

Dear Mr. Garthwaite,

I have been researching the Garthwaite family history and as it is an uncommon name it is likely that we are all distantly related. Therefore I am taking the liberty of circulating all the Garthwaites in the local telephone directories hoping that either you have done some similar research and can help, or that you find my own discoveries interesting.

I have in my possession two family Bibles. One I have used to trace a direct line of descent for myself, with the help of census and baptismal records, but I am puzzled as to how the other Bible came into my family as I have not been able to trace any relationship so far.

BIBLE NO.1	Handwritten in the book.	
Hannah	born 1799	died 1882 at Harrogate.
Ann	- 1802	
Joseph	1804	Became a cornmillier in Thornhill. Married Sarah, son George who married Ann. Died 1891.
Sarah	1807	
Matthew	1809	Trained as a weaver.
George	1812	Married Jane. Died 1878.
Mary	1814	
Maria	1817	
John	1819	Married Maria. My Great Grandfather.
William	1824	Died aged 17years.

The father of these ten children was John Garthwaite, a weaver of broadcloth, born 1771 , died 1847. His wife was Mary, possibly Asquith, born 1781, died 1851 . They lived at Hetherton (Shitlington area) of Thornhill Parish, near Wakefield.

The John Garthwaite born 1819 became a brewer at Calder Grove, Crigglestone and had six children of whom John was my grandfather. He was also a brewer and later farmed at Blacker Hall Farm, Calder Grove. My cousin John Moorhouse (Jack) Garthwaite still lives at Blacker Hall Farm and his son John, who lives at Broadcut Farm, farms Blacker Hall land. He has a son, Edward.

BIBLE NO.2 This Bible is very smartly bound in brown suede and has a printed leather plaque inside the front cover stating:

George and Jane Garthwaite

Book

Houses Hill, Kirkheaton

1837

Inside the back cover, also printed on leather is a list of their twelve children:

Henry	born 1817
Elizabeth	1819
Mary Ann	1821
Nanny	1823
Joseph	1824
John	1826
Sarah	1828
Edwin	1829
William	1833
Robert	1836
George	1837

I am intending to try to get further back and I hope you might find this interesting. If it bores you, you can always throw it away!

Yours Sincerely,

Jean M. Garthwaite

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