## **The Bradwell Fever**



1868-1870



2012

## INTRODUCTION

In his book 'Bradwell Ancient and Modern' (BAM) Seth Evans describes a terrible pestilence that struck in the village towards the end of 1868 and kept the village in its grip until early 1870. The nature of the disease was not known at the time but now it seems possible that it was an outbreak of typhoid fever. Evans suggests that in the course of the infection some 200-300 villagers were afflicted with 70 succumbing. In the text are named some 41 people who died and a further 105 infected but who recovered. In some cases the people are simply identified as, for example, Mrs X's child but use of the census returns for 1861 and 1871 the names of these may identified. Likewise Evans only occasionally indicates where villagers lived but this may often be deduced from the census returns. From this source it also seems likely that two of the people Evans suggested had died late in 1868 were living in 1871. A search in the St Barnabas Parish burials records shows four children who died early in 1871 who may have also been victims of the fever.

The following as a partial list of those who died from the fever (41) and those who suffered (105).

Date	Name of victim	Died	Recovered	Lived	Comments
(*Interment)					
1868					
End of year	Frances Taylor		$\sqrt{?}$	Netherside	BAM (p. 81) suggests both succumbed to the disease,
	Herbert Taylor		√?	Netherside	but there are no records of the Taylors dying and both Frances (aged 10) and Herbert (aged 8) are shown as living with mother Alice Taylor on <b>Netherside</b> in 1871. Their father was Thomas Taylor who was dead by 1871. <b>Classification changed.</b>
1869					
Jan	Samuel Howard		V		No record of either Howard living in Bradwell from
	Anne Howard		$\sqrt{}$		either the 1861 or the 1871 census. <b>Not found.</b>
	Alicia Evans		V	Bridge End	Mother of Seth Evans, lived at <b>Towngate</b> . Seth's father Stephen died in 1866 and Alicia remarried Robert Barker in 1870 then lived in Bridge End with Seth and his brothers Dennis and Maurice.
Feb					
	Thomas Middleton	√		Smalldale	Aged 33. Recently returned from India. Son of John and Ellen Middleton of <b>Smalldale</b>
(6 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	George Edward Bradwell	√		Yard head	Aged 18. Son of Robert and Harriet Bradwell of <b>Yard Head</b>
(18th Feb)	Jane Maltby Bradwell			Yard Head	Sister of George, Aged 6 among 1st in new churchyard.
	Sarah Ann Bradwell	V		Towngate	Aged 24. Neé Sarah Ann Bradbury in 1861 servant to Thomas Bradwell (farmer, not miner) living at <b>Towngate</b> she was Hannah Bradwell's (Thomas' wife) niece. Married to Levi Bradwell

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( · Interment)	George Fox Dakin	V			Aged 1. George's father was an optician
	John Broadbent		V	Towngate	Aged 33. Son of Thomas and Mary Broadbent, <b>Towngate</b> .
Mar					
	Frances Hallam	V		Far Hill	Aged 20. Popular singer was to have been married. Daughter of John and Charlotte Hallam, <b>Far Hill</b>
_	Hannah Stafford	V		Smalldale	Aged 22. Wife of William Stafford of Smalldale
	Mary Barber	1		The Hills	Aged 18. Daughter of Joseph and Mary Barber, The Hills
	Christina Middleton	1		The Hills	Aged 8. Daughter of William and Harriet Middleton, The Hills
	William Bradwell		V	Hugh Lane	? Hugh Lane? Father of William Norman Bradwell
Apr					
(23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr)	Ann Hallam	$\sqrt{}$		Hungry Lane	Aged 34. Wife of John Hallam, Yard Head. Likely to have been Rose Lea, <b>Hungry Lane</b>
(23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr)	Ann Alice Hallam	V		Yard Head	Aged 8. Daughter of Ann, Yard Head
(7 <sup>th</sup> Apr)	Willie Herbert Hallam	V		Yard Head	Aged 10. Son of Ann, Yard Head
	William Stafford		V	Smalldale	Aged 29. Husband of Hannah Stafford, Smalldale
	Nancy Stafford		V	Water Lane	Aged 70. Wife of Obadiah Stafford of Water Lane
	Seth Evans		V	Bridge End	Author of Bradwell Ancient and Modern etc. Living with mother and Step-father Robert Barker at <b>Bridge End</b> in 1871
	Sarah Ann Pearson		V		Not found.

