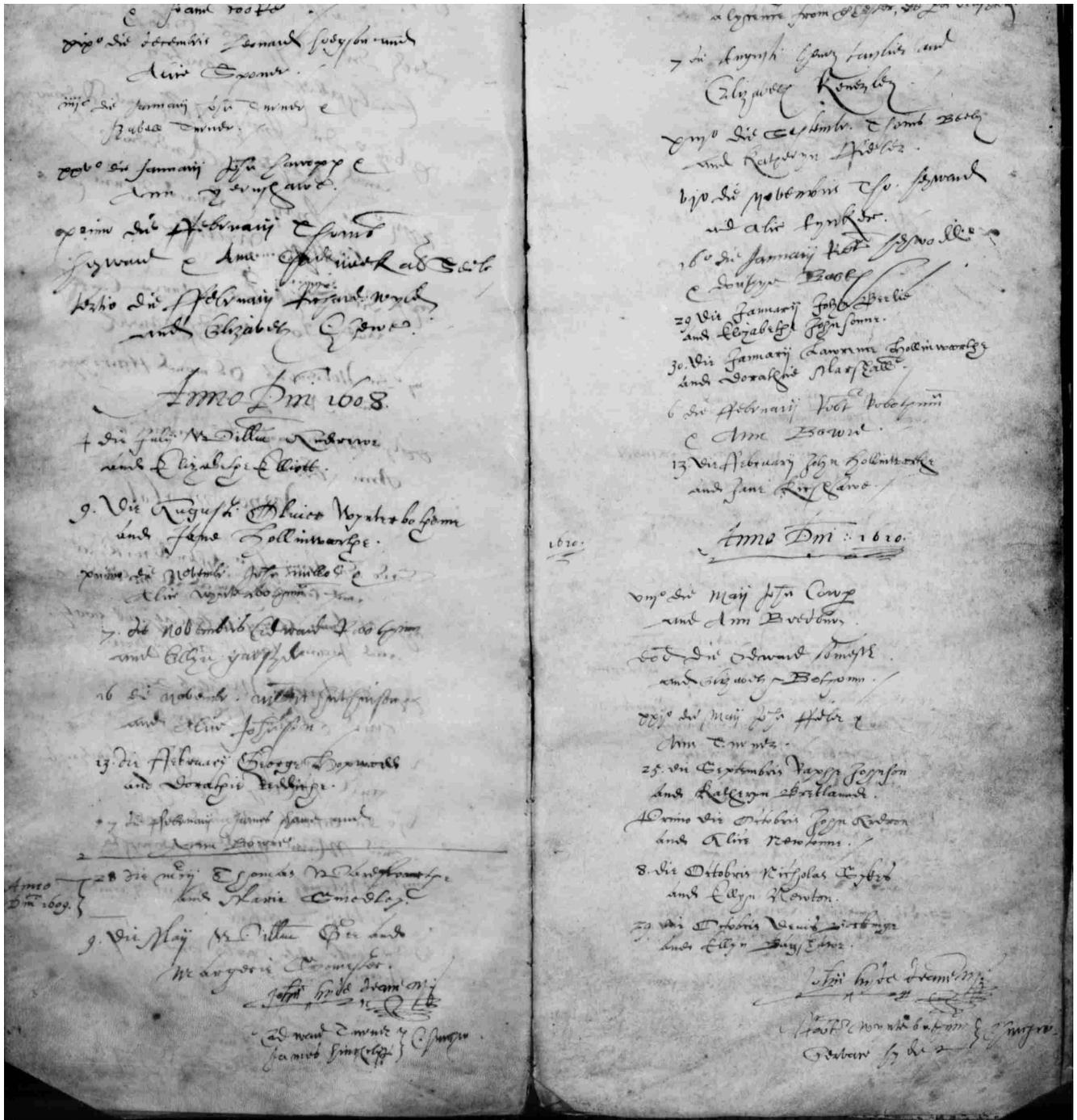
