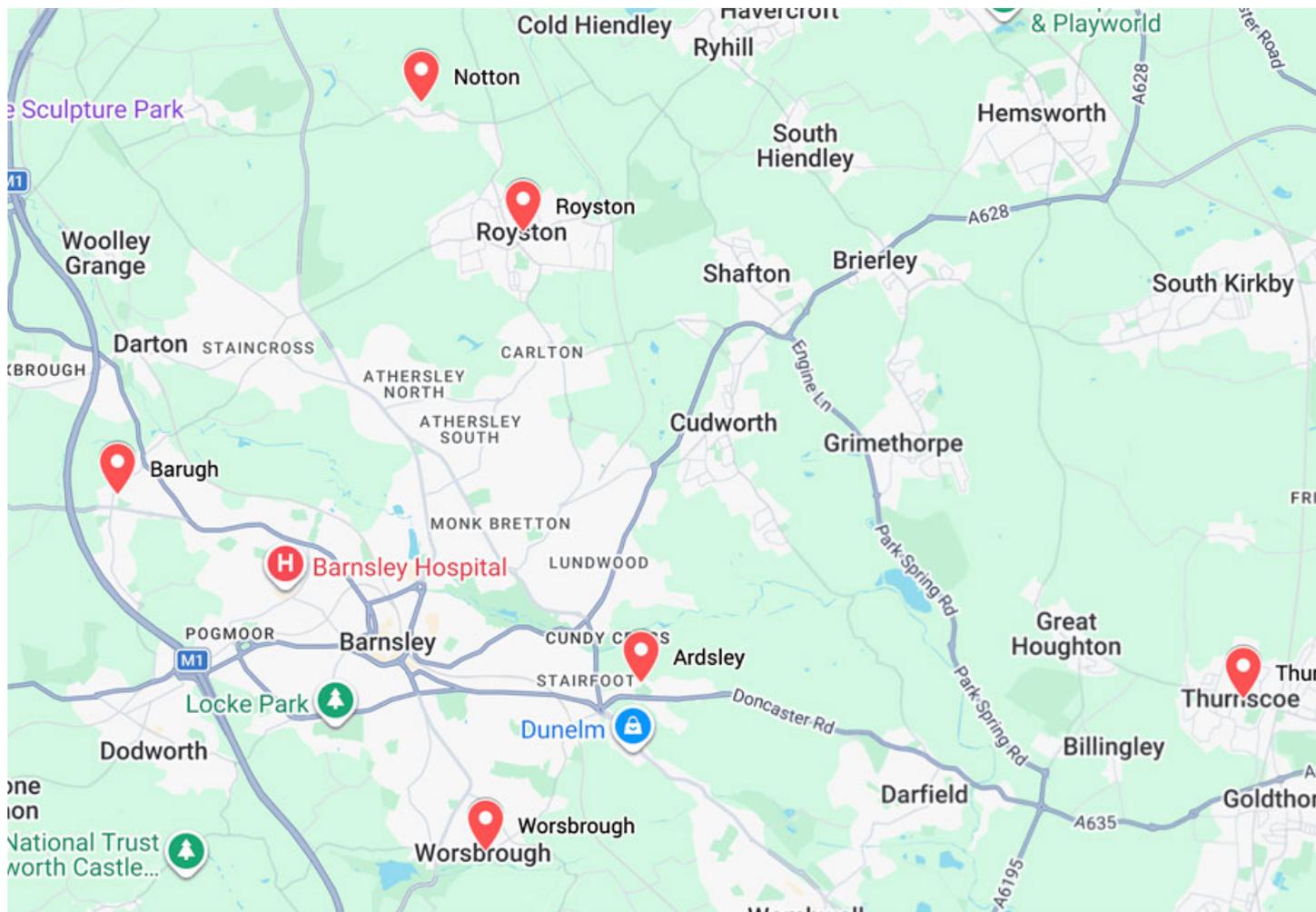


Ancestors of George William Crossley, 1919-2008, of Nelson, British Columbia

This family originates in Royston, Yorkshire, a small parish (and town), 3 miles north of Barnsley. Parish records for Royston begin in 1555 but are sporadic for the first century or more, as expected for this time. As is quite often the case, surnames for some early members of this family vary between Crossley/Crosley and Crossland/Crosland.

