

Matthew Horsfield, 92, Hashemy

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Baptism	22 October 1817, St Johns, Beverley, Yorkshire
Parents	George Horsfield and Elizabeth Dalton
Parent's marriage	20 October 1800, Hull, Yorkshire
Siblings	Joseph (1801-1806), Nathaniel (1804), James (1805-1806), Mercy (1807), Robert (1809), Elijah (1812), Elisha (boy) (1814), Labon (1816)
Wife	Sarah Wandby
Married	13 May 1838, Beverley
Children	Rosanna (1838) Matthew Nathaniel (1840-1840) George William (1842)

The family lived at Cottingham is 6km from Hull until about 1810, and then moved to Beverley.

Matthew married on 13 May 1838 at St Johns, Beverley, by banns, both made their marks.

Matthew 20 of Beverley, labourer

Sarah Wandby 26 of Beverley. Sarah was the daughter of Robert Wandby, labourer.

On 6 April 1840. East Riding Quarter Sessions, held at Beverley:

Matthew Horsfield and James Woldby were charged with stealing a quantity of apples, the property of John Smith, of Bainton. A second indictment charged them with stealing, at the same place, one axe and one hedging knife, the property of Francis Preston, on the 31st of December last. They both pleaded guilty and were each sentenced to be imprisoned for six months and to be kept to hard labour. ¹

In 1841, living at Grovehill Lane, Beverley were:

Matthew Horsfield, 20, labourer; Sarah, 25; and Rosina, 3.

Six months later, in January 1842:

On Thursday week, Matthew Horsefield, of Tickton, Robert Ward, who said came from Market Weighton, but supposed is a native York, and Joseph Gardner, nail-maker, from Leeds, were apprehended by Swift and Windlass, police-officers of Beverley, on a charge of poaching lands the property of Daniel Laybourne, Esq, of Eske.

On the following day, the prisoners were examined before H. Broadley, Esq., M.P. and R. Wylie, Esq.; and a man named Baxter was admitted evidence against them. The case was fully made out, and the prisoners were sentenced to three months hard labour. At the expiration of that time to find sureties to keep the peace for twelve months, and in default to further imprisoned for six months. ²

In December 1848, Matthew was in seious trouble:

The Bentley Burglary - The parties who committed the burglary at Bentley New Inn, viz., Matthew Horsfield, Nathaniel Horsfield, James Wilson, and Mary Wilson, have been tried at the York Assizes and sentenced to transportation; the men for 15 years, and the woman for 7 years. They all resided at Beverley and have been connected together for a number of years; they were a gang of most dangerous and determined villains. When apprehended, they had loaded pistols upon them, and there is no doubt that they would have used them had they been disturbed when committing the robbery. It appears by the confession of one of the party that they have lived almost entirely on plunder. He stated that they had stolen a sheep from Mr Langdale , of Leckonfield; one from Mr Lindley, of Beverley; one from Mr Atkinson, of Beverley; and a lamb from Westwood; also that they had stolen corn from Mr Cattle, of Esk, and Mr Sorby, of Tickton; a bag of flour from Mr Catton, of Routh; a quantity of poultry from Mr Holmes, of Arram; and a

¹ York Herald. 11 April 1840, p4

² Hull Packet, 14 January 1842, p5

number of other robberies. It must be a great consolation to the inhabitants of Beverley and to the farmers in the neighbourhood that they have got rid of such characters; and much praise is due to Mr Swift, the constable, in bringing the parties to justice.

Another newspaper reported.

Yorkshire Winter Assizes, Friday 15 December 1848, at York.

Matthew Horsfield (32), Nathaniel Horsfield (44) and James Wilson (28) were charged with a burglary in the dwelling-house of John Ford and stealing therefrom a quantity of pork, hams, butter, spirits, and other articles, at Bentley, on the 10th of November last; Mary Wilson (20) was charged with having feloniously received some of the stolen property, well knowing it to have been stolen. All the prisoners pleaded Guilty, with the exception of Nathaniel Horsfield. The prosecutor and housekeeper, on the night prior to the robbery, retired to rest as usual, leaving the house securely fastened. The next morning, it was discovered that the thieves had entered the premises by means of one of the windows, and the articles already enumerated stolen away. The same morning a watchman met the prisoner and an Irishman named McCracken, in Beverley, and being suspicious that they had been concerned in the burglary, he took them into custody. On their persons being searched, two pistols were found. In order to escape punishment, the Irishman confessed his guilt. He said that Nathaniel Horsfield watched near the premises whilst he and two other male prisoners proceeded to break into the house. In the prisoner's house were found some pieces of pork similar to that which the prosecutor lost. The prisoner, in defence, said that he was at home on the night in question; but he could not produce a witness to corroborate his statement. Guilty – The three male prisoners were sentenced to be transported for 15 years; Mary Wilson was to be transported for seven years.³

