

The last of the Currers, and John Richardson Curre

Haworth Curre's son, Henry (IV), died without issue in 1756. He was succeeded by his spinster sister, Sarah, who died just three years later and left the Kildwick estate jointly to her aunt, Haworth Curre's sister, Dorothy; and to Dorothy's son, John.

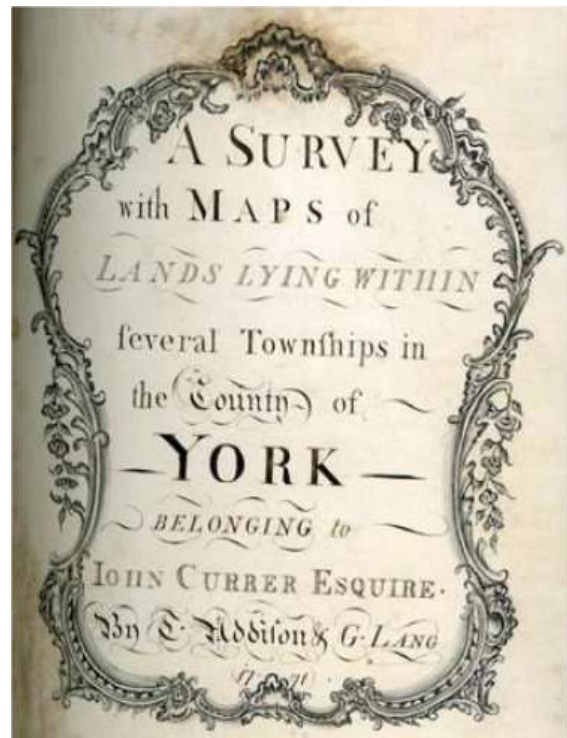
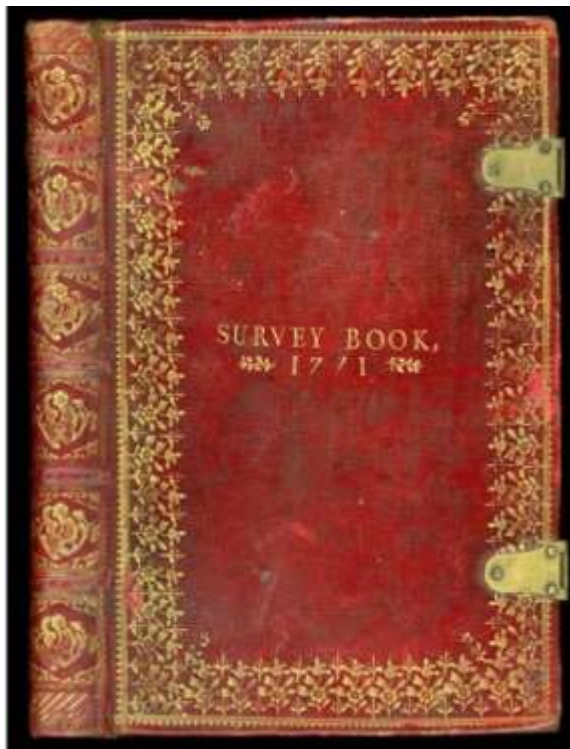
Dorothy had married Richard Richardson, the son of a well-to-do family from Brierley. John, their son, took the name John Richardson Curre. (In fact many references to him call him simply John Curre.)

John did further work on the Hall and there is at least one lead down-pipe that bears the Richardson badge and a date of 1771.



The Richardson badge on a lead pipe at Kildwick Hall

Also dating from 1771 is a “Survey Book” of all John Currer’s land-holdings.