This map shows the main locations



The first two generations are speculative.

Generation 1

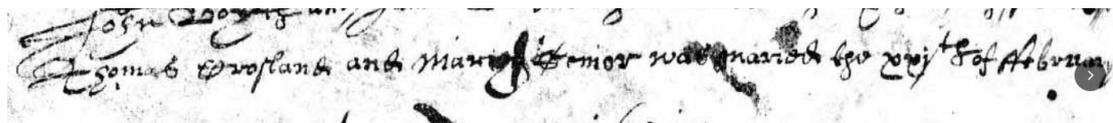
RICHARD CROSSLEY (ca1540-) married Ann Wylcok (Wilcock), Royston, 1568. No recorded baptisms, but there are three people with marriages at Royston a generation later, who are likely to be children: Richard, Gilbert and John (generation 2). The only other possibly relevant Wilcock record at Royston around this time is a death for Thomas Wilcock in 1580; he could be Ann's father.

Generation 2

JOHN CROSSLEY (ca1575-) two possible marriages at Royston, both to John Crosland – Jane Lisk 1598 and Catherine Blacker 1603; she died 1637. There are three possible Crosley/Crosland baptisms at Royston around this time – Isabel 1600, Ann 1604, John 1608 - but parents are not given, only the children's name, and there is no baptism for Thomas (generation 3).

Generation 3

THOMAS CROSSLEY (ca1605-1672) no baptism, but father assumed to be John since that was the name of Thomas's first son. Married Mary Senior, 1630. Royston. Died in Royston.

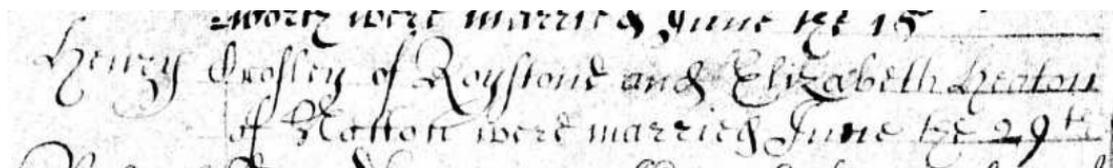


Four recorded children – John 1632, Thomas 1635, Timothy 1638 and Christopher 1643. There are no other Crossley/Crosland children recorded around this time at Royston, suggesting Thomas & Mary are the only couple with children here, but two other people of this generation are assumed to be children – Henry (generation 4) and Gervasse.

Generation 4

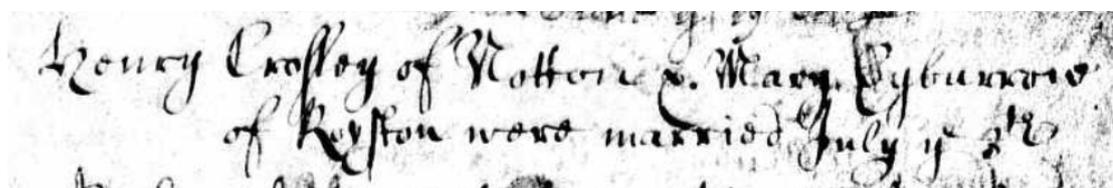
HENRY CROSSLEY (ca1645-1704), a carpenter, as noted in some of his children's baptisms. No baptism record for himself, but his children's names are very similar to those of his presumed brothers, including Timothy, John and Thomas.

