

**A Brief History
of
Richard Hildreth**

Born on 12 December 1789 in Northallerton, Yorkshire, England
Died on 13 May 1862 in Blackburn, Lancaster, England



Richard Hildreth (1789 to 1862)

Franklin P. Mason II,¹ three greats grandson of Richard Hildreth

Richard Hildreth was born on 12 December 1789 in Northallerton, Yorkshire, England. He died on 13 May 1862 in Blackburn, Lancaster, England. (Refer to the Appendix for these and many other supporting documents and pictures.)

Richard was the son of John Hildreth (b. 1757) and Ann Barwick (b. 1758). Richard's father, John Hildreth, was born at home in Cleaves House in Thirlby, near Thirsk in Yorkshire, England as were four or five generations of Hildreths before him.²

Returning to Richard, Richard Hildreth married Mary Wheatly (born November 1788, daughter of George Wheatley) on 06 May 1816 in Northallerton. Richard was born and was married in the same town. One can suppose, then, that he lived his first 26 years in that town, Northallerton.

Richard and Mary had the following children:

Ann Hildreth, b. 29 Mar 1818 in Helperby

Jane Hildreth, b. 15 August 1820 in Helperby

John Hildreth, b. 23 February 1822 in Knaresborough; d. 11 October 1824 in Ripley

James Hildreth, b. 18 Jan 1826 in Ripley

John Hildreth,³ b. 11 June 1827 in the Rectory House, Ripley

Richard Hildreth, b. 03 October 1828 in the Rectory House, Ripley⁴

The record of the children's birth was written in the family Bible,⁵ and *only* in the family Bible.

Here are Richard and Mary's own words, as recorded in the Bible, to explain why:

We the parents of these children do hereby certify that they have all of them received the right of private Baptism according to the rules of the established Church but their names will not be found in any parish church owing to our objection to Baptism by *Sponsors* which we consider not sanctioned by the word of God. *N.B.* A true register is given of the above children in witness whereof we subscribe our names. Richard Hildreth and Mary Hildreth. Dated April 5th 1841.

As can be seen from the places of the births of Richard's children, he moved several times in the first few years of his marriage. At the time of his marriage in 1816 (age 26 years), Richard lived in Northallerton, the place of his birth. Nothing is known about his occupation at this time, and, in fact, nothing is known of him before his marriage. However, judging from the inscription made in 1841 in the family Bible, Richard must have had quite a good education. The language used in that writing is clear and correct. And he uses the abbreviation for the Latin phrase *nota bene*, *N.B.* (note well).

¹ Richard Hildreth → James Hildreth → Ann Elizabeth Hildreth (Franklin Pierce Mason) → Willard Cassidy Mason → Willard Franklin Mason → Franklin Pierce Mason II.

² However, John must have left Thirlby when he came of age because he and Ann Barwick were married on 15 May 1780 in Sowerby (which is 6 miles from Thirlby), and all their children were born in Northallerton (which is 10 miles from Sowerby).

³ A second John Hildreth.

⁴ Note that the last three children were born in a total of 33½ months. Thus, James was 2 years 9½ months of age when Richard was born!

⁵ This Bible is still in the family. It is now in the possession of James M. Hildreth, three greats grandson of Richard Hildreth (1789-1862): Richard Hildreth → James Hildreth → George Otley Hildreth → Norman Evans Hildreth → Norman Evans Hildreth → James M. Hildreth.

From about 1818 to about 1820 (Richard age 29 to 31), Richard and Mary lived in Helperby, which is about 20 miles south of Northallerton. Mary was born in Helperby and was, presumably, where her birth family still lived. It would seem logical that Richard and Mary moved to Helperby to be near Mary's birth family. Two of the children, Ann and Jane, were born there. Nothing is known about Richard's occupation at that time.

By 1822 (age 33), Richard had moved to Knaresborough, where his son John was born. Knaresborough is about 12 miles south of Helperby. Again, nothing is known about Richard's occupation in that town.

By 1824 (age, 35) Richard was living in Ripley, about five miles east of Knaresborough. That is where his first son died and where three more sons were born. Richard lived in Ripley for, perhaps, ten years, until about 1834 or later. One gets the sense that Richard was very happy in Ripley. It seems that he was the private tutor to the Rector's children. (See below.) And it seems that Richard and his family lived in the Rectory with the Rector, with Richard as a servant, to be sure, but still living in a lovely environment.⁶

A century later, in 1933, Ellison Story Hildreth⁷ wrote about his great grandfather's time in Ripley in a letter to the Hildreth Family Association.⁸ He heard the stories from his father and grandfather, both of whom knew Richard Hildreth.