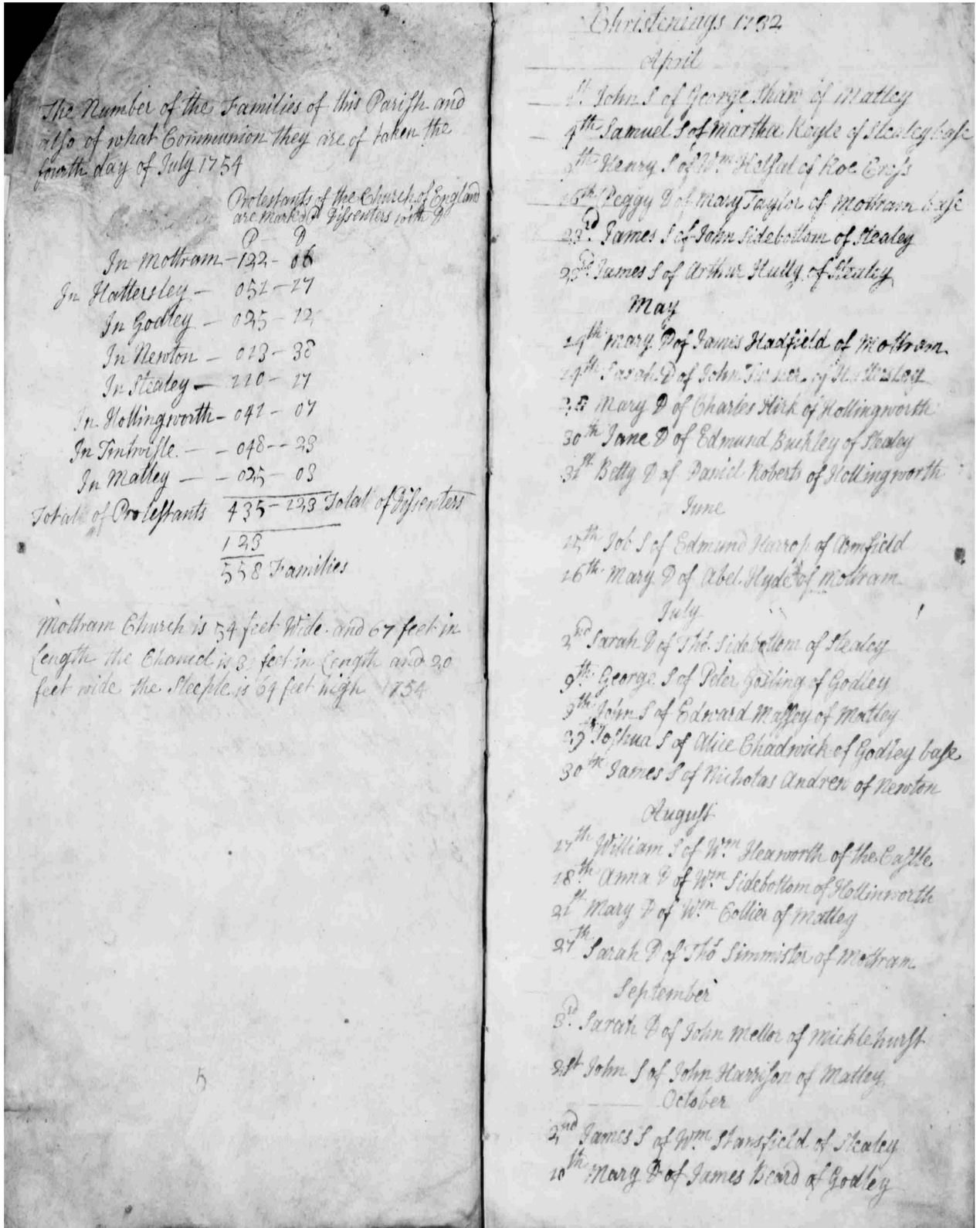