First marriage to Elizabeth Heaton, Royston, 1676



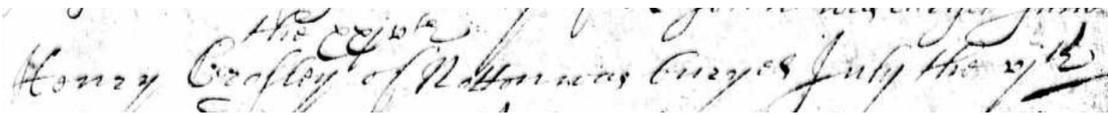
Henry was 'of Royston', meaning the town rather than the parish. No recorded children, but one presumed; Henry (-1759), a carpenter of Cudworth, who married Ann Auston at Royston in 1717; an assignment supported by the father being described as 'the elder' when he died in 1704. A death record for Elizabeth Heaton has not been found.

Second marriage of Henry Crossley to Mary Egborough, Royston, 1679



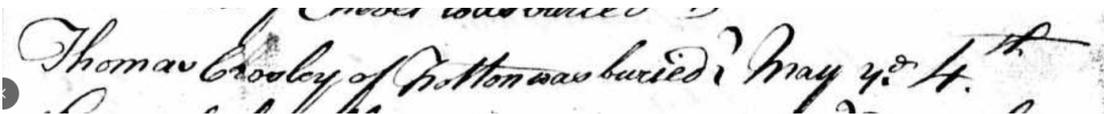
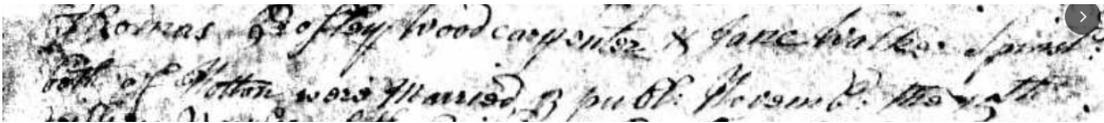
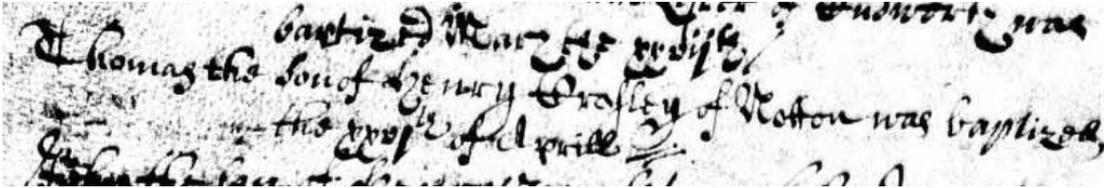
Henry now is 'of Notton', a smaller settlement 1 mile north of Royston. There are 9 recorded children of this marriage; Timothy 1680-1680, John 1681-1684, Thomas 1684-1755 (generation 5), John 1687, Elizabeth 1689, Ann 1692, Dorothy 1695, Richard 1698-1699, Timothy 1701-1701. Of these children, Timothy has the same name as an uncle, while Thomas, John and Richard are the names of the three preceding generations, which supports the overall assignment.

Henry Crossley 'the elder' died at Notton in 1704; buried Royston.



Generation 5

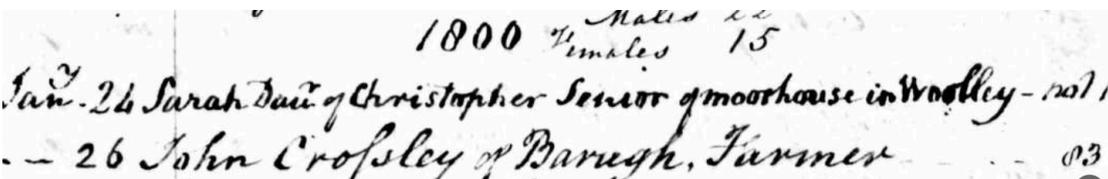
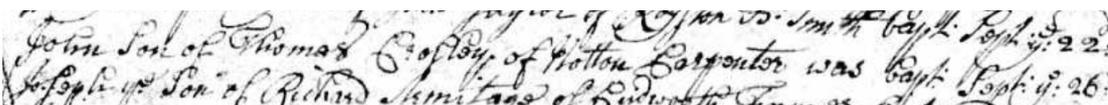
THOMAS CROSSLEY (1684-1755), a carpenter, born Notton, son of Henry. Married 1716 Notton to Jane Walker – he a ‘wood carpenter’, and died Notton; all three events recorded at Royston.