My great grandfather [Richard Hildreth] was not the rector; he was a schoolteacher and lived in the rectory house for some reason that probably cannot now be traced. He was a lame man but clever. He used to love to go in the rectory garden and fish in the stream [Ripley Beck] which flowed through it.

By 1841 (age 52), Richard had moved again, this time to Leeds, which is about 20 miles south of Ripley. The year 1841 is the first in which there was a census in England. This census shows Richard living with his family: Mary (age 50), Ann (age 20), Jane (age 20), James (age 15), and Richard (age 12). For reasons unknown, the middle son, John, was not listed. Richard Hildreth's occupation was shown as Fancy Straw [hat] Broker. How Richard became a purveyor of straw hats is unknown. However, it was apparently a good occupation because: "Straw hats were fashionable for women of all social classes, from very plain for the lower class to ones highly decorated for the elite throughout the Georgian era [1714-1837] with many being imported, mainly from Italy and Germany, but Bedfordshire became the major manufacturer for straw hat making in England."⁹ In fact, the popularity of straw hats continued for many years after the Georgian era, even into the twentieth century.

In 1848, Richard's beloved wife, Mary, died. Her body was returned to her childhood home of Helperby and was interred in the burial grounds of the parish Church of Brafferton. (Helperby is in the parish of Brafferton.)

Richard Hildreth's sons James and John had each been married in 1850, and Richard had been married in 1851. (Little is known of Ann and Jane, but they were both out of Richard's household by this time.) Thus, by 1851, Richard was left on his own.

⁶ The Rectory was (is) a magnificent Georgian mansion, near All Saints Church and near Ripley Beck.

⁷ Ellison Story Hildreth (1884-1962) was the great grandson of Richard Hildreth (1789-1862): Richard Hildreth → Richard Hildreth → (Judge) John Hildreth → Ellison Story Hildreth.

⁸ Refer to the Appendix for a complete copy of the letter.

⁹ From: <https://georgianera.wordpress.com/2018/12/06/the-georgian-era-fashion-for-straw-hats/>

However, the 1851 English Census shows Richard (age 62) living in Bradford with his son John and daughter-in-law Charlotte (Beacock). Bradford is about 12 miles from Leeds. In the 1851 census, Richard's occupation is listed as Shoemaker. It must have been as Ellison Story Hildreth said, Richard Hildreth was a "clever" person. It seems he could change occupations as readily as others could change their clothing.

According to the 1861 English Census, by 1861 (age 72), Richard was living in Middlesbrough with his youngest son, Richard, daughter-in-law Martha (Wood), and grandson John. Middlesbrough is about 68 miles north of Bradford. In the 1861 census, Richard's occupation is still listed as Shoemaker.

Richard Hildreth died on 13 May 1862 in Blackburn, Lancaster at the home of his daughter Jane and son-in-law Joshua Hinchliffe. Blackburn is about 95 miles southwest from Middlesbrough. Richard's body was interred in the cemetery in Blackburn on 16 May 1862.

Richard Hildreth was a pivotal figure in the history of the Hildreth family. He was the transition between the English Hildreths and the American Hildreths. His father was born in Thirlby, where the Hildreths had lived for over 200 years. Richard, himself, was born in Northallerton (near Thirlby). He subsequently moved around to several towns within Yorkshire. All three of Richard's surviving sons emigrated to a new life in America. It has, now, been over 160 years since James Hildreth came to America (in 1856.) Richard did not live in Thirlby, nor did he live in America. Thus, for the Hildreth family, Richard was the bridge between the old (Thirlby) and the new (America).

As to his sons:

James emigrated in 1856 to New York and ultimately founded the Hildreth Varnish Company.

John emigrated in 1879 to Holyoke, Massachusetts. He had been a warehouseman (probably in the textile industry) in Bradford, and in America, he worked in an unknown position at the Farr Alpaca Company¹⁰ in Holyoke.

Richard, Jr., emigrated in 1872 to Holyoke, Massachusetts. He had been in the textile industry in Bradford, and he ultimately became a department head the at Farr Alpaca Company in Holyoke.

As an added note, one generation down, John Hildreth, son of Richard Hildreth, Jr., and grandson of Richard Hildreth, Sr., emigrated in 1875 to Holyoke, Massachusetts and ultimately became *Judge* John Hildreth, a highly valued and respected pillar of the community.

