

## The Batemans

Judith Mann, a daughter of William Mann and Rebecca nee Batley, married Jonas Bateman on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1730 at St. John's Church, Coley. They had a large family but only two, William and Dorothy, were baptised at Lightcliffe on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1731 and 7<sup>th</sup> March 1735, respectively. The little girl only survived a year, being buried in plot P\*27b on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1736. Her burial entry, in the parish records, states that her father was Jonas Bateman junior suggesting that Judith's father in law was another Jonas Bateman which he was. He was the Jonas Bateman son of a John Bateman baptised in Halifax in 1660. This Jonas Bateman of Wyke lost his own daughter, Dorothy Bateman, on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1723 and had this elaborate ledger stone placed on plot P\*27 after she was buried there on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1723 [not 1726 as the burial records show].

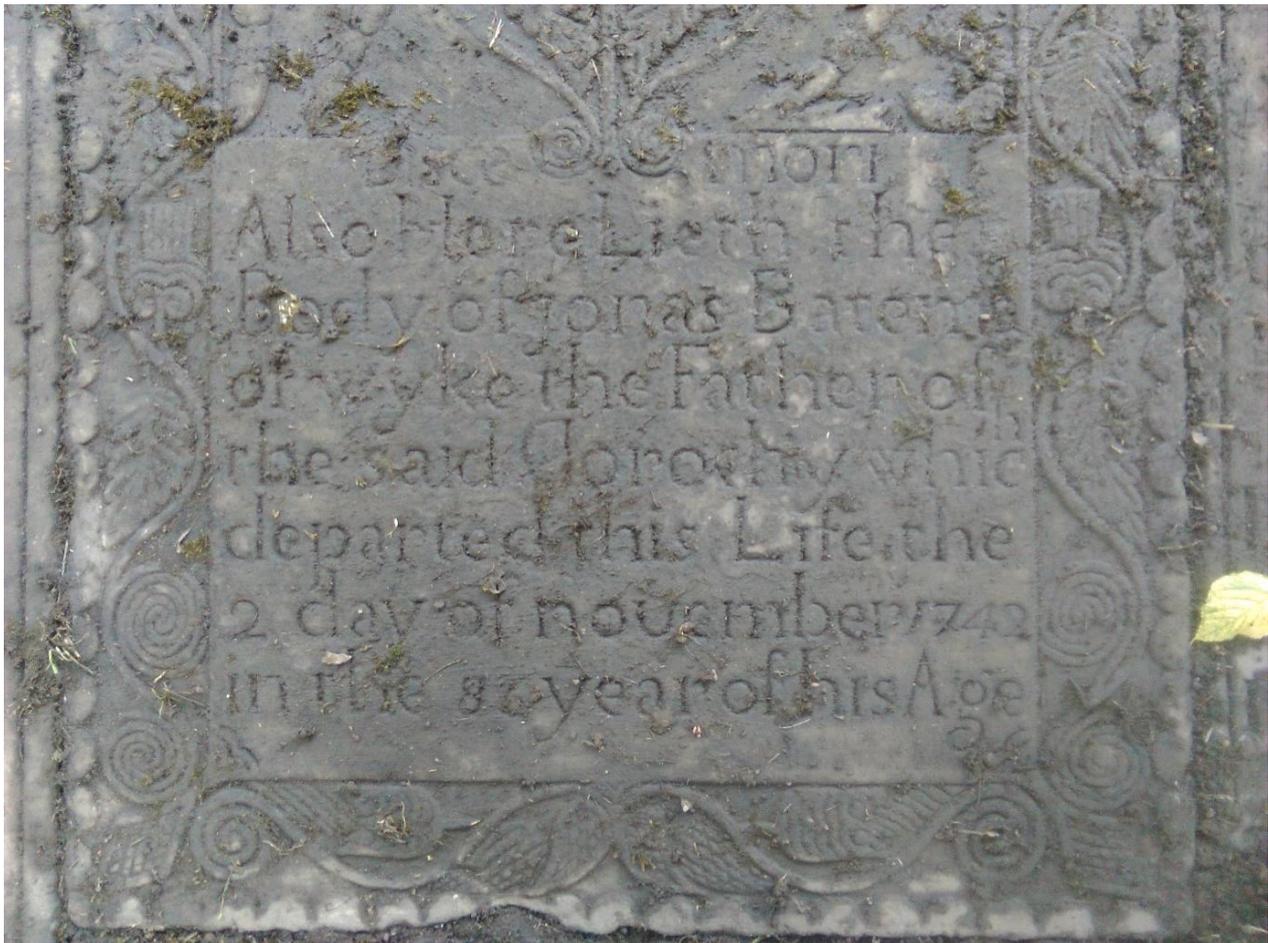


The top of the Bateman ledger stone on plot P\*27

And then there is a shield with Dorothy Bateman's initials and the year 1723 with the Latin words 'disce [sic] mori' underneath. **The shield on plot P\*27**



Father Jonas Bateman would join his daughter Dorothy on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1742 after he died aged 85 on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1742. An entry on the Prerogative & Exchequer Courts of York Probate Index for January 1743 reads "*Bateman Jonas of Wike P. Birstall*". The memorial inscription on plot P\*27 continues with the commemoration to Jonas Bateman but can you / did you spot the stone mason's deliberate(?) mistake and the previous incorrect spelling?!



**The bottom of the Bateman ledger stone on plot P\*27**

Five years later Susannah Bateman the widow of Jonas senior, and so the mother of Jonas junior and grandmother to baby Dorothy Bateman, died on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1747. She was buried in plot P\*27b, next to her husband's plot, with her little granddaughter, Dorothy, on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1747. Her son Jonas junior was the next burial in this plot on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1755 followed by his wife Judith Bateman nee Mann on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1774. And then finally one of their sons Daniel on 13<sup>th</sup> February 1789. For some reason, the transcription of this ledger stone does not appear on our website, but the transcription is included here alongside a photograph of the recently cleaned ledger stone for plot P\*27 b.

