

DOGHOUSE LANE AND MOUNT PLEASANT, TODMORDEN ON THE 1851 CENSUS

The 1851 Census took place on 30th March 1851 and was taken by an Enumerator calling at each house to obtain the necessary information. The Census compiled by the Enumerator shows the area as being in the Township of **Todmorden**, and the town of **Todmorden**.

Stansfield and Langfield Townships at this time were in Yorkshire

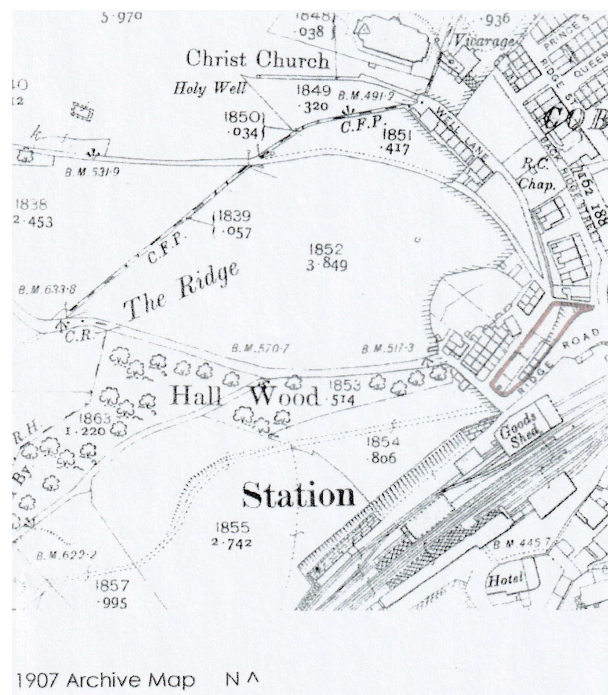
Todmorden Township was in Lancashire

The area in question on the 1851 Census is referred to as **Doghouse Lane/Mount Pleasant** and is on pages 2- 9 of the Census Return between **Ridge Foot** and **Todmorden Edge**

There were three Households shown on Doghouse Lane and 24 households (including one unoccupied on Mount Pleasant. Many of the households on Mount Pleasant would have been buildings of multiple occupation (ie Back to back or Tenement type buildings).

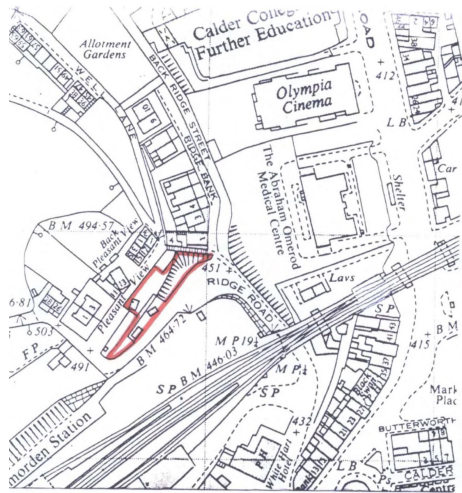
This Map of 1907 shows the block of Ten back to back houses at the start of Mount Pleasant followed by the two more substantial houses (now 11 and 13), followed by another block of back to back houses.

Mount Pleasant is parallel and above Ridge Road and Doghouse Lane is immediately to the North West of the Goods Shed shown on this map



In the first block of back to back houses on Mount Pleasant “in 1784 the Methodists established their first meeting house in Todmorden, calling it ‘Mount Zion’. John Wesley in his diaries records that he preached at Doghouse on 12th July of that year, after first preaching at Todmorden Church. For many years the Wesleyans went down to St Mary’s on Sundays to hear the sermon. In their own premises they held prayer meetings and exhortations and it was also a school for their children. However by the 1800s they had become so numerous that they decided to build their own Wesleyan Chapel which opened in 1827 at York Street” (from one of Roger Birch’s Albums of Todmorden)

Today we have 26 and 28 Doghouse Lane and 1 and 3 (semi detached houses) which are known as Mount Pleasant, with 11, 13 and 15 known as Pleasant View. This leads to Well Lane (previously known as Holy Well Lane). Well Lane doesn't appear on the Census records until 1871. 26 & 28 Doghouse Lane (Early 19th c) and 13 Pleasant View, which is one of Todmordens earliest buildings (Mid 18th c) are all Listed Buildings.



Site Location scale 1:1250

What are now 11 and 13 Pleasant View would have been more substantial houses at this time compared to the rest of the row and I believe this is where Ralph Taylor and his brother and Joshua Fielden lived – all described as Proprietors of houses.

This map of 1950 shows the two semi detached houses followed by 11 and 13 but the Plot on which 15 Pleasant View stands was still a back to back type building with as many as 13 dwellings, later described as Pleasant View and Back Pleasant View. This was demolished in the early 1980s and 15 Pleasant View built in 1985.



26 and 28 Doghouse Lane

I have been asked since giving the talk why it is called Doghouse Lane and the only reference I can find is that the building was originally a Farmhouse called Doghouse – could it have been where dogs belonging to the local hunt were kept?