¹⁰ The Farr Alpaca Company of Holyoke, Massachusetts was a textile manufacturer specializing in alpaca and mohair worsted woolen products. By the beginning of the twentieth century, it was the largest alpaca woolen mill in the world and was a dominant producer in the woolen goods industry as a whole.

Appendix

John Hildereth
in the England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975

<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name: John Hildereth	
Gender: Male	
Baptism Date: 21 Sep 1757	
Baptism Place: Felixkirk,York,England	
Father: Richard Hildereth	
FHL Film Number: 918422	

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Baptism record of John Hildreth (b. 1757), son of Richard Hildreth (1716-1774), and father of Richard Hildreth (1789-1862). Residents of Thirlby attended church in Felixkirk, less than two miles away.



Cleaves House, Thirlby, Yorkshire. A weavers' "cottage", home of the Hildreth family from before 1600 to about 1780. The Hildreths wove linen cloth from flax fiber in this house. The house as seen in 2014.

Richd Hildreth

in the England, Select Marriages, 1538-1973

Detail Source

Name: Richd Hildreth

Gender: Male

Marriage Date: 5 May 1816

Marriage Place: Northallerton, York, England

Spouse: Mary Wheately

FHL Film Number: 550543

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Marriage record for Richard Hildreth and Mary Wheately,
05 May 1816 in Northallerton



Ripley Rectory. Richard Hildreth lived in the Rectory with his family from about 1824 to 1834. Richard was not the Rector. He was a teacher to the Rector's children. The Rectory as seen in 2014.

A Rector is a clergyman who has the charge and cure of a parish and has the parsonage [rectory] and tithes. [The Rector is] entitled to the whole tithes of the parish.¹¹ In other words, the Rector is a person with power and prestige who has a steady, often large, income.

The former home of the Rector of All Saints Church in Ripley, England, "Ripley Rectory", is now called "York House". York House is an elegant Georgian mansion built sometime before 1820.¹² York House is an Historic England Grade II Listed Building [8/78 York House (formerly listed as 15.3.66 Rectory)].¹³ Its current address is: York House, Ripley, Harrogate HG3 3AY, UK.

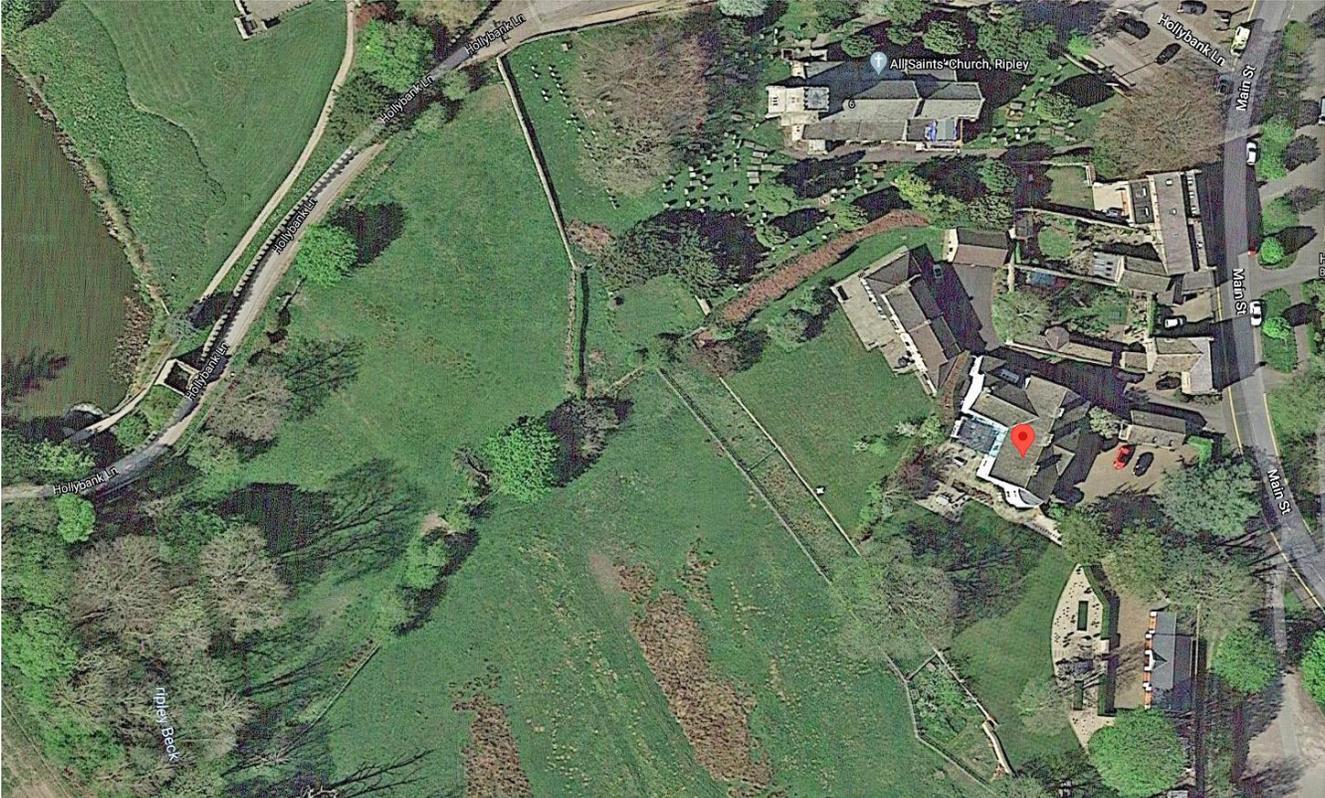
¹¹ <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/YKS/YRY/YKS/Church>