Parish Registers have changed a lot over the 450 odd years since their inception. I recommend that you try and read this online so that you can zoom in to read things more clearly.



Early Marriage Register for Mottram in Longendale 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



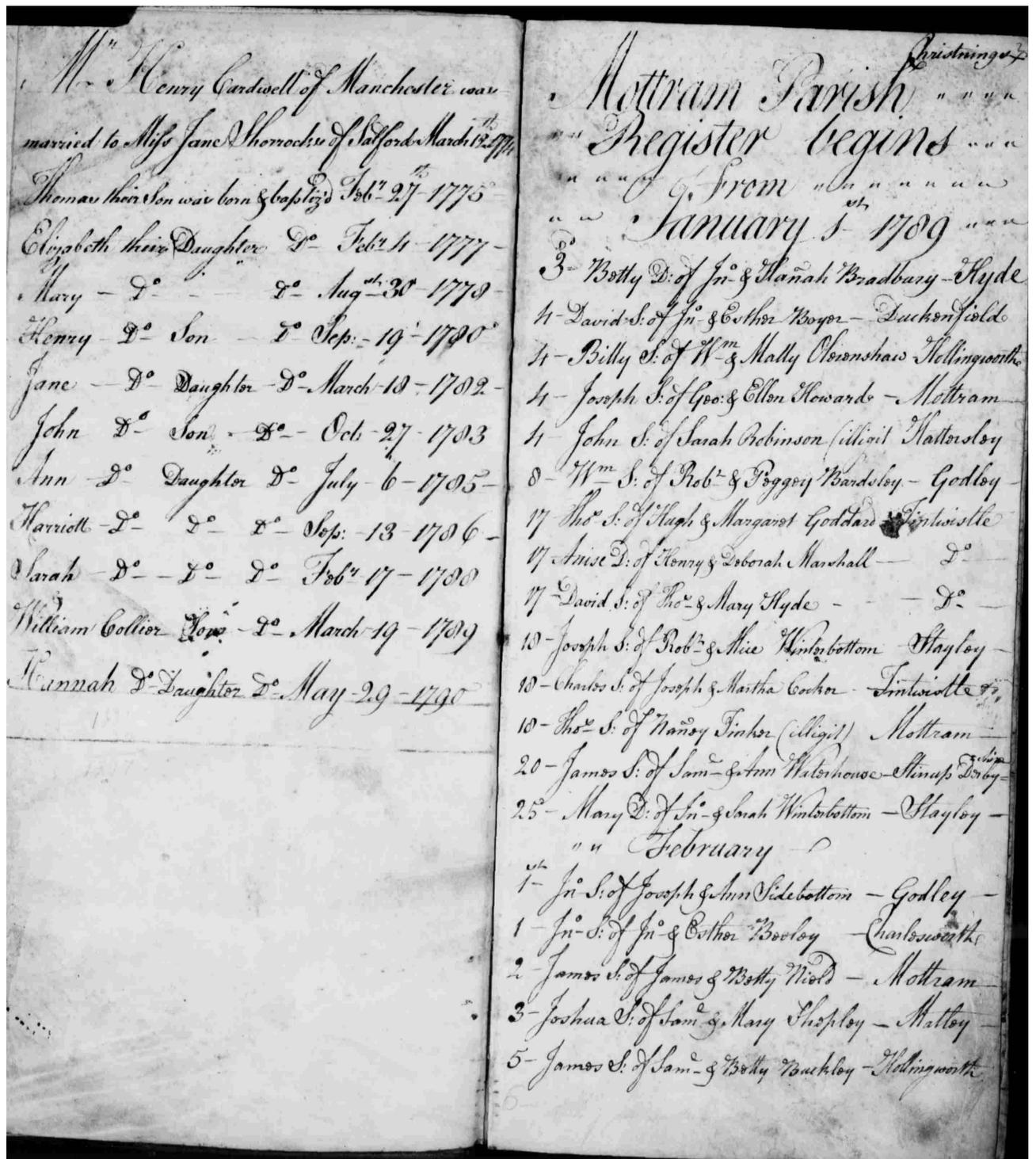
No longer written in secretary hand and is now much more readable. These entries only show the name of the father, but additionally which township of Mottram Parish they came from. An interesting religious census of 1754 in the left-hand page and a snapshot of the area before industrialisation. Stealey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