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( Internity	Phyllis Hallam		V	Yard Head	Aged 3. Living with father John Hallam, <b>Yard Head</b>
	Martha Marshall		V	Hill Head	Aged 31. Daughter of John and Elizabeth Marshall, <b>Hill Head</b>
	John Marshall		$\sqrt{}$	Hill Head	Aged 62. Husband of Elizabeth, father of Martha, <b>Hill Head</b>
May					
	George Maltby				Aged 23. 'Fine young lead miner'.
	Mrs Charles Middleton		$\sqrt{}$	The Hills or Water Lane	Mary A Middleton Aged 55 of <b>The Hills</b> or Hannah Middleton Aged 21 of <b>Water Lane</b>
	Dennis Evans		$\sqrt{}$	Bridge End	Aged 7. Brother of Seth Evans living with mother Alicia and step-father Robert Barker at <b>Bridge End</b> in 1871
	Maurice Evans		$\sqrt{}$	Bridge End	Aged 3. Brother of Seth Evans living with mother Alicia and step-father Robert Barker at <b>Bridge End</b> in 1871
	Richard Taylor		$\sqrt{}$	Netherside	Aged 14. Living with mother Alice Taylor, Netherside
	Thomas Bingham		$\sqrt{}$		Not found.
	Marina A. Hallam		$\sqrt{}$	Yard Head	Aged 1. Living with father Thomas Hallam, <b>Yard</b> head in 1871
	Elizabeth Hibbs		$\sqrt{}$	Yard Head	Aged 27. Wife of Joseph Hibbs, <b>Yard head</b>
	Fanny Hallam		$\sqrt{}$	Smalldale	Aged 20. Living with grandfather William Stafford, Smalldale. Grandmother Hannah died in March

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	Sydney Bradwell		$\sqrt{}$	Towngate	Aged 8. Living with father William and mother Lavinia Bradwell, <b>Towngate</b> in 1871
	Samuel Dakin		V	The Hills	Could be grandfather aged 68 or grandson aged 3, <b>The Hills</b>
	Sarah Hallam		$\sqrt{}$	Towngate	Aged 30. Wife of Jacob Hallam of <b>Towngate</b> .
	Mary Kay		$\sqrt{}$	Hugh Lane or Hollowgate	Two possible: Aged 50 wife of John Kay, Hugh Lane or Aged 23 (née Andrew) daughter of John Andrew, <b>Hollowgate</b> .
	Hannah Boyes		V	The Hills	Aged 22. Living with sister Mary Tanfield and her husband Robert, <b>The Hills</b> .
	Sarah Middleton		V	Smalldale or The Hills	Two possible: Aged 6 daughter of Anthony and Emma Middleton, <b>Smalldale</b> or Aged 23 wife of George Middleton, <b>The Hills</b>
Jun					
	Rev Thomas Meredith			Brookside	Aged 35.Primitive Methodist minister, resided at <b>Brookside</b>
	Nancy Maltby's son	√		?	Possibly Philip Maltby Aged 1 who died in June 1869, <b>Hollowgate</b>
(27 <sup>th</sup> Jun)	Agnes Buckley	1			5 Year old daughter of travelling actors, come for carnival
	Nancy Morton		V		Aged 56. Living alone at <b>Smithy Hill</b> in 1871.
	Olive Walker		$\sqrt{}$	Smithy Hill	Aged 28. Wife of Joshua Walker, Smithy Hill
	Humphrey Hallam		V	Far Hill	Aged 15. Son of John and Hannah Hallam, Far Hill
	Rachel Hallam		V	Within House Farm	Aged 41. Wife of Robert Hallam, Within House Farm