**The ledger stone on plot P\*27b**

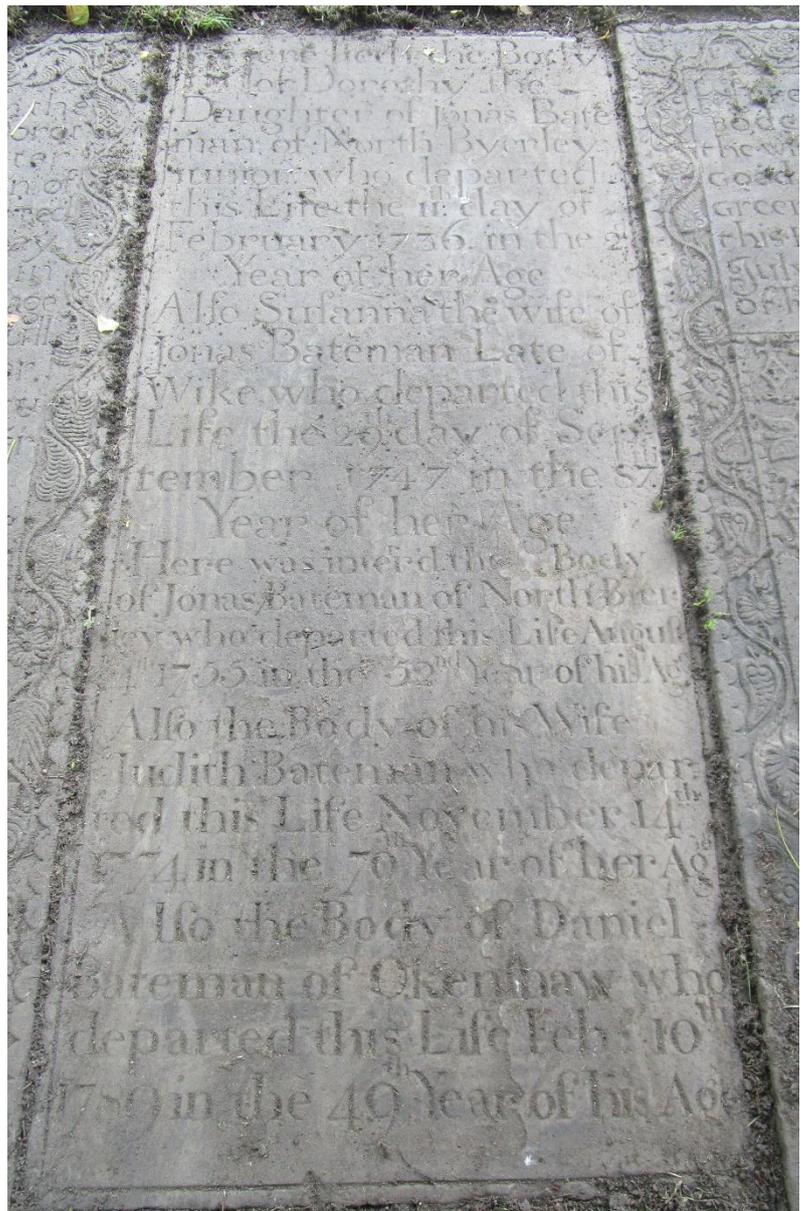
**HERE LIETH THE BODY OF  
DOROTHY BATEMAN  
DAUGHTER OF JONAS  
BATEMAN OF NORTH BYERLEY  
JUNIOR WHO DEPARTED THIS  
LIFE THE 11 DAY OF  
FEBRUARY 1736 IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup>  
YEAR OF HER AGE.**

**ALSO SUSANNA THE WIFE OF  
JONAS BATEMAN LATE OF  
WIKE WHO DEPARTED THIS  
LIFE THE 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
SEPTEMBER 1747 IN THE 87<sup>TH</sup>  
YEAR OF HER AGE**

**HERE WAS INTERRED THE  
BODY OF JONAS BATEMAN OF  
NORTH BIERLEY WHO  
DEPARTED THIS LIFE AUGUST  
4<sup>TH</sup> 1755 IN THE 52<sup>ND</sup> YEAR OF  
HIS AGE.**

**ALSO THE BODY OF HIS WIFE  
JUDITH BATEMAN WHO  
DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 1774 IN THE  
70<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HER AGE.**

**ALSO THE BODY OF DANIEL  
BATEMAN OF OKENSHAW WHO  
DEPARTED THIS LIFE FEB<sup>Y</sup> 10<sup>TH</sup>  
1789 IN THE 49<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HIS  
AGE.**



Daniel Bateman is assumed to be a son of Jonas Bateman junior and his wife Judith nee Mann but no baptism record has been found for him. Similarly, it is difficult to be absolutely sure who the other Bateman children were apart from another Jonas.

This Jonas Bateman, the third, was baptised at St. John's Church, Coley on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1742. He married Sarah Foster at St. Peter's Church, Bradford on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1766. Again, they had several children, but the son of interest was James Bateman who was baptised at Holy Trinity, Wibsey on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1771. The interest is because when he died on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1791 aged just 21, he was buried in Lightcliffe churchyard on 8<sup>th</sup> July 1791. This was in a new Bateman plot N\*27, close to but not directly adjacent to his Bateman ancestors. His parents Sarah and Jonas were then also buried there on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1801 and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1805.