Burials in Mottram Parish 1765

Burials in 1765		Burials in 1766	
3	Martha D of Luke Winterbottom of Stealey	4	John Bellis A pott washer from John Evenford Stealey
14	Elizabeth W of George Heaward of Stealey	6	Dege & of Aaron Heamara of Godley Green
23	Samuel S of George Heaward of Stealey	3	Ann Widow of Edward Harrop of Amfield
August		10	George S of Benjamin Smith of Micklehurst
1	Charles S of John Harrop of Mottram	19	John Leese
15	Ann D of John Redfeim of Hatterley	June	
24	Luke Winterbottom of Stealey	9	Anna D of Henry Brownhill of Holms in Longden
28	Martha D of Sam ^r Boyer of Halingworth	20	Mary W of Samuel Turner of Matley
September		27	Hannah Wile an apprentice in Godley
3	Jane Daughter of W Earnshaw of Stealey	July	
5	George Heam from Wile	5	Elizabeth Underbottom W from Newton Heath near Manchester
10	James S of W ^r Barlock of Mottram	28	Malley D of James Cooke of Matley
14	John Lantton of Micklehurst	August	
15	Daniel Walker of Hatterley	19	John Wagstaff Black Smith of Mottram
17	George Boyer of Matley	23	Anna W of James Hibbert of Uppeshaw
October		27	David Heaward of Stealey
21	Edith W of Isaac Jehin from New Mill	September	
27	Ezreth Kings Wiler of Hatterley	26	Ann W of Henry Brownhill of Holms in Longden
31	James Keshan of Henscough Halingworth	30	Betty W of John Hadfield of Matley
November		October	
6	George Colles of Matley Moor	2	Sarah W of James Warhurst of Inghrillie
13	Abraham S of Samuel Cooke of Mottram	10	Joseph S of John Redfeim of Hatterley
December		9	Betty D of Isaac Jackson of Hatterley
5	The Rev ^d Mr John Gee of Mottram	November	
20	Ann D of Henry Winter of Hatterley	3	George Rhoades Aged about 90 from Stockport Moor
29	Elizabeth W of Henry K. Hanson from Holms in Derbyshire	10	Martha D of James Cook from Stealey Bury
29	Mary D of John Williamson of Amfield	December	
January 1766		4	John Williamson Aged 89 from Bradburrey
10	Daniel Heaward killed in a stone pitt in Stealey	13	John S of John Cootham of Newton
11	Andrew S of James Cootham of Newton	17	John S of Abel Pipe of Inghrillie
February		20	Betty Jackson from Amfield
16	Mary Cootham Wid from Stealey Bury	27	Mary W of Edward Rhoades of Hatterley
20	Jalley D of Robert Shepley in Halingworth	28	Hannah D of John Heaward of Micklehurst
23	Mary D of Samuel Turner in Halingworth	29	Th ^r S of Sam ^r Hadfield of Mottram
March		Eph ^r Colles Vicar	
1	Betty D of W ^m Gaude Barber in Inghrillie	John Boflock Church	
11	Shuan Hanson Wid of Matley	Ralph Booth Warden	
25	John Gerling from Ashton		
25	Juice D of James Cooke of Matley		
27	Martha W of John Lees of Micklehurst		
John Turner Church			
Ralph Booth Warden			

