

**Extracts from the Parish Registers of Penistone, West Yorkshire.  
Taken from the records at Wakefield October 2002.**

**Entries taken from original register (very fragile)**

*What is now the original register appears to start with a copy made of the entries from 1644 to about 1700, as it is all in the same hand and beautifully written in Latin. From 1689, there are a few interpolated entries in a much less neat hand. The marriages run from 1644 to 17xx and the baptisms and burials from 1644 to 1812. I have searched carefully up to 1798 – from then on needs re-checking. The register also contains entries for the chapel at Denby from 1712. I have extracted entries referring to the Biltcliffe family and also those for residents in the farmstead of Bilcliffe which is at Langsett in the parish of Penistone. Notes by me are in italics.*

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Bapt 1646 Ambrosius filius Anthony Bilcliffe Nov 5<sup>th</sup>

Bapt 1648 Elizabetha notha Johannis Hawcroft et Anna Bilcliffe Mart 6

Bapt 1650 Gertruda filia reputata militis et Elizabethae West Aug 15.

Sepulti 1650 Johannes Bilcliffe Sept 20.

Bapt 1651 Anthonius filius Anthony Bilcliffe Dec 20.

Sepulti 1653 Gregorius filius Anthonij Bilcliffe Nov.25.

Sepulti 1657 Anthonius Bilcliffe Nov.9.

Sepulti 1658 Ambrosius filius vidua Bilcliffe Jan.4. (1658/9)

Sepulti 1660 Radulphus filius viduae Bilcliffe Feb. 2. (1660/1)

Nupti 1661 Radulphus Mathewman et Maria Bilcliffe Dec. 10.

Sepulti 1675 Prudentia Burdet vidua quondam de Bilcliffe April. 12.

Sepulti 1677 Josephus Hinchclyffe de Bilcliffe Febr. 27.

Nupti 1681 Johannes Farrar de Silkstone et Maria Hinchclyff de Bilcliffe May. 1

Nupti 1685 Johannes Bilcliff et Jana Clayton Jan. 21. (1685/6)

*(No entries in this period – perhaps they moved away from Penistone)*

Sepult 1708 Sam. Cockin Bilcliff Feb. 11 (1708/9)

*(The hand changes about 1706 to a larger hand but again appears to be a copy. This hand may be the one which interpolated entries in the 1690's.)*

Nupt. 1711 Johes. Bilcliff et Sara Crossley Sep 17.

Bapt. 1712 Sara f. Johis Bilcliff Th. Apr. 12

*(after the entries headed Sepult. 1712 comes Apud Capel: Denby 1712 and three burial entries. This is the first mention of Denby)*

Bapt. 1713 Elihu f Gut Wood Bilcl. Apr. 23.

Jacobus f Johis Bilcliff Th. Mar. 23. (1713/4)

Sepult 1715 Gertrude Cockin Bilcliff Jul. 20.

Bapt 1716. Johes f. Johis Bilcliff Thur. Aug. 23.

*(Note written after Nupt. 1716.)* If the above be in the hand writing of John Roebuck, he deserves the praise of all antiquarians for his calligraphy and great care in Keeping the .ters. C G Hutton Manchester

*(After 1717 the pages are very damaged and the entries are often incomplete or difficult to relate to the headings and years.)*

Baptisms 1719. Isaac of John Bincliff Jun 19<sup>th</sup>.

Nupt. 1721 Jona: Bilcliffe & Mary Crosley Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>.

Baptisms 1721 Ann of Jno. Billcliff Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Jno. Of Jonath. Bilcliffe Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> (1721/2)

Baptiz. 1724 Jane of Jno. Bilcliffe June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Baptised at Denby in 1726. Edward S. of John Bilcliffe of Upper Denby Jun 10<sup>th</sup>

Buryd at Denby in 1726. Edward S. of John Bilcliffe of Upper Denby July 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Tho. Cockshutt Vicar

1728 Baptised at Penistone Mary daughter of Jonathan Bilcliff Aug 21

Burd at Peniston. 1729 Mary Charlesworth of Bilcliff in Langside Oct. 21  
Tho. Cockshutt Vicar

Buried at Penistone 1734 Ann Dr. of John Bilcliff Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. (1734/5)