¹² <https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/downloads/file/1468/village-design-statement-ripley>, page 6

¹³ <https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/101150394-york-house-ripley#.YZ1ddFXMKUk>



Ripley Rectory, as seen from the street.



Ripley Rectory (indicated), showing its relationship to All Saints Church and to Ripley Beck



Map of Ripley (partial), showing Ripley Rectory (not numbered) and its relationship with All Saints Church (numbered 4)¹⁴

¹⁴ <https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/downloads/file/1468/village-design-statement-ripley>, page 10



Ripley Beck, weir, and Tower Bridge on Hollybank Lane¹⁵

¹⁵ <https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/downloads/file/1468/village-design-statement-ripley>, page 4

A true Register of all hereunder
Will

Ann Hildreth Born March 29th 1818
Jane Hildreth Born August 15th 1820
James Hildreth Born January 18th 1826
John Hildreth Born June 11th 1827
Richard Hildreth Born October 3rd 1828

Richard Hildreth the Father of the above Children was born at Northallerton in the County of York Dec^r 12th 1789 and was Married to Mary Wheatley Daughter of George Wheatley Carpenter of Helperby near Boroughbridge at which place she was born in November 1788 but her true register is lost owing to a fire breaking out in the Vestry of the Church and consuming the books where her register was recorded.

We the Parents of these Children do hereby certify that they have all of them received the right of private Baptism according ^{to the} rules of the established Church but their names will not be found in any parish Church owing to our objecting Baptism by Sponsors which we consider not sanctioned by the word of God. A true register is given of the Above Children in witness whereof we subscribe our Names - - - - - Richard Hildreth
Dated April 5th 1841 Mary Hildreth

Ann Hildreth was Born
Broughton
 Ann Hildreth
 Born on Sunday
 Morn^s about 2 O
 Clock March 29
 1818.
hgsd22

Richard & Mary Hildreth Parents
 of the Children Registered in
 this Holy Book were Married
 at the Parish Church Northallerton
 in the County of York & should
 their Marriage lines be at any
 time required they will be found
 in the aforesaid Church

Jane Hildreth was Born
 Jane Hildreth
 Born on Thursday
 Even^s about 5 O
 Clock August 15
 1820
hgsd22

John Hildreth
 Born on Monday
 Morn^s at 6 O Clock
 June 11
 1827
hgsd22

Born in the Rectory House

Richard Hildreth
 Born on Friday
 Afternoon about 5 O Clock
 October 3^d 1828
hgsd22

Born in the Rectory House

John Hildreth was Born
 John Hildreth
 Born on Monday
 Morn^s at 5 O Clock
 Feb^r 23rd died Oct 11
 1824
hgsd22

Evil and evil have been
 the days of my pilgrimage here.
 May you my Children remem-
 ber your Creator in the days of
 your youth - fear God and keep
 his commandments for this is the
 whole duty of Man - - Ps. 76

James Hildreth was Born
 James Hildreth
 Born on Wednesday
 Night at 11 O Clock
 Jan^y 4th 1836
hgsd22