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Jul					
	Thomas Meredith Jnr				'Borne to his father's grave'
(12 Jul)	Ann Burrows			Smalldale	Aged 13. Smalldale
	Hannah Middleton	$\sqrt{}$		The Hills	Aged 25. <b>The Hills</b> , her husband died in Sept later leaving two orphans
	Ada Evans			Smalldale	Daughter of Joshua Evans of Smalldale
	Thomas Hilton		V	The Hills	Aged 14. <b>The Hills</b> , living with brother-in-law Jacob Middleton in 1871 census
	Charlotte Middleton		V	Smalldale	Aged 45. Smalldale, wife of Isaac Middleton
	Abraham Andrew		V	Hollowgate	Aged 11. <b>Hollowgate</b> , son of John and Hannah Andrew.
	Elizabeth Andrew		V	Hollowgate	Aged 20. <b>Hollowgate</b> , daughter of John and Hannah Andrew.
	Elizabeth Hall		V	Far Hill?	Aged 30. Living in Great Hucklow in 1871 with husband Benjamin. Benjamin was living in <b>Far Hill</b> with parents John and Rebecca Hall in 1861
	Maggie Crammond		V	Town End	Aged 1. <b>Town End</b> , daughter of James and Sarah Crammond.
	George Middleton's Daughter		V		There were 3 George Middletons living in Bradwell in 1871 with daughters.
	Isaac Bancroft's child		V	The Hills	Isaac and Mary Bancroft of The Hills had one son
	66		V		James and four daughters Hannah, Matilda, Mary and
	66		V		Annie listed in the 1871 census
	"		<b>√</b>		

	Joseph Pearson's child	V	The Hills	Joseph and Ann Pearson of <b>The Hills</b> had five children in 1871 but only four in 1869. These were William, Alice, David and Dinah.
	Stephen Middleton's child "	<b>N</b>	Smithy Hill	Stephen and Emma Middleton had a number of possible children: Delia, Hannah, Agnes, Rosa, Charlotte, Emma. They were all living in Sheffield in 1871. In 1861 they lived in <b>Smithy Hill</b> – but Charlotte and Emma had not yet been born. Delia is listed separately under November.
	Delia Bradwell	V	Netherside	Aged 9. Daughter of George and Hannah Bradwell of <b>Netherside</b> .
	Isabella Crammond	V	Town End	Aged 7. <b>Town End</b> , daughter of James and Sarah Crammond.
Aug				
	Joseph Crammond	V	Town End	Aged 13. <b>Town End</b> , daughter of James and Sarah Crammond.
	James Henry Crammond	√	Town End	Aged 6. <b>Town End</b> , daughter of James and Sarah Crammond.
	Thomas Burrows	V	Smalldale	Aged 7. <b>Smalldale</b> , on of Thomas and Hannah Burrows.
	Reuben Middleton	V	Hugh Lane	Aged 9. <b>Hugh Lane</b> , son of George and Fanny Middleton.
	Mary Jane Marshall	V	Water Lane	Aged 8. Water Lane, daughter of John and Jane Marshall
Sept				
-	Henry Priestley Bland	V	Abney?	Aged 25.In 1851 in Abney with Robert Middleton