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

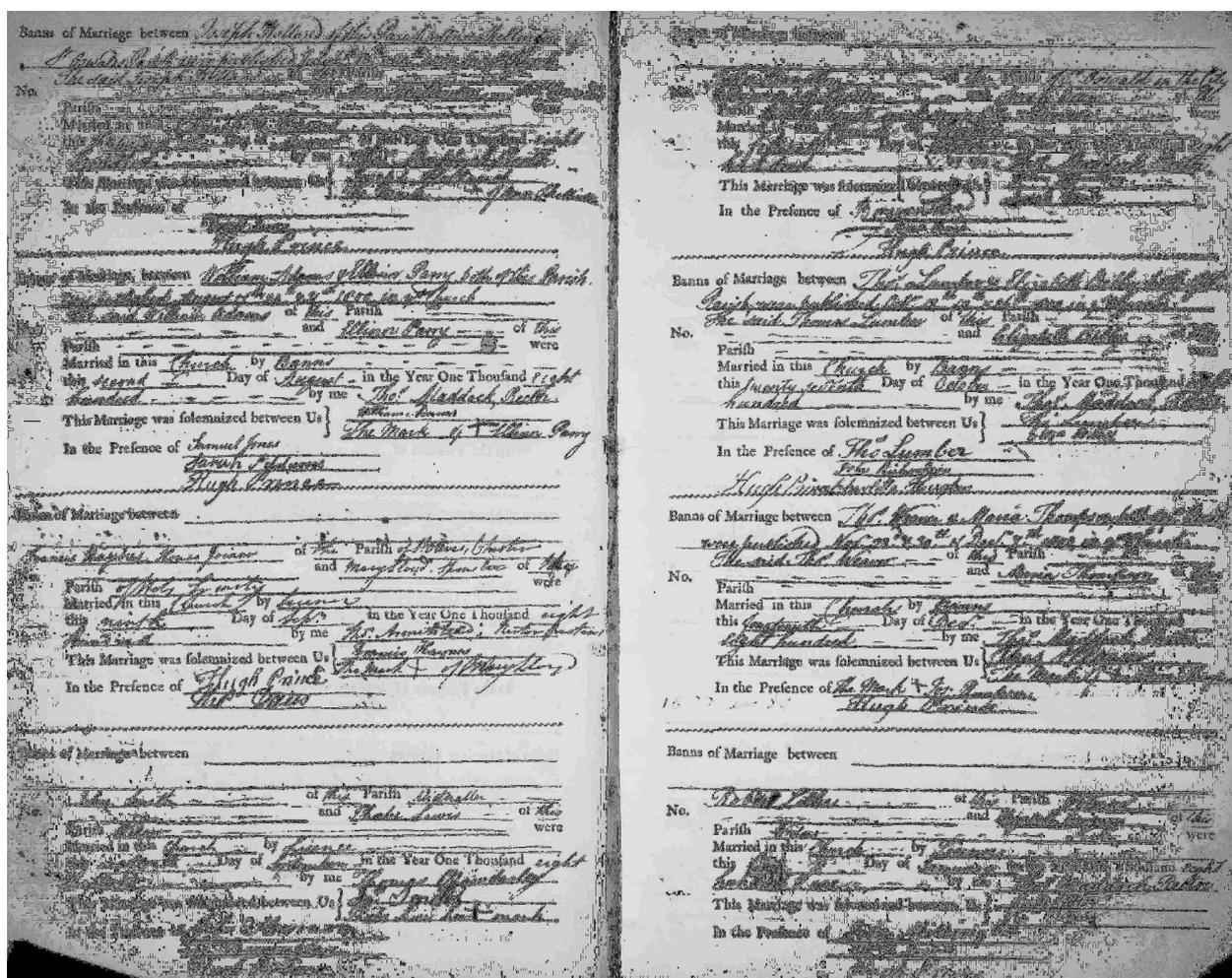
Christenings in Mottram Parish 1789



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.