1841 From the family Bible of Richard and Mary Hildreth

1841 England Census for Richd Hildreth
 Yorkshire > Leeds Town > Leeds West > District 29

City or Borough of Leeds 20
 Parish or Township of Leeds Enumeration Schedule 26

PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
	Uninhabited at Night	Inhabited		Males	Females		Whether born in same County	Whether born in same Parish, Town, or Village, or Hamlet, as at Time of Birth
10 20		1	Therese Bratton	50	F	Ind		No
5 do		1	Wm. Cook	20	M	Ind		No
		1	Mrs. Bratton	40	F	Ind		Y
			Child	6	F			
			Child	2	F			
			Child	7	F			
			Child	3	F			
4 do		1	John Lamb	40	M	Clk. Wagon		
			Wm. Ke	30	M			
			Child	20	F			
6 do		1	Richd Hildreth	57	M	Fancy Straw Broker		
			Richd	12	M			
			Ann	15	F			
			John	5	M			
			Ann	20	F			
			John	20	M			
4 do		1	George Rose	25	M	Bookbinder		
			Ann	25	F			
			Emma	4	F			
			James	5	M			
			John	2	M			
8 do		1	John Jackson	50	M	Ind		
			Ann	55	F			

PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
	Uninhabited at Night	Inhabited		Males	Females		Whether born in same County	Whether born in same Parish, Town, or Village, or Hamlet, as at Time of Birth
10 do		1	Wm Jackson	10	M			Y
			Ann	6	F			
			Geo	6	M			
			John	6	M			
			George Walker	40	M	Clk. Wagon		
			Jane	35	F			
			Ann	19	F			
			George	10	M			
			Louise	7	F			
			Joseph	5	M			
			John	3	M			
			Ann Whitaker	65	F			
			John Walker	20	M	Clk. Wagon		
11 do		1	Wm. Gration	50	M	Ind		
			John	20	M	Teacher		
			Joseph	20	M	Bookbinder		
			John	15	M			
			Rebecca	15	F			
			John	14	M			
12 do		1	Joseph Bates	45	M	Cabinet Maker		
			Rebecca	40	F			
			Ann	15	F	Ind		
			John	15	M			
			John	13	M			

1841 English Census Record for Richard Hildreth (1798-1862), showing Richard living in Leeds with his wife Mary and his children Ann, Jane, James, and Richard. (John is not listed.) Richard's occupation is listed as "Fancy Straw [hat] Broker"

1851 England Census for Richard Hildreth
 Yorkshire > Bradford > Bradford East End > 13

Parish or Township of <i>Bradford</i>		Ecclesiastical District of <i>Bradford</i>		City or Borough of <i>Bradford</i>		Town of <i>Bradford</i>		Ward of <i>Bradford</i>	
No. of Inhabitants	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf, or Lame
					Male	Female			
55		<i>Walter Hildreth</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>78</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Bradford</i>	
		<i>John Hildreth</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>28</i>	<i>Machine Maker</i>	<i>Do</i>	
		<i>Elizabeth Hildreth</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>F</i>		<i>23</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Do</i>	
		<i>John Hildreth</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>22</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Do</i>	
56	<i>George Street</i>	<i>Ann Hildreth</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>F</i>		<i>74</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Do</i>	
		<i>Mary Hildreth</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>F</i>		<i>41</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Do</i>	
		<i>John Hildreth</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>39</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Do</i>	
		<i>George Hildreth</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>23</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Do</i>	
		<i>John Hildreth</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>22</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Do</i>	
		<i>Joseph Hildreth</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>22</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Do</i>	
57	<i>George Street</i>	<i>Richard Hildreth</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>61</i>	<i>Shoemaker</i>	<i>Bradford</i>	
		<i>John Hildreth</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>24</i>	<i>Shoemaker</i>	<i>Bradford</i>	
		<i>Charlotte Hildreth</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>F</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Bradford</i>	
58	<i>George Street</i>	<i>James Hildreth</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>49</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Bradford</i>	
		<i>John Hildreth</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>15</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Bradford</i>	
59	<i>George Street</i>	<i>John Hildreth</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>77</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Bradford</i>	
		<i>John Hildreth</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>17</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Bradford</i>	
		<i>Thomas Hildreth</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>14</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Bradford</i>	
		<i>John Hildreth</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>20</i>	<i>Washer</i>	<i>Bradford</i>	
Total of Houses		I 4 U 11		Total of Persons		107			

1851 English Census Record for Richard Hildreth (1798-1862), showing Richard living in Bradford with his son John and daughter-in-law Charlotte (Beacock). Richard's occupation is listed as "Shoemaker".