After a two months in prison, on 23 February 1849:

The following convicts left York Castle yesterday morning, by the 2 am train, for Millbank Prison, London: For 15 years, Joseph Brown, Thomas Hague, Matthew Horsfield and Henry Coulton. All came on the *Hashemy* to Western Australia.⁴

Matthew arrived at Millbank Prison the same day. His age at Millbank Prison is recorded as 41. This seems to be a mistake made at York when preparing the information for Millbank. The register records he could read, was a labourer, married with two children, and had been convicted once for a felony and once summarily. His wife Sarah, 35, Rosanne, 12 and William, 6 were in the Beverley workhouse.

Matthew was transferred to Portland Prison on 6 March 1850. On the 19 July, at 8 am, he boarded the *Hashemy* for the voyage to Western Australia.⁵

He was sick on the voyage, as noted in the Surgeon's journal:

Folio 5: Matthew Horsfield, aged 44, prisoner; sick or hurt, rheumatism; put on sick list, 6 October 1850, discharged 26 October 1850 to hospital.

Folio 13: case no 5, Mathew Horsfield, aged 44; prisoner; sick or hurt, rheumatism, belonged to [Tixton?] Yorkshire, was sixteen months imprisonment, twelve of which were in solitary confinement, reported himself subject to rheumatic pain for many years at present pain in the lumbar region, hip and lower extremities and loss of appetite; put on sick list 6 October 1850, sent 26 October 1850 to Hospital at Fremantle.⁶ (the village is Tickton)

Matthew spent the first eight months on the sick list, most of March and April 1851, in the hospital. Casual Sick List, Fremantle.⁷

1 November 1850	Pain in chest	Blue pill
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³ Hull Packet, 22 December 1848, p5 (2 accounts)

⁴ Yorkshire Gazette, 24 February 1849, p5

⁵ PCOM2/383, p153; PCOM2/354, p345; HO24/4

⁶ National Archives UK, ADM 101/32/6/1-6

⁷ SROWA Acc 1156 CS1

2 November 1850	Pain in chest	Continue blue pill
4 November 1850	Pain in ankle	Continue pills
8 November 1850	Cough	Blue pills twice a day
9 November 1850	Better	Continue pills
10 November 1850	Headache	... cord
11 November 1850		Cordial mixture
12 November 1850	Gum ...	Continue wine 1½oz twice a day
13 November 1850	Bad eyes	Continue medicines
16 November 1850	Rheumatism	Continue medicines & Ung Iodine
16 January 1851		As before
17 to 26 January 1851		
27 January 1851		Castor oil
29 January 1851		Continue castor oil
30 January 1851	Issue	Continue keep open
31 January 1851	Issue	Continue keep open
1 to 3 February 1851	Issue	Keep open
4 February 1851	Issue	Continue liniment
6 February 1851	Issue	To keep open
7 February 1851	Issue	To be healed up
8 February 1851	Issue	Simple dressing
9 and 10 February 1851	Issue	Dressing
11 February 1851		Dressing to leave
12 February 1851	Issue	Dressing
13 February 1851	Hepat. Chron.	Dressing
14 February 1851	Hepat. Chron.	Discharged
18 February 1851		Pil purgat (purgative)
26 February 1851		Castor oil
27 February 1851		
5 and 6 March 1851		Continue pills
7 March 1851		
8 March 1851		Infus Gent
9 March 1851		
12 March 1851		Pil purg
13 March 1851		Purgative pills
14 March 1851		Continue
15 March 1851		Continue P... Aper
16 March 1851		Continue
17 March 1851		
18 March 1851		Continue Op: pills
19 March 1851		Continue pills aper
20 to 29 March 1851		Continue
30 and 31 March 1851		Continue medicines
1 April 1851		Quinine mixture
2 April 1851		Continue quinine
3 April 1851		
4 April 1851	 Cough
5 April 1851		
6 April 1851		Continue
7 April 1851		Continue quinine
8 April 1851		
9 April 1851		Continue quinine

10 April 1851		Flannel Roller
11 to 13 April 1851		Continue
14 April 1851	Febricular	Continue medicine
15 April 1851		Continue
17 April 1851		Discharged
18 April 1851 (113 Math Horsefield, but this number is Nathaniel		Castor oil
23 April 1851		
28 April 1851		Pilul Hyd ...
29 April 1851		Continue
1 May 1851		Continue
5 May 1851		Castor oil
8 May 1851		
10 May 1851		Continue pill
12 May 1851		Castor oil
17 May 1851		Continue medicine
21 May 1851		Continue medicine
25 May 1851		Continue blue pills
28 May 1851		
2 June 1851		Blue pills
3 June 1851		
4 June 1851		Castor oil
5 June 1851		Cont. Plul - ... Pol: Iodine
8 June 1851		
10 June 1851		Castor oil
15 June 1851		
18 June 1851		Repeat Pilul
22 June 1851		Castor oil