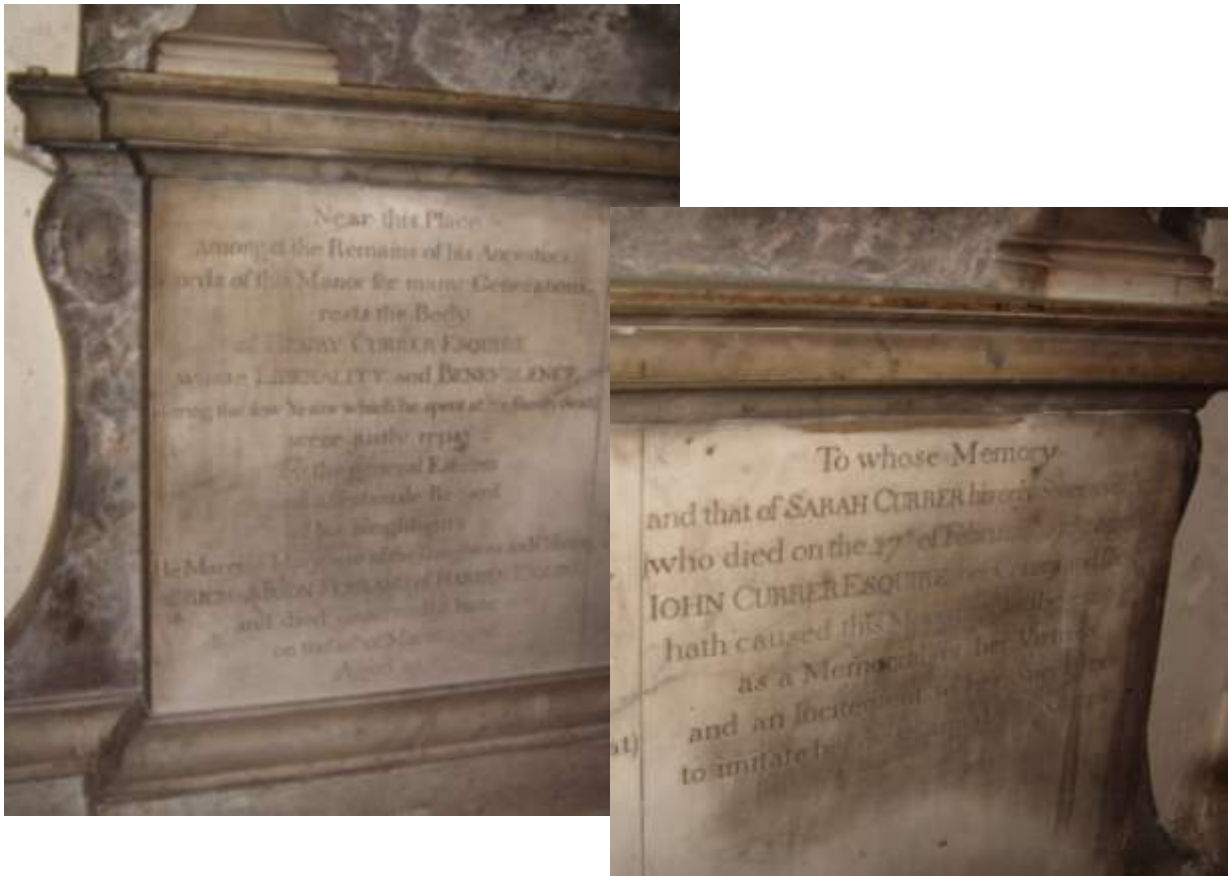
Cover and title page of John Currer’s 1771 Survey Book

This book contains a map of Kildwick that shows, amongst other things, the avenue of trees that was going to form part of Haworth Currer’s grand driveway.



Map of Kildwick from John Currer’s 1771 Survey Book – annotated for this article

John also paid for the creation of the Curren Chapel in the north aisle of Kildwick Church which has a memorial to Henry Curren (IV) and Sarah Curren.



The joint memorial to Henry Curren (IV) and Sarah Curren erected by John Curren in the Curren Chapel of Kildwick Church

John died without marrying and the estate passed, to his nephew Rev. Henry Richardson Curren – the last of the family to live at Kildwick Hall. He died within the year, and the estate passed to John’s great niece Frances Mary Richardson Curren – the last of the Curren line.

Sources

[Kildwick Hall Historical Sketch, by J.J. Brigg](#)

History of the Ancient and Historic Church of S. Andrew Kildwick-in-Craven, by Rev. E. W. Brereton

The story of Haworth Curren’s plans for a grand driveway can be found in our article [Haworth Curren’s plan for a grand driveway for Kildwick Hall](#)

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