1861 England Census for Richard Hildreth

Yorkshire > Middlesbrough > ALL > District 15

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

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Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Hamlet or Tything, &c., of	Ecclésiastical District of			
Middlesbrough	Middlesbrough			Middlesbrough					
No. of Schedule	House No. or Name of House	HOUSES In-cluded (i.e., of Building (B.))	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf, or Dumb
12	Lundal View	1	James Hildreth	Head	Man	29	Shoemaker	Shilland	
			Richard Hildreth	Wife	Wife	25	Wife of James Hildreth	York	
			Richard Hildreth	Daughter	Girl	7	at school	Middlesbrough	
13	do		James Hildreth	Head	Man	27	Shoemaker	do	
			Martha Hildreth	Wife	Wife	24	Wife of James Hildreth	do	
			John Hildreth	Son	Boy	5	at school	do	
			James Hildreth	Son	Boy	3	at school	do	
			Richard Hildreth	Son	Boy	2	at school	do	
14	do	1	James Hildreth	Head	Man	27	Shoemaker	do	
			Martha Hildreth	Wife	Wife	24	Wife of James Hildreth	do	
			John Hildreth	Son	Boy	5	at school	do	
			Richard Hildreth	Son	Boy	2	at school	do	
15	do	1	James Hildreth	Head	Man	27	Shoemaker	do	
			Martha Hildreth	Wife	Wife	24	Wife of James Hildreth	do	
			John Hildreth	Son	Boy	5	at school	do	
			Richard Hildreth	Son	Boy	2	at school	do	
16	do	1	James Hildreth	Head	Man	27	Shoemaker	do	
			Martha Hildreth	Wife	Wife	24	Wife of James Hildreth	do	
			John Hildreth	Son	Boy	5	at school	do	
			Richard Hildreth	Son	Boy	2	at school	do	
5	Total of Houses...	4	Total of Males and Females...		19	19			

1861 English Census Record for Richard Hildreth (1798-1862), showing Richard, Sr., living in Middlesbrough (which is about 25 miles north of Northallerton) with his son Richard, daughter-in-law Martha (Wood), and grandson John. The elder Richard's occupation is listed as "Shoemaker".



In Affectionate Remembrance of
RICHARD HILDRETH,
WHO DIED MAY 13th, 1862,
AGED 72 YEARS,
And was interred at the Cemetery, Blackburn, on the 16th.

HIS LAST WORDS.
The gates above flew open wide,
And gave to me a place;
The Saviour welcomed me with smiles,
Was glad to see my face.

Also of **MARY HILDRETH,** his faithful wife,
Who departed this life March 2nd, 1848, aged 59 years,
And was interred at Helperby, Yorkshire,

HER LAST WORDS—“All is well.”

1862 Richard Hildreth's death announcement, May 13th, 1862, Blackburn, Lancaster

Commenced
Sept. 2-1935

The United Church
of Cabot, Vermont

E. Story Hildreth, Minister

Cabot, Vt., Oct. 30, 1933.

My dear Mrs. Pritchard;

The other day I took lunch with the widow of one of my father's cousins, and she showed me something that would have delighted the genealogical soul of Mrs. Palmer. But as I do not know her address, I am giving you the benefit, if any, from it. It was a Bible that belonged to my great grandfather, over in England, and contained the facts about his marriage, and the birth and baptism of his children, to wit.

Richard Hildreth, born at Northallerton, Yorkshire, Dec. 12, 1789; married Mary Wheatley, daughter of George Wheatley, carpenter, of Helperby, near Borrowbridge (undoubtedly in Yorkshire) at which place she was born, Nov. 1788, but the register of her birth was destroyed by fire. The children all received private baptism according to the rules of the Established Church, but there is no record of their baptism, because the parents objected to sponsors as unscriptural, and the rector was not allowed to record any baptisms made without sponsor.

1. Ann Hildreth, born Sunday noon at 2.00, March 29, 1818, at Helperby near Borrowbridge.
2. Jane Hildreth, born Thursday evening 5.00, August 15, 1820, at "
3. John Hildreth, born Monday morning at 5.00, Feb. 23, 1822, at Knaresboro, died Oct. 11, 1824, buried at Knaresboro.
4. James Hildreth, born Wed night, at 11.00, Jan 18, 1826, at Ripley, near Knaresboro.
- 5 John Hildreth (another one ESH) born on Monday morning at 6.00, June 11, 1827, in the rectory house at Ripley near Knaresboro
6. Richard Hildreth, born Friday afternoon about 5.00, Oct. 3, 1828, in the rectory house at Ripley, near Knaresboro.