1 and 3 Mount Pleasant

A pair of semi detached houses built on what had been ten back to back houses





11 and 13 Pleasant View



Side elevation of No 13



15 Pleasant View

Birth Places given

On the 1851 Census there were 129 residents in these 27 households (today there are only 7 properties with 14 permanent residents and an Airbnb for 6 guests) The birthplaces given are in 1851 are:-

Todmorden	53	Stansfield	20	Longfield	4
Waldsen	5	Manchester	4	Halifax	9
Cliviger	3	Kildwick (Lancs)	2	Colne	2

The following places are mentioned just once Bacup, Burnley, Charleston, Heptonstall, Keighley, Kirkham, Midgley, Mirfield, Rastrick, Rochdale, Preston, Skipton, Thornton and Wadsworth.

Further afield we have 3 born in Nottinghamshire, 2 from Newcastle on Tyne, 1 from Durham, 1 from Spalding, Lincs, (These are all one family Father and one daughter from Newcastle, Mother Durham, a son born Halifax and three more children born in Nottinghamshire so a family who moved about the Country) 1 from Penswick, Gloucestershire and 1 from Wigtownshire in Scotland. The later are wives of local men.

One person didn't give a birthplace and 2 just specified Lancashire and 1 Yorkshire.

Occupations

There is a broad range of occupations given across the 27 households as follows

Weavers	9
Power Loom Weavers (including 1 Overlooker)	6
Factory Hands/Labourers	5
Joiner	3
Proprietor of Houses	3
House Servants	2
Railway Porter	2
Washerwomen (one a widow)	2

We have one of each of the following occupations:-

Annuitant (living on income from investments) **Shown as Retired Rope Maker on 1861 Census;**
Blacksmith; Bread Baker (female head of household); Calico Hooker; Calico Piece Looker;
Coal Dealer; Dress Maker; Dyer; General Book Binder & Ruler; Grinder; Heald Knitter
(female); Iron Moulder; Labourer; Quarry Man; Ostler; Plasterer; School Mistress;
Throstle Watcher; Tin Plate Worker and Winder;

Explanation for some of the above occupations:-

Annuitant (living on income from investment/pension) Shown as Retired Rope Maker on 1861 Census

Heald Knitter attached the end of warp threads to wires called healds. Wires used in looms to separate the warp threads so weft can pass through.

Throstle Machine Used to wind and twist cotton or wool fibres. The noise sounded like a Song Thrush also known as a Throstle.

The Entries for the individual houses are given as follows on the 1851 Census NB the numbers refer to the Census Schedule and are not house numbers.

Sch. No.

5 Doghouse Lane	Thomas Shutt 25 (W Colne, Lancs) Grinder, wife Sarah 22 (Lancs)& Son John 1 (Tod)
6 Doghouse Lane	Martha Hollinrake (wife) 26 (Burnley) Heald Knitter, Son James 2 (Yorks), Sister Sarah Lord 24 (Tod) Power Loom Weaver
7 Doghouse Lane	Edward Sharples 27 (-) Ostler, Wife Hannah 23 (Tod) Son Thomas 9 mths (Tod), Mary Sutcliffe 2 Cousin (Preston)
8 Mount Pleasant	John Greenwood 27 (Tod) Weaver, Wife Sally 41 (Tod) Washerwoman, Daughter Betty 12 Factory Hand, Daughter Mary 9, Son James 6 (all 3 Stansfield)
9 Mount Pleasant	John Stott 47 (Tod) Weaver, Wife Mary 45 (Stansfield) – Son James 21 Weaver, Son John 19 Weaver, Son Charles 14 Weaver Son Thomas 10 Scholar Daughter Esther 5 - (all 5 Stansfield) Daughter Ann 2 – Todmorden

- 10 Mount Pleasant William Crosley 49 (Stansfield) Quarry man,
wife Ann 46 (Stansfield), Daughter Elizabeth 26 Winder
(Stansfield), Son James 24 (Stansfield), Son Thomas 20
(Stansfield) Weaver of check, Daughter Sarah Ann 8
(Todmorden) Scholar.
- 11 Mount Pleasant Matthias Hirst 32 (Langfield) Calico Piece looker
Wife Mary Ann 30 (Langfield), Daughters Ellen 6 Scholar
Sarah Ann 3 and Amanda 10 mths (all Todmorden)
- 12 Mount Pleasant James Boocock 26 (Tod) Joiner, Wife Alice 26 (Bacup)
Daughters Margaret 4 and Mary Jane 2, Son Peter 9mths (Tod_
- 13 Mount Pleasant James Holroyd 27 (Wadsworth) Calico Hooker,
Wife Sally 27 (Tod) Daughter Mary Hannah 3 (Tod)
Son John 1 (Tod)
- 14 Mount Pleasant Mary Dawson 55 (Tod) Bread Baker,
Son John 31 Cotton Mule piecer
Lodger Samuel Chambers 18 (Tod) Dyer
- 15 Mount Pleasant John Greenwood 34 (Stansfield) Coal Dealer,
Wife Mary 34 (Cliviger),
Daughters Alice 11, Mary Ann 9 (Cliviger)
- 16 Mount Pleasant Nelly Thornton Widow 57 (Tod) Washerwoman
- 17 Mount Pleasant Ralph Taylor Unmarried 68 (Walsden) Proprietor of Houses
James Taylor Brother 65 (Walsden) Proprietor of Houses
Ann Taylor Sister in law 45 (Stansfield)
- 18 Mount Pleasant Joshua Fielden 85 (Tod) Proprietor of Houses
Wife Sarah 80 (Longfield)
- 19 Mount Pleasant John Smith 63 (Thornton, Yorks) Annuitant
(Retired Rope Maker on 1861 Census)
Still all there 1861 Nephew Thomas Greenwood 37 (Kirkham, Lancs) Blacksmith
Niece (Wife of above) Ellen Greenwood 39 (Skipton, Yorks)
Grandnephew William Greenwood 10 (Tod)
- One House uninhabited

