

Example Parish Register Documents

Parish Registers have changed a lot over the 450 odd years since their inception. I recommend that you try and read this online so that you can zoom in to read things more clearly.

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Early Marriage Register for Mottram in Longdendale Parish – written in secretary hand. It is extremely difficult to read and hard on the eyes to find your family entries from all the others on the page. Wherever possible try and find an indexed source. In this case the indexes to the Mottram registers are available at familysearch.org. The entries are very simple and lack any extra clues to help identify which refer to your family. Example from this page. *Anno Dmi 1608, 9 day August, Oliver Winterbottom and Jane Hollingworth*.

Christenings from Mottram in Longdendale Parish 1732

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No longer written in secretary hand and is now much more readable. These entries only show the name of the father, but additionally which township of Mottram Parish they came from. An interesting religious census of 1754 in the left-hand page and a snapshot of the area before industrialisation. Stealey is the old name for Stayley and even before it became Stalybridge.

Burials in Mottram Parish 1765

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1765 Burials sadly these don't give any clue to age at death other than, if a child it will say son or daughter, but still no name of the mother. Except for John Williamson aged 89 from Bradburrey (Bredbury) and George Rhoades aged about 90 from Stockport Moor. Obviously very remarkable at the time. Even tiny added details can flesh out your family, for instance Daniel Heaward *killed in a stone pitt in Stealey*

Christenings in Mottram Parish 1789

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At long last mothers' names are deemed important enough to be included in christening entries. Note that there are two illegitimate children baptised in January. Often the parish clerk was not so kind or PC and didn't wrap anything up, with terms like 'base born' or 'bastard child of'.

Some parish registers at this time can include lots of extra information, particularly in nonconformist registers – all depending on whatever the parish clerk chose to include.

Marriage Register from 1800

A typical parish register at the time of the Hardwicke Marriage Act 1754-1837. Most people who have so far been applying for marriage certificates post 1837 are very disappointed by the lack of information. Often just two names saying they are both of this parish, whether they signed their names or left their mark and the names of two witnesses. This can also be disappointing; Hugh Prince is a witness at all these marriages and must have been a regular witness and not a friend or relative of the family at all.

If you are lucky and the marriage was by Licence it is worth applying to the local County Record Office to see if the Marriage Bond and Allegation signed at the time reveals any extra information. Sometimes the bride's father has given consent to the marriage, or someone will sign surety that there is no impediment to the marriage.

A typical Christening Register from Mottram Parish when printed books came into being after the passing of George Rose's Act of Parliament of 1812.

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Information in these printed books is now standard and usually gives a rough address and the occupation of the father, but in some cases where the parish clerk had previously included lots of extra bits of information they just fill in what they have to and all the little extra anecdotes are missing.

Typical Burial Register post 1812

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A typical Burial Register after 1812 and at last age at death is included and the name of the parents if the burial is for a child.