Matthew was issued with a Ticket on 31 March 1852.⁸

At the Police Intelligence. Perth. On 10 July 1853 — Matthew Horsfield, t.l., charged with being out after hours on his employer's business; case dismissed.⁹

The W.A. Biographical Index: Matthew Horsfield employed a Ticket of Leave labourer at Swan district in 1863. He was granted a Conditional Pardon on 3 September 1859.¹⁰

Matthew Horsfield died 18 July 1881 at Albany, aged 70. He was a labourer.

He was buried as a pauper, on 20 August 1881, in the Anglican section of Memorial Park, Albany.

⁸ SROWA Acc 1156, R17

⁹ Inquirer (Perth, WA : 1840 - 1855), 13 Jul 1853, p2

¹⁰ SROWA Acc 1156, R21B

Sarah Waudby, wife of Matthew Horsfield, convict 92

Baptism	28 April 1805, South Dalton, Yorkshire (Baptised Sally)
Parents	Robert Waudby and Mary
Parent's marriage	
Siblings	James (1813)
Husband 1	Matthew Horsfield (1817-1881)
Marriage 1	13 May 1838, St Johns, Beverley, Yorkshire
Husband 2	William Larnder (~1803-1862)
Marriage 2	1862
Children	Rose Hannah Horsfield (1838) Matthew Nathaniel Horsfield (1840-1840) George William Horsfield (1842)

Sarah or Sally Waudby was baptised at South Dalton, near Driffield, in Yorkshire. James Waudby, who is thought to be her brother, was born at Beverley but returned to Driffield by the 1851 census.

Sarah married, by banns, on the 13 May 1838 at Beverley, Yorkshire.

Matthew Horsfield, 20, of Beverley, labourer, father George Horsfield is a labourer.

Sarah Waudby, 26, of Beverley, in service, father Robert Waudby, a labourer. Both made their mark.

Their daughter Rose Hannah was baptised four months later on 28 September 1838 at Beverley, but the birth was not registered until the December quarter.

Matthew was in prison when his son Matthew Nathaniel was born at Tickton in September 1840. He and James Woldby (probably Sarah's brother) were charged with two accounts of stealing at Bainton in December 1839. They pleaded guilty to stealing the apples and also stealing an axe and hedging knife. Both received six months of hard labour. Matthew was released on 6 November 1840.

In 1841, Matthew Horsfield, 20, a labourer, Sarah 25, and *Rosina* 3, lived at Grovehill Lane, Beverley.

Matthew was in trouble again in January 1842. He and two others were convicted of poaching and received three months of hard labour. At the expiration of that time to find sureties to keep the peace for twelve months, and in default to further imprisoned for six months. It is not known if Matthew found the sureties or spent the extra six months in prison.

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Sarah had two children to support and initially, was in the Beverley Union workhouse. In 1851 she lived in Bainbridges Yard, Hungate, St Saviour, York. Aged 44, she was housekeeper to William Larnder 48, a widower and carpenter from Chatham. Rosanna, 12 and William, 8, lived with her.

By 1861, the children had left home, and William and Sarah lived in Fossgate, St Crux, York, Yorkshire.

They married on 15 January 1862, at the Centenary Chapel, York, in a Wesleyan Methodist ceremony:

1862. Marriages solemnized at the <i>Centenary Chapel</i> in the <i>District of York in the City and</i> in the County of <i>York</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
65	Fifteenth January 1862	William Larnder	59 Years	Widower	Joiner	2, Palmer Lane, York	William Larnder (deceased)	Labourer
		Sarah Horsfield	58 Years	Widow		2, Palmer Lane, York	Robert Waudby (deceased)	Labourer
Married in the <i>Centenary Chapel</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <i>Wesleyan Methodists</i> by me, <i>Wm Williams, Minister</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>William Larnder</i>		in the Presence of us,		<i>John Duckett</i> <i>John Lockey</i> <i>John Webster</i> Registrar		
		<i>X The mark of Sarah Horsfield</i>						

Sarah Horsfield, 58, a widow, father Robert Waudby, deceased

William Larnder, 59, widower, a joiner, father William Larnder, deceased

They lived at 2 Palmer Lane, York. Sarah made her mark, and William signed.

William died at the same address in August of bronchitis. Sarah was the informant.

On 14 February 1863, at Towton, Yorkshire, Sarah Larnder, 63, widow of William Larnder, joiner, died of consumption.