Page 2.							Page 3.						
BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <i>Mottram in Longendale</i> in the County of <i>Chester</i> in the Year 1817.							BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <i>Mottram in Longendale</i> in the County of <i>Chester</i> in the Year 1817.						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.	When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.						Christian.	Surname.			
1817. January	5th Sarah Thomas Daughter of Mary	Heathcote	Prohill	Spinna	Masey	1817. January	17th Henry Thomas Son of Betty	Wood	Holling- worth	Roller- Turner	R. Wilkinson Curate of Woodhead		
No. 9.						No. 17.							
	5th Thomas Samuel Son of Sarah	Sidbottom	Warhurst	Spinner	Do		15th William John Son of Hannah	Williamson	Hattersley	Hatter J. Turner	Vicar.		
No. 10.						No. 18.							
	5th James James Son of Mary	Taylor	Newton	Spinner	Do		16th Alfred Samuel Son of Sarah	Edham	Mottram	Weaver Incumbent of Edale.	J. Hutchinson		
No. 11.						No. 19.							
	10th John Matthew Son of Betty	Wright	Mottram	Black- smith	Do		19th William James Son of Hannah	Pardsey	Mottram	Weaver	J. Masey Curate.		
No. 12.						No. 20.							
	12th Abel John Son of Martha	Harrison	Holling- worth	Roller- Turner	R. Wilkinson Curate of Woodhead		19th Thomas illegitimate Son of	Martha Boyer	Hattersley		Do		
No. 13.						No. 21.							
	12th Mary James Daughter of Sarah	Lawton	Hattersley	Clothier	R. Wilkinson Curate of Woodhead		19th Elizabeth illegitimate Son of	Betty Schofield	Mottram		Do		
No. 14.						No. 22.							
	12th Joseph John Son of Betty	Buckley	Holling- worth	Weaver	R. Wilkinson Curate of Woodhead		21st John Thomas Son of Sarah	Stappert	Mottram	Overlooker	J. Turner Vicar		
No. 15.						No. 23.							
	12th Mary illegitimate Daughter of	Maria	Hadfield	Mottram	R. Wilkinson Curate of Woodhead		21st Harriet William Daughter of Rebecca	Warhurst	Holling- worth	Spinner	J. Masey		
No. 16.						No. 24.							

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

Page 8						Page 9					
BURIALS in the Parish of St. Nicholas						BURIALS in the Parish of St. Nicholas					
in the County of the City of London						in the County of the City of London					
In the Year 1822						In the Year 1822					
No.	Name	Place	When Buried	Age	By whom the Ceremony was performed.	No.	Name	Place	When Buried	Age	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
No. 57.	Richard son of Richard Thomas, Shoemaker	This Parish	May 8	18 ^m		No. 65.	Mary Ann dau of William Lightfoot Currier	This Parish	Jan 16	5 ^m	J. Eaton
No. 58.	Thomas son of James Davies, Butcher	This Parish	July 7	4 ^m		No. 66.	Edward son of Thomas Davies, Labourer	This Parish	Feb 4	7 ^m	J. Eaton
No. 59.	Mary eldest of William Hunt, Doctor	Almondbury	Oct 20	65	J. Eaton	No. 67.	Mary dau of John Brickland Currier	This Parish	Feb 7	5 ^m	J. Eaton
No. 60.	George son of William Fisher, Boatman	This Parish	Dec 29	4 ^m	J. Eaton	No. 68.	Joseph Rowdale son of Andrew Clarke of Liverpool, Merchant	This Parish	Feb 25	7 ^m	J. Eaton
No. 61.	Mary Williams Infant	This Parish	1821 March 6	1 ^m	J. Eaton	No. 69.	Honay son of Charles Woolley, Shoemaker	This Parish	March 26	4 ^m	J. Eaton
No. 62.	James Hughes Infant	This Parish	April 3	6 ^m	J. Eaton	No. 70.	Sarah dau of John Lee, Cabinetmaker	This Parish	April 10	7 ^m	J. Eaton
No. 63.	John George son of Edward Thomas, Labourer	This Parish	Nov 17	3 ^m	J. Eaton	No. 71.	Thomas Collins, illegitimate son of Thomas Richards, Operative	This Parish	April 25	2 ^m	J. Eaton
No. 64.	John Prichard son of Gentleman, Doctor	This Parish	Nov 3	70	J. Eaton	No. 72.	John son of John Francis, Shoemaker	This Parish	April 27	7 ^m	J. Eaton

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.