

Mr. Christopher Bateson Maudsley, of Rome, near Settle, is lying in a critical condition suffering from injuries received by being thrown from his cart as he was returning from Long Preston.

Thomas [A] and Mary Maudsley's son, **Christopher Bateson Maudsley** farmed at Rome Farm with his wife and family but had a most unfortunate death after being thrown from his cart as he was returning from Long Preston in 1903, aged 60 [7.] He was buried with a son, another **Thomas**, in Giggleswick graveyard.

In loving memory of Thomas son of C. Bateson and Jane Maudsley of Rome born Feb.17th 1874 died April 11th 1900. Christopher Bateson Maudsley born July 24th 1842 died October 24th 1903

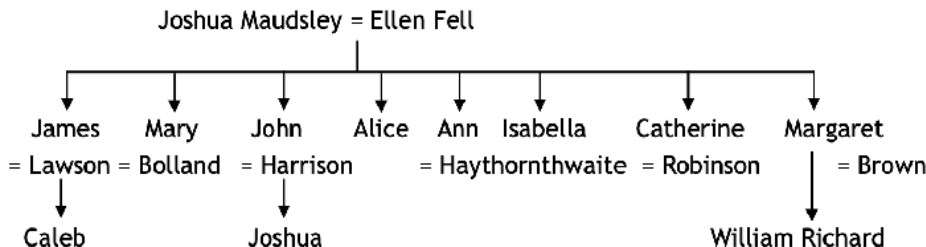


Another branch of the family lived at Little Bank, just beyond New Hall Farm. **Joshua Maudsley** and his wife **Ellen Fell** had a huge family of nine daughters and three sons. They retired to live in Long Preston near their son **James Maudsley** but were buried in Giggleswick graveyard.



In loving memory of Joshua Maudsley late of Little Bank who died at Long Preston May 9th 1879 aged 79 years. Also of Ellen Maudsley his wife who died at Long Preston Feb'y 21st 1878 aged 67 years. "The memory of the just is blessed." Proverbs 10th chap. 7th verse.

More Maudsleys



Their son **James Maudsley** started life as a farmer near Town Head in Long Preston. However, his fortunes improved when, in 1887, having experienced trading from the farmer's perspective, he had the brilliant idea of setting up an auction mart in Long Preston on market days to remove the need for time-consuming individual deals with other farmers. It was a dangerous job! In 1888 James fell against a cattle van *'falling upon his face and splitting his nose so badly that the doctor had to be called in and the sufferer had to go to bed'*!^[CH] James married **Margaret Lawson** and they had ten children, many of whom became schoolteachers. James and Margaret's son, **Caleb Maudsley**, also worked as an auctioneer in Settle before emigrating to New Zealand [LSA]. Margaret Lawson's cousin was **James Bolland**, a farmer from Tosside and he married Joshua and Ellen's daughter **Mary Maudsley**. They lived in Malhamdale and had six children before Mary died, aged 43, giving birth to twins **John Thomas** and **Hilda Mary Bolland** who both survived. James remarried.



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Joshua and Ellen's youngest three daughters were **Alice**, **Ann** and **Isabella Maudsley**. In 1862, Alice, aged ten (not 11 as reported) and youngest daughter Isabella, aged five, had a tragic accident walking home across fields from Rathmell school [2]. They tried to walk across a bridge over a swollen brook, probably the one at New Hall, but fell in. Alice, 'a fine, intelligent little girl' drowned but little Isabella managed to escape and ran home to summon help. One has to wonder why eighth daughter Ann Maudsley wasn't also walking home from school that day? Ann's death certificate, when she was just 27, explains why. She had suffered from 'general paralysis upwards of 20 years' so was obviously not well enough to go to school that day. Ann's death was registered by **Thomas Skirrow**

Haythornthwaite, her brother-in-law and husband of surviving sister Isabella. Thomas and Isabella looked after Ann in her later years. Poor Alice was buried with her sister Ann in Giggleswick churchyard with a fine stone which is well preserved and near to the grave of their parents Joshua and Ellen.

In memory of Alice Maudsley of Little Bank who died March 6th 1862 aged 10 years. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Also Ann Maudsley died at Outhwaite, Roeburndale, June 6th 1881 aged 27 years.

Joshua and Ellen's daughters **Catherine Maudsley** and **Margaret Maudsley** worked in domestic service for spinsters **Sarah Tatham** and **Sarah Ecroyd**, at Castle Hill House at the foot of Castle Hill. Both Sarahs were part of the successful Quaker family who ran Tathams department store on Cheapside. Catherine married a local farmer, **Stephen Robinson**. Before she married, Margaret had a son, **William Richard Maudsley**, who was brought up by his grandparents Joshua and Ellen and became a carpenter. He was also quite keen on travelling around on his Penny Farthing, so much so that he had his photo taken with it at the Horner studios in 1881 [ph2]. William Richard married **Mary Alice Howson** and had a large family, living in Oswaldtwistle. Meanwhile mum Margaret married **John Brown**, a corn dealer and the son of **Christopher Brown** who ran the New Inn at Clapham for a while. John and Margaret had three children, living in Chapel Street and are buried in Settle graveyard, *Old D55*.

In Loving Memory of John Brown who died April 29th 1899 in his 64th year. Also Edward his son who died Decr 1st 1879, aged 4 years. Also Margaret his wife died July 22nd 1917, aged 80 years



A MELANCHOLY CASE OF DROWNING.—Two children, one eleven and the other about five years of age, daughters of Mr. Joshua Maudsley, farmer, Little Bank, near Settle, were going home from school one day last week, and they had to cross a brook, which at the time was greatly swollen by rain, and a slab of stone stretched across the stream was covered with water. In attempting to get across both the poor girls fell in, and the eldest one was drowned. The youngest seized hold of a root or something growing on the bank and got out.



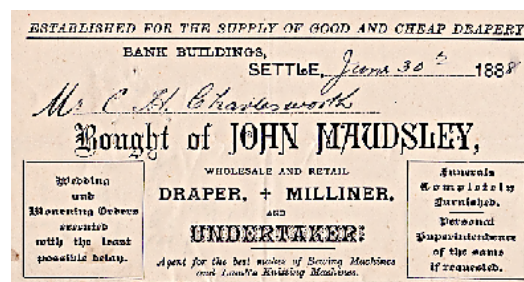
Mr W Maudsley, photograph by the Horner Studio.
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Their gravestone commemorates the short life of their son **Edward Brown** although he was buried in Giggleswick graveyard for some reason — perhaps to be near Margaret's parents who had passed away just before little Edward?

Joshua and Ellen's son, **John Maudsley**, became a draper, running his business at Bank Buildings [ph4] in the High Street in Settle with his wife **Ellen Harrison**. John and Ellen's son, **Joshua Maudsley**, was another bright lad. He won a 'Shute' scholarship to Giggleswick School and a 'Hastings' scholarship to Oxford University. He graduated with first class honours in Natural Science and became an inspector of schools. John and Ellen's son **Herbert Victor Maudsley** also won a scholarship to Giggleswick school and became an auctioneer and insurance broker in Settle. John and Ellen are buried in the unmarked plot *Old DX56* with their spinster daughter **Dora Mary Maudsley**. Herbert Victor and his wife **Agnes Winifred Miller** are buried in the New graveyard plot *L11*.



In Loving Memory of Herbert Victor Maudsley died July 25th 1930, aged 51 years. Agnes Winifred Maudsley died Dec 18th 1961 aged 84 years, New L11



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