5 children; John 1717-1800 (generation 6), Mary 1719, Elizabeth 1720-1791, Jane 1722, Thomas 1725-1742 and William 1729-1800 of Notton, ancestor of people in Royston, Woolley and Ecclesfield.

Generation 6

JOHN CROSSLEY (1717-1800), a farmer, born Notton, son of Thomas, a carpenter, m Wakefield 1747 to Ann Wadsworth, d Barugh, age 83; a farmer. Children; Thomas 1749, John 1751, William 1755, Joseph 1757 (generation 7), Richard 1760. So it would seem that John’s younger brother William inherited property at Notton, while John moved, to Barugh, 3.5 miles southwest of Notton.



All children are mentioned in John’s will. Just like his father, he made his youngest son (Richard) his main beneficiary. Richard inherited his father's personal estate and effects together with the tenancy of the farm at Barugh.

John also made Richard his Executor and he was to provide and maintain John's wife Ann. (Ann died in March 1800 only a few weeks after her husband.)

John left small sums of money to his other sons; John, Joseph, Thomas and William and five pounds to his grandson John, the son of William. All the sons married, and have descendants to the present day.

Generation 7

JOSEPH CROSSLEY (1757-) a husbandman, baptised at Thurnscoe, son of John & Ann. First marriage to Sarah Grey (died 1785, Barugh, age 21; buried Darton); daughter Elizabeth, died Barugh 1785 age 2 months, father a husbandman. Second marriage has not been found, nor a death record, but Joseph Crossley a husbandman of Barugh had more children, christened at Worsborough:

Joseph 1795-1845, George 1797, Ann 1800, Elizabeth 1802, William 1805-1881 (generation 8), Richard 1808, Charles 1810-1884.

A nephew, John Crossley (son of Thomas) was also baptising children at Worsborough at this time. Joseph was a husbandman at children's births. Death record for Joseph has also not been found.

Generation 8

WILLIAM CROSSLEY (1805-1881) an agricultural labourer, baptised Worsborough. Married at Darfield 1826 to Susannah Roystone(e), 12 children:

Joseph 1826-1900, Ann 1828-1901, Hannah 1829-1911, Charles 1831-1915, Sarah 1832, Mary 1834, Elizabeth 1835, Ellen 1836-1922, Elizabeth 1839-1912, George 1845-1900, William 1847-1916 (generation 9), Martha 1852

In 1841 William is age 35, ag lab, at Birkhouse Cottage, Ardsley

Birkhouse Cottage do	Richard Carr	26	Clark	27
	John Moody	25	M. L.	27
	Ann do	25		27
	William Crossley	33	ag lab	27
	Susan do	35		27
	Howard do	11		27
	Charles do	10		27
	Sarah do	8		27
	Mary do	7		27
	Ellen do	5		27
	Elizabeth do	2		27

In 1851 he is age 48, ag farm labourer at Lodge House, Ardsley

82 Lodge House	William Crossley	Head	48	Ag Farm Labourer	Worsborough
	Susannah Crossley	Wife	47	Wife	Ardsley
	Charles do	Son	20	Ag Farm Labourer	do do
	Elizabeth do	Wife	17	Daughter	do do
	George do	Son	8	Son	do do
	William do	Son	4	Son	do do
	Samuel Clayton	Lodger	26	Ag Farm Labourer	Ardsley

In 1861 he is age 55, ag labourer at Birk House Lodge, Ardsley

165 do Lodge	William Crossley	Head	55	do	Ardsley
	Susan do	Wife	53	do	do
	George do	Son	15	Labourer	do do
	William do	do	14	do	do do
	Martha do	Daughter	9	Schooler	do do

He is still at Birk House Lodge in 1871, a farm labourer age 65, now just with wife; and again in 1871, age 75, with wife and married daughter Ellen Goodall. He died age 75.