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	Alfred Middleton			The Hills	Aged 27, son of Job Middleton, hat maker of <b>the Hills</b> .
	Frederick William				Aged 1. Father proprietor of the Tanyard
	Kennett				
	John Hallam			Yard Head?	Could be one of three John Hallams living in Bradwell
			$\sqrt{}$		in 1871. They lived in Far Hill, Yard Head and Water
					Lane. The history of the <b>Yard Head</b> Hallams suggest
					this one.
	Hannah Jennings			Hollowgate	Aged 25. Hollowgate, wife of John Jennings.
	Ann Longdon		$\sqrt{}$	Smalldale	Aged 32. Wife of Samuel Longdon, Smalldale
	John Longdon			Smalldale	Samuel and Ann Longdon of Smalldale had three
	Jemima Longdon			Smalldale	children John (Aged 8), Jemima (Aged 4) and Martha
	Martha Longdon			Smalldale	(Aged 1) in 1869.
	Stephen Middleton		$\sqrt{}$	Hugh Lane	Age 29. <b>Hugh Lane</b> , son of Edward and Mary Middleton.
	Mrs George Middleton		V		There were three married George Middletons in
					Bradwell in 1871
	Thomas Morton		V		There were three Thomas Mortons living in Bradwell in 1871
	Joseph Pearson		V	The Hills	Aged 38. The Hills, husband of Ann Pearson
	Hugh Morton		V	The Hills	Aged 2. The Hills, son of Frank and Sarah Morton
				Smithy	Robert and Sarah Evans of Smithy Hill had two sons
				Hill?	Isaac and Hiram and one daughter Hannah listed in
	Robert Evans' child		$\sqrt{}$		1871 but at ages 33, 17 and 29 not children.
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Oct					
	Michael Cheetham	√		The Hills	Aged 37. Lead miner, <b>The Hills</b>
	Charlotte Bocking			The Hills	Aged 15. Daughter of Joseph and Martha Bocking.
					Lived opposite George Morton on The Hills
	George Morton	<b>√</b>		The Hills	Aged 14. Lived opposite Charlotte Bocking on <b>The</b> Hills
	Wilfred William			Smalldale	Aged 22. Lead miner. 'A fine looking man, from
	Palfreyman				Smalldale'
(8 Oct)	John Bradwell Prisk			The Hills	Aged 12 y 6 mo 'lived only a stone's throw away' from
					George and Charlotte on The Hills.
	Marina Middleton	V	,	The Hills	Aged 30. Daughter of Robert Middleton of <b>The Hills</b>
	Aquilla Marshall		$\sqrt{}$	Far Hill	Aged 18. Living in <b>Far Hill</b> with brother Robert in 1871
	Reuben Bingham		$\sqrt{}$		As difficult to find as Thomas Bingham. Not found.
	Mary Jane Marshall				
			$\sqrt{}$	Water Lane	Aged 8. Daughter of John and Jane Marshall of Water Lane
	Samuel Bramall		V	Smalldale	Aged 10. Son of the late Joseph and Nancy Bramall of
					Smalldale. Joseph died in 1869, aged 45, so may have
					been a victim of the fever.
	Oliver Morton		,		
			$\sqrt{}$	The Hills	Aged 11. Son of Jabez and Ann Morton of <b>The Hills</b> .

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	Elias Palfreyman		$\sqrt{}$	Smalldale	Aged 23. Son of the late Isaac and Elizabeth
					Palfreyman of Smalldale
	Ann Bramall		$\sqrt{}$	Smalldale	Aged 1. Daughter of the late Joseph and Nancy
					Bramall of Smalldale.
	Betty Elliot		$\sqrt{}$	?	Not found
	Betty Walker				There were two pairs of mother and daughter Elizabeth
				The Hills	Walkers living in Bradwell in 1871. All in <b>The Hills</b> .
					One wife and daughter of George Walker the other
					wife and daughter of Benjamin Walker.
Nov					
	Elizabeth Slack	V			Aged 27. No record of Elizabeth (Betty) Slack in
					Bradwell in 1861.
	Ruth Bramall				Not found
	Barbara Bradwell			Smalldale	Aged 44. Wife of George Bradwell, lead miner of
					Smalldale.
	Joseph Middleton			Town	Aged 39. 'Well-known tradesman shops at Town
				Bottom	Bottom and top of Water Lane'. Husband of Alice
					Middleton
	Mrs Hallam				Could be any one of numerous Mrs Hallams.
	Nancy Bramall			Smalldale	Aged 39. Wife of the late Joseph Bramall of
					Smalldale.
	Rachel Hall		V	Water Lane	Aged 32. Wife of Isaac Hall of Water Lane.
	Delia Middleton			Smithy Hill	Aged 11. Daughter of Stephen and Emma Middleton
			$\sqrt{}$		who were living in Sheffield in 1871. In 1861 they
					lived in Smithy Hill.
	Lucy Middleton		√	Smalldale?	? Aged 1. Possibly Hannah L. Middleton daughter of