**IN MEMORY OF  
JAMES THE SON OF  
JONAS AND SARAH  
BATEMAN OF  
NORTH BIERLEY  
WHO DEPARTED THIS  
LIFE JULY THE 5<sup>TH</sup>  
1791 IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup>  
YEAR OF HIS AGE**

**ALSO OF THE ABOVE  
SAID SARAH  
BATEMAN WHO  
DIED MAY THE 24<sup>TH</sup>  
1801 AGED 61  
YEARS**

**LIKEWISE OF THE  
ABOVE SAID JONAS  
BATEMAN WHO  
DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
THE 31<sup>ST</sup> OF  
OCTOBER 1805 IN  
THE 63<sup>RD</sup> YEAR OF  
HIS AGE**

**The Bateman ledger stone on N\*27**

## **The Rushworths**

Judith Bateman nee Mann had a younger sister Sarah. You may remember that she was possibly the third daughter given the name Sarah by William and Rebecca Man(n). On 1<sup>st</sup> September 1731 she married Michael Rishforth on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1731. Like his wife Michael Rishforth – the spelling does vary – was baptised at Eastfield Chapel on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1710, the son of another Michael Rishforth and his wife Rebekah. The variations in the spelling of the Rishforth surname suggest that Michael and Rebekah may have also baptised Betty Rushworth on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1707, John Rushforth on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1713, Sam Rushforth on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1718 and Robert Rushforth on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1721 in Lightcliffe. Then the memorial inscription on plot O\*27 ie close to the Batemans' plots begins:-

**HERE LIES THE BODY OF JOHN THE SON  
OF MICHAEL RISHFORTH OF LIGHTCLIFFE  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE  
IN THE 6<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HIS AGE ANNO DOMINI 1710**

Then daughter Betty Rushforth the daughter of Michael senior was buried in an unknown grave on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1712. Plot O\*27 continues :-

**ALSO OF MICHAEL RUSHFORTH AND REBEKAH HIS WIFE.  
HE DIED JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> 1746 IN THE 70<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HIS AGE.  
SHE DIED FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> 1752 IN THE 77<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HER AGE.**

There were Rushworths buried in the adjacent plot, O\*26, making them possible relatives bearing in mind the different surname spellings, but that connection has as yet not been explored. We have over a hundred Rushworth burials as well as Rishworths, Rishforths and Rushforths many of whom will be related.

Michael Rishforth junior and his wife Sarah nee Mann appear to have baptised at Eastfield Chapel a daughter, Rebecca Rishforth, on 8<sup>th</sup> June 1732 and then a son Joshua Rushworth on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1737. Then there is the Lightcliffe churchyard burial of a Thomas Rushworth, son of Michael, on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1742. Their daughter may well be the Rebecca Rushworth of Lightcliffe who married a clothier Joseph Woodcock of Birstall on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1752 at Halifax. Similarly, Joshua Rushworth may have married Lydia Law on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1761 at Hartshead and then baptised a son William there a year later. This would make the 75-year-old William Rushworth buried on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1836 in plot B\*28 a possible great grandson of William Mann. It would also open up a whole web of interconnected families perhaps leading to our WW1 soldier **Private Arthur Rushworth** or his name sake who died in the tram accident on North Bridge, Halifax in 1906.

According to our burial records Sarah Rushworth nee Mann was buried in an unknown grave within the closed churchyard on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1763. It is tempting to speculate as to whether the grave plot was an anonymous one at the time. Was there no ledger stone or has it simply not been found? There are grassed over plots near where her Mann, Bateman and Rishforth/Rushworth relatives were buried. Could one of these have been where Sarah was laid to rest perhaps with her infant son, Thomas. When her husband Michael Rushworth died two years later at the beginning of 1765 he too is recorded as being buried in an unknown grave within the closed churchyard on 7<sup>th</sup> January 1765. There is a February 1765 York probate index record for *Rushworth Michael of Lightcliffe p Halifax* which seems more than likely to be him.

Read more about the brother Thomas Mann

**Thomas Mann and family**

And, if you have not already done so, about their parents.

**William Mann and family**

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