Baptised in Penistone in 1732. Betty Dr of Jonathan Bilcliff April 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Robert Sn. of John Bilcliff June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Baptised at Penistone in 1733 John Sn. of Mary Mellar (by Jno. Bilcliff) Octobr. 10<sup>th</sup>

Bury'd at Penistone in 1733. James Sn. of John Bilcliffe August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Baptised at Penistone 1734. Martha Dr. of Jonathan Bilcliff July 28.  
Hannah & Barbara Drs. of Thomas Bilcliff July 31<sup>st</sup>

Fanny dr. of John Bilcliff February 23<sup>rd</sup>. (1734/5)

Baptised at Penistone in 1735. Betty Dr. of Jonathan Bittcliff October 9.

Baptised at Penistone in 1736 Betty Dr of Thos Biltcliff August 5<sup>th</sup>

Baptised at Penistone in 1737. Hannah Dr of Jonathan Biltcliff June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Buried at Penistone in 1737 Robert Son of John Biltcliff May 16

Baptised in Penistone in 1738. Robert Son of John Biltcliff August 30<sup>th</sup>

Baptised at Penistone 1739 .... Son of John Biltcliff July 4

Buried at Penistone 1740 Jonathan Son of Widow Biltcliff Jan. ?? (1740/1)

Baptised at Penistone (1741?) ..lly Dr of Jonathan Biltcliff July 12<sup>th</sup> (*Dolly in Copy register*)  
   ...n Dr of Thos. Biltcliff July 16<sup>th</sup> (*Ann in Copy Register*)  
   ...hn Son of Robert Biltcliff August 8<sup>th</sup>. (*John in Copy register*)

Buried at Penistone in 1744. hos. Biltcliff Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>. (*from Copy Register 1744 Bapt Penistone son of Jho Billcliff Apr 12 Also (Y)*)

(*Note top, side and bottom of some pages frayed away so entries can be missing.*)

Buried at Penistone 1745. ....mas Biltcliff Dec 26<sup>th</sup>  
   .....Sn. of Widow Biltcliffe March 5<sup>th</sup>

1747. Buried at Penistone John Son of John Bincliff Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> (1747/8)

1748 Buried at Peniston. ...as Billcliff Aug 8.

Baptised at Penistone 1749 Mally of Jane Bincliff No. 12<sup>th</sup> (*November 12*)

Married (*year not present*) ... s. of Isaac Bilcliff of Thurl. & ..anah Dr. of Leonard Rusby of Denby Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. (*just possibly two adjacent burials*)

Married at Penistone 1753 William Heeley of Silkston & Eliz. Bilcliff of ye Par Dec. 26

*Baptised at Denby 1753 Joshua Son of Isaac Bilcliff Dec 30th*

Baptised at Penistone 1755 Richard Son of Jonathan Bilcliff Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

Baptised at Penistone 1756 Jonathan Son of Isaac Bilcliff April 18<sup>th</sup>

Baptised at Denby 1758. Lena Dr of Josh. Bilcliff Ox Feb 26th (*Oxspring*)

Baptised 1761 (*can't see where*) Joseph Son of Hannah Bilcliff Thurlston January 1<sup>st</sup>  
   Martha Dr of Josh. Bilcliff March 21.

1761 Isaac son of Isc: Bilcliff (*date missing York says 5<sup>th</sup> October*)

Baptised 1763 Mary Dr. of Joseph Bilcliff Oct 30th

Baptised at Penistone 1764 Ann Dr of Isaac Bilcliff June 25<sup>th</sup>

Baptised at Denby 1763 Wm: Son of Jno: Bilcliff Sep 29th

1765 Bapt Denby Sarah Daur Jno. Bilcliff Nov 3rd

1767 Bapt Denby ?Hotson? (*illegible*) Son of Jonathan Bilcliff Nov 22

1771 Bapt. Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Ann Dr of John Bilcliffe

1772 Buried Penistone Widow Bilcliffe Jun 14.

1773 Bapt Penistone James Son of Jonathan Bilcliff Sep 19  
George Son of John Bilcliff Oct 10

1774 Bapt Denby John Son of John Bilcliff Dec 25.

1775 Bapt Penistone Mary Daur of John Billcliffe Dec 25?

1776 Bapt Denby Charlotte Daur of John Bilcliff Dec

Buried at Penistone 1776 Barbery Dr of Jno: Bilcliff Ingb Oct 23 (*Ingbirchworth*)