					Anthony and Emma Middleton of Smalldale.
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	Joseph Pearson		V	The Hills	Could be Joseph Pearson husband of Ann aged 38 of The Hills, or father Joseph Pearson or son Joseph H. Pearson (mother Mary A. Pearson) also of The Hills.
	Alice Ann Hall		$\sqrt{}$		
	Zillah Hill		V	Far Hill	Aged 53. Wife of the late John Hill (died 1863) of
	Samuel Hill		$\sqrt{}$	Far Hill	Aged 11. Son of the late John and Zillah Hill of Far Hill
	Harriett Howe		$\checkmark$	Water Lane	Aged 25. Wife of Aaron Howe of Water Lane
	Charlotte Hallam		$\sqrt{}$	Far Hill	There are two possible. Aged 48 wife of George Hallam of Water Lane or aged 65 wife of John Hallam of Far Hill
	Martha Jeffrey		$\sqrt{}$	The Hills	Aged 31. Wife of Elias Jeffery of <b>The Hills</b>
	Emma Elliott		$\sqrt{}$	Smalldale	Two possible. Aged 23 daughter of George Elliott of Smalldale or aged 2 daughter of Ernest and Mary A Elliott of Smalldale
	George Bancroft		V	The Hills	Aged 33. Widower of <b>The Hills</b> .
	Hannah Bradwell		V	Smalldale	Aged 16. Daughter of George and Barbara Bradwell. Perhaps Barbara Bradwell should be added to the victims she died aged 44 towards the end of 1869.
Dec		-			
	Hannah Hill	$\sqrt{}$		Far Hill	Aged 18. Daughter of John Hill and Lillian Hill of Far Hill
	A son of Thomas Jennings	V		Hartlemoor	Two Thomas Jennings of Hartlemoor are listed in the 1871 census but no sons in 1961. There is a Hannah born 1868 and died Oct-Dec 1869.

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(Died 27 Dec)	Elizabeth Somerset			Netherside	Aged 37. Daughter of Jabez and Ruth Somerset of
					Netherside
	Samuel Hallam			The Hills	Aged 33. Husband of Sarah Hallam, The Hills.
	Hannah Evans			Smithy Hill	Aged 29. Daughter of Robert and Sarah Evans, Smithy
					Smithy Hill
	Joseph Bocking	$\sqrt{?}$		Abney	Aged 28. Living with mother Ruth in Abney in 1861.
					A Joseph Bocking died in Jan 1870 and there appears
					to be no Joseph Bocking in the 1871 census. In 1864 a
					Joseph Bocking married Sarah Ellen Hoddy and in
					1871 Sarah Ellen Bocking was listed as a widow living
					at Outseats. Classification changed.
	Hannah Bocking		V	Smithy Hill	Aged 32. Daughter of Robert and Fanny Bocking,
					Smithy Hill
	Caroline Bocking		V	The Hills	Aged 50. Living in <b>The Hills</b> .
	Hannah Cheetham		V	Smalldale	Two possible: Aged 32 wife of John Cheetham of
				or Water	Smalldale or Aged 6 daughter of Isaac and Dinah
				Lane	Cheetham of Water Lane
	Ann Revill		V	Smalldale	Aged 37. Wife of John Revill of <b>Smalldale</b>
	Ann Marsden		V	Towngate	Aged 26. Servant to William J and Hannah Bradwell of
					Towngate
	Margaret Middleton		V	Towngate	Aged 19. Daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Middleton
					of Towngate
	Eliza Jeffery		$\sqrt{}$		Not found.
	John Marshall		V	Water Lane	Aged 32. Husband of Jane Marshall, Water Lane.
	Jane Marshall		$\sqrt{}$	Water Lane	Aged 33. Wife of John Marshall, Water Lane
	Lydia Thorpe		$\sqrt{}$	The Hills	Aged22.Step-daughter to George and Elizabeth Walker

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	Frederick Archer		$\sqrt{}$		Not found.
1870					
	Abraham Hall	$\sqrt{?}$		Smalldale	Aged 12, Smalldale there is no list for 1870 in BAM,
(11Feb)					but possible
(4 Mar)	Walter Downing	$\sqrt{?}$			Aged 4yr 6 mo, there is no list for 1870 in BAM, but
					possible
(19 Mar)	William Downing	$\sqrt{?}$			Aged 7, there is no list for 1870 in BAM, but possible
(15 Mar)	Eliza Middleton	$\sqrt{?}$			Aged 10 mo, there is no list for 1870 in BAM, but
					possible

Total dead: 41; total recovered 105.

Neville T Sharp in his 'Peakland Pickings' (pp. 135-8) says that the first to suffer were those living in the lower part of the village: in Bridge Street, Netherside, Church Street and Town Bottom, but clearly the fever was soon in Yard Head where eventually there were 5 deaths.