Generation 9

WILLIAM CROSSLEY (1847-1916), a train driver

Born Ardsley. Married Mary Heath, Lambeth, 1871

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1871. Marriage solemnized at <u>the Parish Church in the Parish of Hemmington</u> in the County of <u>Leeds</u>							
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname. Rank or Profession of Father.
49	March 26 1871	William Crossley	24	Bachelor	Engine driver	Rowling Green Street	William Crossley Farm Labourer
		Mary Heath	21	Spinster		5100	Robert Heath Printer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by W. Cooper Vicar or after Persons by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, William Crossley in the presence of us, Robert Heath Harriet Heath

They had 6 children: Edith 1871, William 1873-1880, George 1874-1945, Susannah 1876, Herbert 1878 (generation 10), Mabel 1881-1890

In 1881 he is age 34, a railway engine driver, at Carlton Rd, Pancras

293	107	do	1	William Crossley	Head	Mar	34	Railway Engine driver	Yorkshire
				Mary	Wife	do	32		Marylebone
				Edith	Daughter	do	9	Scholar	Kendral Town
				George	Son	do	6	do	do
				Susannah	Daughter	do	4	do	do
				Herbert	Son	do	2		do

In 1911 he had moved to Letchworth; retired engine driver, age 64, with second wife Harriet

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1	William Crossley	Head	64	Married	Retired	to L. Engin. driver	to L. Engin. driver						Yorkshire	030	
2	Harriet Crossley	Wife	61	Married									Yorkshire	036	
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(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

I solemnly declare that: (1) All the entries on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex columns. (2) I have counted the males and females in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons. (3) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Total: Males 11, Females 11, Persons 22

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Cottage, or Apartment), and the Number of Rooms, but do not count the kitchen, closet, bathroom, or other small rooms.

414 of 683 70 rooms

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: William Crossley

Postal Address: 38 North View, Letchworth, Herts.

Generation 10

HERBERT CROSSLEY (1878)

Born Pancras, baptised at Holy Trinity, Haverstock Hill, Clarence Way; resident 107 Carlton Road

With parents in 1881. In 1891 he is with brother George, at 59 Mansfield Rd, St Pancras:

64	59	do	1	George Crossley	Son	14	Process Assistant	X	Kentish Town London
				Herbert do	Son	12	Scholar		do
				Harriet Sharp	Housekeeper	37	Housekeeper		Leeds Yorkshire
				Alfred Sharp	Boarder	30	Railway Engine Driver	X	Leeds Yorkshire

He emigrated to Canada in 1905, and married Viola Smith around 1914; two children, Edith Mildred 1915-1990 and George William 1919-2008 (generation 11). He retired to Agassiz, B.C in 1943, and died there in 1954. In 1921 he is in Wolseley, BC:

10	2	2	Crossley Herbert	-	-	-	-	R (15) S W (4)	Wife	M	42	England	2	England	England	1905	-
11			Mary Viola	-	-	-	-		Wife	F	23	Wash.		Ont.	Ont.		
12			Edith Mildred	-	-	-	-		Daughter	F	5	Wash.		England	Wash.		
13			George William	-	-	-	-	11 (6)	Son	M	2	Wash.		England	Wash.		

Generation 11

GEORGE WILLIAM CROSSLEY (1919-2008)

Born in Wolseley, Saskatchewan, died Nelson, British Columbia.

His obituary appears here: <https://castlegarnews.com/2008/08/04/george-william-crossley/>