Baptised at Penistone 1777 ... Dr of Jho Billcliffe Ing Dec 27 (*Ingbirchworth*)

Buried at Penistone 1778 Dec 15 Widow Bilcliffe Ingbir.. (*Ingbirchworth*)

Bapt at Penistone 1780 Sarah Dr of Joshua Bilcliff Mar 29

Sarah Dr of Thomas Biltcliffe Ingb June 13 (*Ingbirchworth*)  
Ann Dr. of Jonathan Bilcliffe Th. Dec 26 (*Thurlstone*)

Bapt at Denby 1780 Amelia Dr. of John Bilcliffe July (*date missing*)

Bapt. 1781 John Son of Joshua Bilcliffe Thur 30 (*month missing*)

Buried at Penistone 1781 Mary Wife of Joseph Bilcliff Bowerhole Oct. 19

Buried at Penistone 1782 Elizabeth Wife of John Bilcliffe Thur 23 (*month missing*)

Baptised at Denby 1782 Martha Dr of Wm. Bilcliff Octr. 6

Matthew Son of John Bilcliff Nov 6.

Bapt at Peniston 1783 .... Dr of Jonathan Bintliffe Thur Feb 9

Joshua Son of Thomas Bilcliff Ingb (*date missing*) (*Ingbirchworth*)

Bapt at Penistone 1784 Ellen Dr of Joshua Bilcliffe Ecklasos March 14

Bapt at Penistone 1785 ..than Son of Jonathan Bilcliffe Th Aug 9

Bapt at Penistone 1786 Thomas Son of Thomas Bilcliff Ing:b Feb 5 (*Ingbirchworth*)

Sarah Dr of Jonas Bincliffe Feb 23  
Martha Dr of Joshua Bilcliffe Ecclands Aug 5<sup>th</sup>

Bapt at Penistone 1787 Mary Dr of Elias Hinchcliffe Bilcliffe Aug 30

Baptised at Denby 1787 Amos Son of Sarah Bilcliffe April 22  
Charlotte Dr of William Bilcliffe Dec 25

Baptised at Penistone 1788 Thomas Son of Jonathan Billcliff of Thurlston aged 1 month 17  
(*?Feb?*)

Mary Dr. of Joshua Biltcliff of Eclands 11 (*month missing. York has Nov*)  
John Son of Ann Biltcliff of Thurlston 14 (*month missing York has Nov*)

Buried at Denby 1788 Charlotte Dr of Wm. Billcliff Jun 24 (*Possible error York may have Jan*)

Baptised at Penistone 1789 Joseph & Mary S & Dr of Thomas Bilcliff Ingbirchworth May 26

(*York has Baptised at Denby 1789 George Son of Wm Bilcliff 24 Feb*)

Baptised at Denby 1789 Jonathan Son of William Bilcliffe Dec 30

Buried at Denby 1790 Jonathan Son of William Bilcliffe Jan 3

Baptised at Penistone 1791 James Son of Jonathan Bilcliff Dec 5

(*York has James Son of Jonathan Biltcliff Thurl. Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.*)

Buried at Penistone 1790 Thos: Son of Jonathan Biltcliff 17 (*York has Thomas ... October*)

Baptised at (??) 1791 Hannah Dr of Joshua Billcliff Jan 30 (*York has Christened at Peniston 1791*)

Elizabeth Dr. of Thos. Billcliffe July 6

Buried at (??) 1791 Joshua Billcliff March 23 (*York has Billcliffe Penistone August*)

1793 Baptisms omitted on Account of a Mistake in the Register Keeper  
...s Son of Joshua Bincliff Ecklands Jany. 20

Buried at Penistone 1794 .... Dr of Jonathan Bincliff Thur 12 June (*Thurlstone*)

Baptized at Penistone 1795 Ann Dr of Josua Bilcliff Eclos 8 (*?March. Presumably Joshua*)  
Mary Dr of Jonathan Bincliff Thur June 25<sup>th</sup>  
Benjamin Son of Thos. Bincliff Ing July 7<sup>th</sup>