20 Mount Pleasant	<p>Mary Heap Unmarried 47 (Manchester) School Mistress Eliza Wigan 16 (Manchester) Pupil Mary Wigan 12 (Manchester) Pupil Elizabeth Heap 12 (Manchester) Pupil Elizabeth Jackson 13 (Mirfield, Yorks) Pupil Sarah Ann Jackson 9 (Rochdale) Pupil Elizabeth Haslam Heap 12 (Lancs) Pupil Mary Alice Pilling 7 (Tod) Pupil Sarah Ann Pilling 7 (Tod) Pupil Jane Firth 7 (Walsden) Pupil Joseph Firth 5 (Walsden) Pupil Mary Ann Smith 19 (Rastrick, Yorks) House Servant Mary Ann Helliwell 14 (Tod) House Servant</p>
21 Mount Pleasant Still there in 1861 Mary Widow in 1871	<p>John Greenwood 43 (Halifax) Porter (Railway) Wife Mary 41 (Halifax), 6 daughters born Halifax Ann 20 Power Loom weaver, Sarah 18 Power Loom weaver Mary 16 Power Loom weaver, Hannah 14 Power Loom weaver Susan 10 Scholar, Elizabeth 5 Scholar</p>
22 Mount Pleasant Still there in 1861	<p>James Marshall 53 (Tod) Joiner Wife Hannah 43 (Tod) Son Thomas 17 Factory Labourer Daughter Jane 16 Factory Labourer Son James 13 Factory Labourer, Daughter Betsey 11 Scholar, Daughter Ann 6 Scholar, Daughter Grace 4 - All born Tod. Sister in Law Grace Stansfield (Widow) 38 Factory Labourer</p>
23 Mount Pleasant	<p>James Naylor 33 (Midgley, Yorks) Plasterer Wife Martha 29 (Penswick, Gloucestershire) Son Thomas 7 (Longfield) Scholar, Daughter Elinda 4 (Tod) - Son John 1 (Tod)</p>
24 Mount Pleasant	<p>Robert Hell (or Stell) 30 (Stansfield) Weaver Wife Grace 39 (Stansfield) Weaver</p>
25 Mount Pleasant	<p>James Morgan 36 (Newcastle on Tyne) Gen. book binder & ruler Wife Jane 40 (Durham) Daughter in Law Louisa Jane Harle 16 (N on T) Weaver of cotton Son Edmund 13 (Spalding, Lincs) Throstle watcher in factory Daughters Elizabeth Ann 10 (Halifax), Selina Eliza 8 (Notts). Son James Mathew 6 (Notts) all three scholars. Daughter Ellen Victoria 3 (Notts).</p>
26 Mount Pleasant	<p>William Shackleton 27 (Keighley, Yorks) Iron Moulder Wife Mary 28 (Kildwick, Yorks) Daughter Elizabeth 4 (Kildwick, Yorks)</p>

27 Mount Pleasant	Henry Scholfield 27 (Tod) Tin Plate worker Wife Margaret 32 (Scotland, Wigtownshire) Son William 2 (Tod)
28 Mount Pleasant	James Law 37 (Tod) Labourer Wife Mary 36 (Charlestown, Yorks) Son Simon Whip Law 11 (Tod) Scholar Daughter Sarah Whip Law (Tod) Scholar Brother in law Thomas Heyworth Adamson 20 (Walsden) Joiner Sister in law Martha Adamson 21 (Stansfield) Daughter Jane Whip Law 6 (Tod) Scholar
29 Mount Pleasant	Joseph Hargreaves 34 (Heptonstall) Powerloom overlooker (cotton) Wife Elizabeth 36 (Colne, Lancs) Dress maker Son Thomas 10 (Tod) Nurse & errand boy Son Robert Kiding 7 (Tod) Scholar Daughter Mary Hannah 4 (Tod) Scholar Daughter Sarah Jane 8 mths (Tod)
30 Mount Pleasant	Peter T Ratcliffe 30 (Tod) Porter (Railway) Wife – Betty (Tod) Daughter Caroline 9 (Tod) Scholar, Son John 5 (Tod) Scholar Daughter Hannah 2 (Tod)
End of Town of Todmorden	
Next entries Todmorden Edge	