My great grandfa he was not the rector; he was a school teacher, and lived in the rectory house for some reason that probably cannot now be traced. He was a lame man, but clever. He used to love to go out in the rectory garden and fish in the stream which flowed through it. It was at that rectory house that my grandfather nearly lost his life. He was exploring in the barn, and

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somehow got into an oat bin and pulled the cover down on him. He was imprisoned there a day or so before he was found. The cover fitted tight, and he would have suffocated, except that he had a marble in his pocket. By using all his strength he managed to lift up the cover enough to stick the marble in and make an air space. He could hear the folks going around and calling for him, but it was a long time before ~~he~~ they got near enough so that they could hear his piping little voice, muffled by the bin. If it hadn't been for that marble, there wouldn't have been any me. I have often heard that story. . . I was ~~once~~ in the vicinity of Knaresboro, but had no idea, until I saw this Bible the other day, that ~~it~~ ^{the place} had any special connection with me.

When I told my father about this Bible, he told me that he remembered his Aunt Jane (I think she was the one) who was married to a man named Hinchliffe, and had only one daughter. This girl was vaccinated with human serum which must have contained some kind of poison, for she was a deplorable invalid all her short life. Father apparently didn't remember anything about the other aunt and I don't know whether she ever grew up and married, or not. *probably not*

I wrote you ~~once~~ about the family, beginning with the next generation. Richard was my grandfather; John was the father of Richard Hildreth, who works for the Walter Jacobs music house, arranging music, and is a very clever musician. He was written up in one of the Boston Sunday papers a few years ago, and you might be interested to hunt the matter up for your files. James was the grandfather of my cousin Norman Hildreth, 193 Dawes Ave., Pittsfield, Mass. As I think I mentioned, Norman and I are the only ones that have boys to carry on the name.

The Bible I mentioned is in the possession of Norman's mother, Mrs. Kate Hildreth, 206 Dawes Ave., Pittsfield, just across the road from Norman. If you are ever out that way, I am sure she would be glad to let you see it. And you will find her a very delightful lady, to meet. Norman's wife is, too. Whatever else you can say about the English branch of the family, they certainly know how to get nice wives.

