

CHAPTER

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The HURDMAN Family

“ The Four Sisters “

HURDMAN (sometimes written as HURDSMAN) was the name of our Great-Grandmother and our mother was named after her. **Bertha Hurdman** was one of four sisters born during the 1860s & 70s. They were Alice, Clara, Bertha and Maud. They all subsequently married and produced very large families. In fact, between them it is believed that they produced as many as FORTY-SIX children !!!

It appears that the HURDMAN family as our earliest the HURDMAN

origins of our are in Lincolnshire known member of family was :

George circa 1745)

Our 5 G - **George** born around 1745. 1766, he married parish of Lincolnshire. This between Louth approximately 3 Alford.

They probably children who we discovered, but they had a **Prudence** (born although she died Willoughby), and 4G-Grandfather,



Hurdman (b.

Grandfather was **Hurdman**, probably On 3rd August **Ann Hornby** in the Willoughby, village is situated and Skegness, miles south of

had a number of have not yet we do know that daughter named 1766 in Willoughby, at 2 years of age in subsequently, our **George Hurdman**,

Three of the HURDMAN Sisters

who was born in 1781 at Mumby, Lincolnshire.

George Hurdman (1781 - circa 1849)

As indicated above, our 4G-Grandfather was born in Mumby, Lincolnshire in 1781. The village of Mumby is approximately 4 miles SE of Alford and 5 miles NE of Willoughby, where his parents were married. We know nothing further of his early life, except that he married **Mildred Squires** on 2nd Nov 1801 at Haugh, Lincolnshire. This is another small village in the same area, lying approximately 2 miles west of Alford and about 6 miles from George's birthplace of Mumby. Soon after their marriage, George & Mildred migrated north and across the River Humber to Hull, as all further Hurdman records (including the birth of their first child in 1803) relate to Hull.

George and Mildred were listed in the 1841 census under the name of HURDSMAN. They were living at 1 Grayson Court, Blanket Row, Hull. He was 59 years old and she was 60 years old. George was working as a porter and as this was the old town area, with shipping arriving and departing, his job may have involved carrying goods to and fro around the harbour and/or market areas. George does not appear in the 1851 census, so he presumably died before that date.

Altogether, George Hurdman and Mildred produced 5 children :

Thomas Hurdman	b.1803,	in Hull, East Yorkshire
William Hurdman	b.1804,	in Hull, East Yorkshire
George Hurdman	b.1809,	in Hull, East Yorkshire
Henry Hurdman	b.1811,	in Hull, East Yorkshire
Susan Hurdman	b.circa 1811,	in Hull, East Yorkshire

Thomas Hurdman (b.1803) married **Sarah Barker** in Holy Trinity Church, Hull, on 23rd May 1825 and they subsequently had 5 children:

Mary Hurdman	b.1826,	in Hull, East Yorkshire
Mildred Hurdman	b.1828,	in Hull, East Yorkshire
Ann Hurdman	b.1830,	in Hull, East Yorkshire
Martha Hurdman	b.1839,	in Hull, East Yorkshire
Henry Hurdman	b.1841,	in Hull, East Yorkshire

Thomas was a Cordwainer (shoemaker) and they lived in the same "old town" area as the rest of the family. It appears that Sarah (his wife) died in 1841/42, as he seems to have remarried by the time of the 1851 census and subsequent census records show that Thomas & his 2nd wife (**Mary Ann**) had 3 further children:

John Hurdman	b.circa 1842,	in Hunslet, West Yorkshire
Charles Hurdman	b.circa 1843,	in Hull, East Yorkshire
Mary Hurdman	b.circa 1846,	in Hull, East Yorkshire

Nothing further is known of Mary Ann, other than that she was born in the Hunslet area of Leeds and she died prior to 1881. Census records indicate that, in 1841, Thomas was living in Humber Street, Hull. He was 35 years of age and working as a shoemaker. With him were his wife, Sarah (35), daughters Mildred (15) , Martha (1) and sons Thomas (7) and Henry (1 month). By 1851 the family are living at 5 Dock Walls, Hull. With is living with his 2nd wife, Ann (41), daughters Martha (14), Mary (4) and sons John (8) and Charles (6). The 1861 census sees the family returned to live at 5 Humber Street, Hull. By this time, Thomas (59) is still working as a shoemaker, his

wife Mary Ann is 52 years of age and their son Charles (17) is still living with his parents and working as a basket maker. In 1861, the family have moved to 6 Humber Dock Street and Thomas and Mary Ann are living on their own, aged 68 and 66 respectively.

William Hurdman (b.1804) was the second son of George Hurdman (b.1781) and Mildred. On 7th April 1830, he married **Elizabeth Feltham** of Salisbury, Wiltshire, at Holy Trinity Church in Hull. As far as we are aware, they had no children. The 1846 trade Directory of Hull lists William as a basket maker at 2 George Place, Finkle Street, Hull. In 1861, William and Elizabeth are living at 22 Grimsby Lane, Hull. William is 57 years old and still working as a basket maker. His wife, Elizabeth, is 67 years of age.

George Hurdman (b.1809) was the 3rd son of George Hurdman and Mildred. We know that he married a woman called **Jane** and that his occupation was that of a Cabinet Maker. The only record of him seems to be in the 1851 census, so he probably died soon afterwards. In 1851 he was living at 2 Hewitt Square, Carr Lane, Hull. With him was his wife Jane (40) and children, Thomas (8), Mildred (6), Elizabeth (4), George (3) and William (7 months), all born in Hull.

