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The Ancient Parish of KILDWICK

[Transcribed information from the early 1820s]

"KILDWICK, a parish-town, in the east-division of Staincliffe, liberty of Clifford's-Fee; (Kildwick Hall, the seat of Miss Currer) 4¼ miles S. of Skipton, 5¾ from Keighley, 9 from Colne, (Lanc.) Pop. 175. The Church (see Churches for photograph) is a vicarage, dedicated to St. Andrew; in the deanry of Craven, value, ~£10. 18s. 1½d. Patrons, the Dean and Canons of Christ Church, Oxford.

The Church of Kildwick, is one of the two in the whole deanry of Craven, which are mentioned in Domesday. It was given by, Cecilia de Romille to the Priory of Embsay. After the dissolution of religious houses, the rectory, with the advowson of the vicarage, was granted by Henry VIII. to Christ Church, Oxford. In the nave of the present Church, built or renewed about the reign of Henry VIII. are the tomb and cumbent statue of Sir Robert de Steeton, in link mail, with his arms upon a shield. It is wrought in Haselwood stone, and is an exact counterpart of his contemporary Sir Adam de Midelton, at Ilkley: and in the north chapel and choir are, also monuments to the families of Currer, Swire, Jennings, &c.

The village, situated upon a hill on the road from Keighley to Skipton, was amongst the first donations to the Priory of Embsay; by Cecilia de Romille, the foundress. In that house it continued till the dissolution, when it was granted by Henry VIII. to Robert Wilkinson and Thomas Drake, of the parish of Halifax. In the 2 Edward I. is a license to Drake, to alienate the Manor of Kildwick to John Garforth, of Farnhill by whom, or his son, 1st of Elizabeth, it was sold to Henry Currer, Esq. and from whom it has lineally descended to the present owner, Miss Currer.

The Manor house, a respectable stone building, perhaps a century and a half old, stands high above the church, with a very deep descent in front; but is sheltered by thriving plantations. --Hist. Craven."

Information on the following places in this Parish is contained on a supplementary page.

- * Brunthwaite
- * Carr Head
- * Cononley
- * Cornshaw
- * Cowling
- * Cringles
- * Crosshills
- * Eastburn

- * Eden
- * Farnhill
- * Glusburn
- * High Bradley
- * Kildwick Grange
- * Low Bradley
- * Malsis Hall
- * Silsden
- * Silsden Moor
- * Steeton
- * Stone Gap
- * Stott Hill
- * Sutton In Craven
- * Swarthey
- * Tom's Cross
- * Woodside

[Description(s) from Langdale's Topographical Dictionary of Yorkshire. (1822)]

- for details on symbols etc., please see the above Dictionary.

Churches

- * Here are photographs of Churches etc. in the parish:
 - o St. Andrew's Church, Kildwick (view 1).
 - o St. Andrew's Church, Kildwick (view 2).
 - o St. John the Evangelist's Church, Cononley.
 - o The Baptist Chapel, Cononley.
 - o Holy Trinity Church, Cowling.
 - o The Roman Catholic Church, Crosshills.
 - o St. Peter's Methodist Church, Crosshills.
 - o St Peters Methodist Church Hall, Crosshills.
 - o St. James' Church, Silsden.
 - o The Methodist Church, Silsden.
 - o The Roman Catholic Church, Silsden.
 - o The Methodist Church, Steeton.
 - o St. Stephen's Church, Steeton.
 - o St. Mary's Church, Low Bradley.
 - o The Methodist Church, Low Bradley.
 - o St. Stephen's Church, Steeton.
 - o St. Thomas's Church, Sutton in Craven.
 - o South Craven Baptist Church, Sutton in Craven.
- * The following Churches have their own websites:
 - o Bradley Methodist Church.

Church Records

- * The whereabouts and dates of the Registers etc. for the Parish of Kildwick.
- * The whereabouts and dates of the Registers etc. for the Chapelry of Silsdon.

Directories

- * Transcript of the entry of "professions and trades" in Baines's Directory and Gazetteer Directory of 1822.
- * Transcript of the entry of "professions and trades" in Pigot's Directory of 1834.
- * Transcript of the entry of "professions and trades" in The Craven Household Almanack Directory of 1911.

Gazetteers

- * There is further information about this parish from Pigot's 1834 Directory Yorkshire section.
- * There is further information about this parish from National Gazetteer 1868 Yorkshire extracts.

Maps

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 - * For a more detailed map of the parishes in the riding please see the Yorkshire parish maps page.
 - * For a more detailed map of the county please see the Yorkshire map page.
 - * Here is a map showing the wapentakes for the county.

Memorial Inscriptions

- * A transcription of the War Memorial at Cowling in the churchyard.
- * A transcription of the Memorial Plaque on the side of the Institute at Cononley.

Names (Geographical)

- * The following places are within the boundaries of this (ancient) parish, but I have no further information on them other than the Ordnance Survey Landranger Grid reference shown:
 - o (SD993466) Aire View
 - o (SD985481) Cononley Woodside
 - o (SD965435) Gill
 - o (SD965429) Ickornshaw
 - o (SD980438) Lane Ends
 - o (SD966432) Middleton
 - o (SD979429) New Road Side
 - o (SD948432) Stone Head

Societies

- * This parish is covered by the following Society:
 - o Keighley and District FHS

Kildwick parish registers: Dates and current locations etc.

The place:

A parish town, in the east division of Staincliffe, Liberty of Clifford's Fee; 4¼ miles from Skipton, 5¾ from Keighley, 9 from Colne (Lancs), Population 175. The Church is a vicarage, dedicated to St. Andrew; in the deanery of Craven.

Deposited Registers (NYRO)

- * Baptisms: 1575-1980
- * Marriages: 1576-1968
- * Burials: 1572-1933

Bishop's Transcripts:

* 1600-1602, 1604-1610, 1614-1616, 1624, 1626-1628, 1630-1633, 1635,1636, 1638, 1639, 1662-1667, 1669, 1671, 1672, 1675-1678, 1682-1684, 1688-1692, 1694, 1695, 1697-1699, 1701-1703, 1705-1711, 1713-1843

IGI Coverage:

- * C 1575-1789, 1789-1843;
- * M 1576-1754, 1754-1837

Transcripts and Indexes:

1. CMB 1575-1622; PTI; YPRS 47; YAS
2. CMB 1623-1678; PTI; YPRS 55; YAS
3. CMB 1678-1743; PTI; YPRS 69; YAS
4. C 1744-1789; M 1744-1754; B 1744-1771; PTI; YPRS 92; YAS
5. M 1576-1750; TI; BMI; SOG, YCL

Please note: For an explanation of the abbreviations and the meaning of those dates which are in italics, please see the Yorkshire Parish Registers main page.

The above register information was correct when the book was published (1998). However registers may be moved from one Register Office to another. If you know that any of the above data is incorrect, please drop me a line via my error reporting form.