Hannah Dr of Thos. Lawton Bincliff (*date missing York has 10<sup>th</sup> Nov*)  
Mary Dr of James Billecliff Ing Bir 10<sup>th</sup> (*Month missing York has Nov.*)

Buried at Penistone Mary Dr of Jonathan Bincliff Thur June 28th

Martha Dr of Joshua Bincliff Ecl July 28<sup>th</sup>

Baptized at Penistone 1796 Joseph Son of Isaac Bilcliff Thur May 1<sup>st</sup> born March 28<sup>th</sup> (*York has May 5<sup>th</sup> for May 1st*)

Tabitha Dr of Jonathan Bilcliff Thur Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

Buried at Penistone 1796 Joseph Son of Isaac Bilcliff Thur (*date missing York has 17<sup>th</sup> August*)

Buried at Penistone 1797 James Bintliff. Weaver aged 29 March 17

*Baptised (no heading)* Sophia Dr of Benj. Wainwright and Eliz.th his Wife  
(Formerly Biltcliff) May 22<sup>nd</sup>. born April 6

Buried at Penistone 1797 Betty Wife of John Bintliff aged 53 Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

Baptised about 1798. *incomplete entry reads ...Dr of Jonathan Billcliff ...Rusby his Wife born Feby 6 Entry is dated Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

*Nothing in 1799 Stopped here as eyes aching! odd entries follow!*

Baptised at Penistone 1802 Charles Son of Jonathan Bintliffe and Johanna his Wife formerly Rusby, May 23<sup>rd</sup> born March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Buried at Denby 1804 Hannah Dr of William Billcliff May 10<sup>th</sup>

Buried at Denby 1807 John Biltcliff Oct 2.

Bapt at Penistone 1809 ...y Dr of Joshua Bintliff & Ann his Wife formerly Milner born Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.

Bapt. at Penistone 1810 Elizabeth Dr of Mary Billcliff born July 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 5<sup>th</sup>

Baptised at Denby 1810 William Son of Jane Bilcliffe 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Buried at Penistone 1811 Elizabeth Roberts Dr of Mary Billcliff Inft June 15

Baptised at Denby 1811 James Son of Amos Bilcliff and Han. his wife formerly Mallinson  
(*?Mattinson?*)

Baptised at Penistone 1812 Elizabeth Dr. of Joshua Bintliff and Ann his wife formerly Milner  
Mar 29<sup>th</sup> born (*illegible*)

Buried at Penistone 1812 Thomas Son of Joshua Billcliff age 19 May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Buried at Denby 1812 April 27 Elizabeth Bilcliffe

**Penistone Marriages from transcript T239 (April 1754 to 1785)**  
This is a typed book probably made sometime between 1930 and 1960.)

30/12/1754 Thomas Hobson, Penistone to Martha Bilcliff Penistone

27/4/1756 Joseph Brown, Penistone & Rebecca Bilcliff, Penistone  
3/11/1761 Samuel Fawsett, Penistone & Hannah Billcliff, Penistone  
20/11/1766 John Billcliff, Penistone & Betty Thornton, Penistone  
29/12/1766 John Birkhead, Penistone, Hannah Billtcliff, Penistone.  
20/4/1772 Joseph Hill, Penistone, & Mary Billcliff, Penistone.  
2/2/1773 Jonathan Billcliff, Penistone & Hannah Ward, Penistone (*?Herd in IGI*)  
9/12/1776 William Biltcliffe, Rectory of Cumberworth, Elizabeth Morley, Penistone.  
26/4/1778 John Roebuck, Penistone & Hannah Biltcliff, Penistone.  
21/9/1779 Joshua Biltcliffe, Penistone, & Mary Earnshaw, Penistone.  
8/2/1780 Jonathan Biltcliff, Penistone, & Joanna Rusby, Penistone.  
End of T239

**Entries from Bishop's transcripts at Borthwick Institute York.**

Married at Penistone 1789 (York) Jonas Pashley and Mary Billcliff by banns 23 Feb

Married at Penistone Isaac Billcliffe & Lydia Wainwright by Banns 31 Jan 1791

Isaac Crosley & Ann Biltcliffe Banns August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1791

Married James Bincliff & Mary Roebuck both of this parish by banns May 16<sup>th</sup> 1796