Henry Hurdman (b.1811) was the 4th child of George Hurdman (b.1781) and Mildred. He was our 3G-Grandfather (see further details below).

The youngest child of George Hurdman & Mildred was **Susan Hurdman (b.about 1811)**. She married John Moor on 24th Nov 1831. Apart from that, nothing more is known of her.

One final note on this generation of Hurdmans is that, by the time of the 1881 census, the only surviving members were Thomas (b.1803), William (b.1804) and their sister-in-law, Jane, the widow of George Hurdman (b.1809). Sadly, it seems that they had all fallen on hard times and were living together in the Hull Workhouse, Anlaby Road, Hull, where they were classed as paupers.

Henry Hurdman (b.1811)

Henry Hurdman (b.1811) was our 3G-Grandfather. He was born in Hull, East Yorkshire, the 4th son of George Hurdman and Mildred (nee Squires) and was baptised in Holy Trinity Church, Hull, on 14th May 1811. He married **Elizabeth Ashton** at St.Mary's Parish Church, Sculcoates, Hull on 25th July 1831.

Unfortunately, it seems that Henry died fairly young. The date of his death has not been confirmed, although we have identified two possible burials - one in 1840 and another in 1848. The family are listed in the 1841 census without Henry and with Elizabeth as the head of the family (normally an indication that the husband has died). However, there is also an entry in the 1846 Trade Directory for Hull, listing Henry Hurdman as a porter and warehouseman, working for the Thomas Steam Packet Co, 21 Wellington Street, Hull. However, he was dead by the time of the 1851 census as, by that time, Elizabeth had remarried to **William Clappison**.

In 1841, Elizabeth Hurdman (nee Ashton) is listed as the head of the family and living at Wellington Mart, Holy trinity, Hull. Living with her are sons George (9), Harry (7) and Richard (5).

In 1851, after Elizabeth's remarriage, William Clappison is the head of the family at 140 New Charles Street, Southcoates, Hull. He is 45 years of age and described as a lath render. His wife, Elizabeth (nee Ashton) was 40 years old and living with them were William Clappison (19, sailor), Robert Clappison (15, lath render), Elizabeth Clappison (1), George Hurdman (19, hairdresser) and Henry Hurdman (16,

fishmonger).

Altogether, Henry Hurdman and Elizabeth had 5 children :

George Hurdman	b.1832,	in Hull, East Yorkshire
Henry Hurdman	b.1834,	in Hull, East Yorkshire
Richard Hurdman	b.1836,	in Hull, East Yorkshire
Eliza Hurdman	b.1837,	in Hull, East Yorkshire
Sarah Hurdman		

The eldest child, **George Hurdman (b.1832)** was our GG-Grandfather (see further details below).

Henry Hurdman (b.1834) was described as a Fishmonger in the 1851 census and as a Labourer in the 1861 census. Up to this time, he was living at home with his mother and was unmarried. We have found no record of him after 1861.

Richard Hurdman (b.1836) married Rebecca Raven at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, on 28th April 1856. In 1861 he was living at 2 Minerva Place, Porter Street, Hull. He was a 25 year old mariner and living with him were his wife, Rebecca (27) and daughters Hannah (2) and Kate (5 months). There is no mention Richard Hurdman in the 1871 census, although his wife, Rebecca Hurdman, is living with her parents (William & Elizabeth Raven) at 9 Minerva Terrace, Porter Street, Hull. Her daughter, Hannah is also living with them, aged 12. However, as Richard was a mariner, it may be that he was at sea at the time of the census.

Nothing further is known of **Eliza Hurdman (b.1837)**. She does not even appear in the 1841 census, so she may have been an infant mortality.

We have been unable to find any birth or baptism details for the youngest daughter, **Sarah Hurdman**. However, in an 1841 case in Hull Court, she is mentioned as being the daughter of Elizabeth Ashton.

George Hurdman (1832 - 1885)

George Hurdman was our GG-Grandfather. He was born in Hull, East Yorkshire on 25th March 1832, the first child of **Henry Hurdman** and **Elizabeth** (nee Ashton) and was baptised in Holy Trinity Church, Hull on 12th October 1832.

His father died when he was still quite young and when his mother remarried to William Clappison, George lived with his new family in New Charles Street, Hull. He worked as a Hairdresser and this became his occupation for the rest of his life.

On 2nd September 1855, he married **Mary Ann Eeles** at St.James Parish Church, Sutton, Hull. The Trade Directories and census records from that period indicate that George and Mary Ann were living at 3 Witham, Hull, between 1855 and 1867 and later moved to 76 New George Street. However, when George died in 1885, he was aged just 53 years and at this time he was living at 6 Cottingham Terrace, Hull.

In 1871, the census lists George (39) at 76 New George Street, working as a hairdresser. With him were his wife, Mary Ann (35) and daughters Alice (9), Clara (5) and Bertha (2).

By 1881, they are still at the same address and George is 49 years of age. His family now consists of Mary Ann (45), their son, Walter (22, labourer in the ironworks), Bertha (12) and Maud (9).

George Hurdman died on 7th March 1885, aged 52, and was buried in Hedon Road cemetery, Hull. At the time of his death, he was living at 6 Cottingham Terrace, Hull.

Mary Ann Hurdman (nee Eeles) died on 12th March 1891, aged 54. At the time of her death, she was living at 28 Williamson Street, Drypool.

Bertha Hurdman (b.circa 1868)

Bertha Hurdman was our G-Grandmother. On 7th April 1888, she married our G-Grandfather, **James Macaulay**.

For further information on the above, see the chapter on the MACAULAY Family.