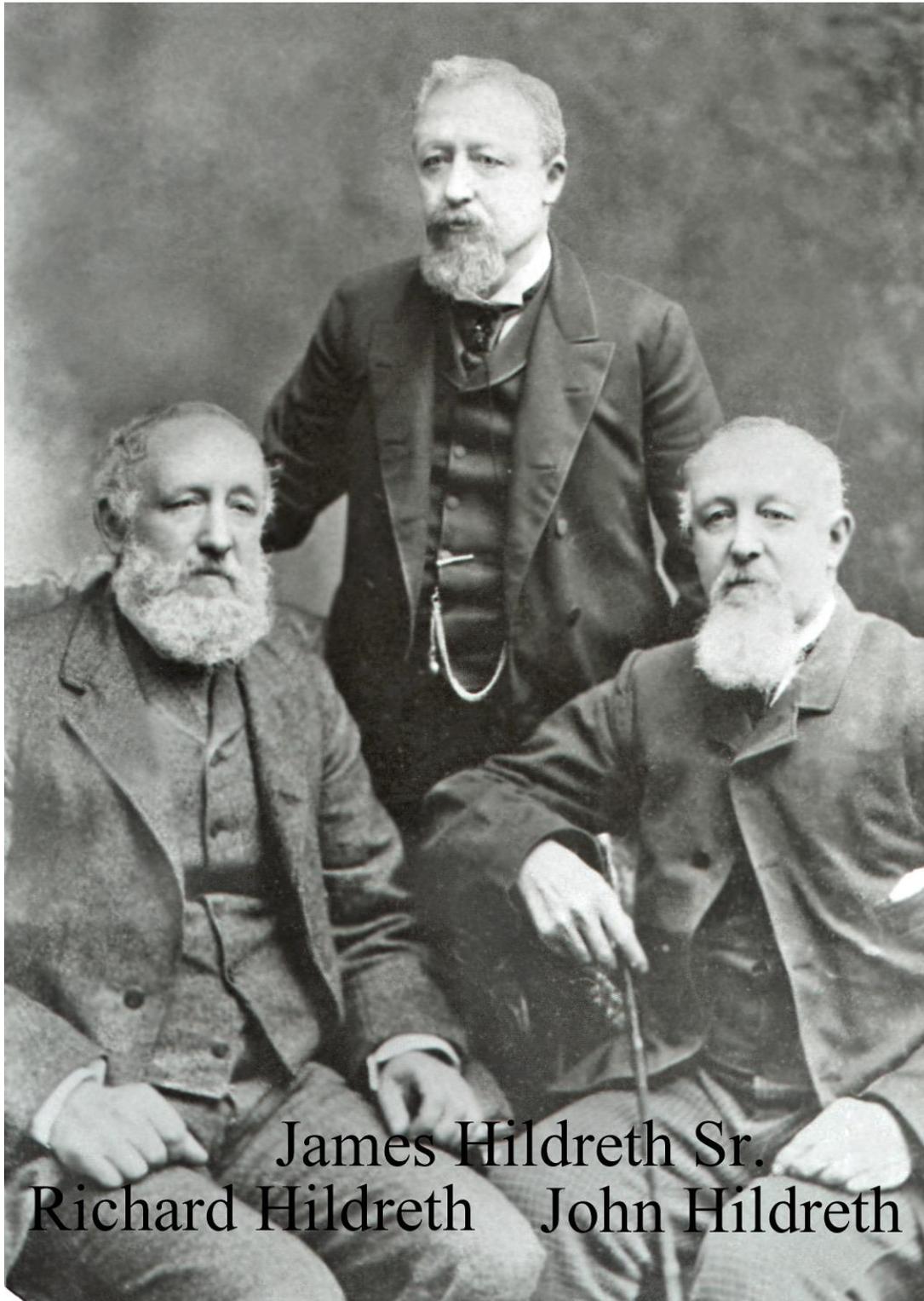
Sincerely yours,

E. Story Hildreth
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P.S. Did I send you a copy of the orange-covered pamphlet that I got out in honor of my father's 50th birthday? If you want one I shall be glad to send it to you. I went down to celebrate the 50th the other day.

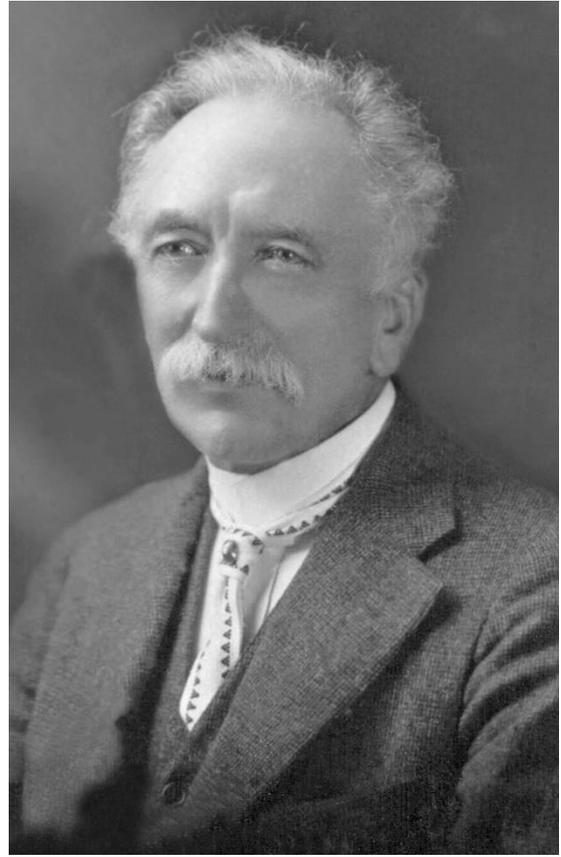
Richard Hildreth (1789-1872)
Brief Summary of Places of Residence

1798 Birth	Northallerton with birth family
1816 Marriage	Northallerton in transition
1818 Birth of Ann	Helperby with marriage family [Occupation unknown]
1820 Birth of Jane	Helperby with his marriage family [Occupation unknown]
1822 Birth of John	Knaresborough with his marriage family [Occupation unknown]
1824 Death of John	Ripley with his marriage family [School teacher, Private tutor]
1826 Birth of James	Ripley with his marriage family [School teacher, Private tutor]
1827 Birth of John	Ripley with his marriage family [School teacher, Private tutor]
1828 Birth of Richard	Ripley with his marriage family [School teacher, Private tutor]
1832 Richard's son Richard (born 1828), at age about 4 years was trapped in the oat bin.	
1841 Census	Leeds with his marriage family [Fancy Straw (hat) Broker]
1851 Census	Bradford with son John and daughter-in-law Charlotte (Beacock) [Shoemaker]
1861 Census	Middlesbrough with son Richard, daughter-in-law Martha (Wood), and grandson John [Shoemaker]
1862 Death	Blackburn, Lancaster with daughter Jane and son-in-law Joshua Hinchliffe



James Hildreth Sr.
Richard Hildreth John Hildreth

1888 Richard Hildreth' sons in America: James, John, and Richard



1883 and 1923 Judge John Hildreth