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Dates are presented Year – Month – Day

e.g. **1820 March 9** or **1820.3.9**
1820 March or **1820.3**

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Data sources:

Census data have been used, whenever possible, to confirm relationships; they are not considered a reliable source of data concerning age. Contemporary newspaper family notices are considered as reliable sources of relationships and dates; reports and obituaries are treated more cautiously. Parish records generally provide a reliable source of data and digitised images have been used whenever possible. Any difficulties with transcription will be made clear. In some cases only transcripts have been available; errors here are usually confined to spelling. The most important source of this material is the International Genealogical Index compiled by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Utah. National Civil Registration Indexes are considered reliable, as are probate records.

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William Prest (1824 – 1884)

There is little doubt that William was born to William and Mary Prest in York on 7th May 1824. Unfortunately, Prest is a frequently encountered surname in York and exactly who his parents were is difficult to determine with certainty. His later family life offered very little to suggest that he maintained any contact with surviving parents or any siblings and their families. Strong circumstantial evidence suggests that his father was William Prest (Mayhew 2020), the son of Thomas and Mary Prest, who was born in Warrington in about 1798. When Thomas Prest abandoned his family, his wife and son were removed by the Overseers of the Poor of Warrington to York, St Crux, in 1804, suggesting that it was Thomas' home parish.

William Prest jun fits well into the family of this William and Mary Prest if it is assumed that he was the eldest surviving child of their marriage, his siblings Jane and Thomas having died as infants. William jun.'s profession of painter, after serving an apprenticeship with John Fardinando Brown of York, would be quite in keeping with the status of his father as a tinner and gas fitter. In 1852 William Prest jun. married Phoebe Ann Seagar, the daughter of the late Thomas Seagar. Although his origins are as yet obscure, Thomas Seagar had been a principle worker at the York Glass works – a manufactory owned at one time by Henry Prest of York. It is tempting to suggest a link between William Prest jun. and this wealthy York family (see appendix 3) but the social and financial differences of circumstance is great – any blood link must have been remote.

Appendix 2 uses parish registers of St Mary's, Castlegate, York, to construct an alternative origin which seems to be equally consistent. Although it has nothing to recommend it as a more likely pedigree for William, it does have the advantage of reducing the number of estranged siblings!

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The family of William Prest (1824 – 1884)

This pedigree assumes that William was the son of William Prest, born in Warrington c.1798

Thomas Prest () ←←← grandfather

*** married **Mary Rigby** (1777 -) on **1797.9.3**

William Prest (1798? – before 1861) born Warrington, to York 1804 ←←← father

1 married **Mary Bullock (c1800? - 1854) on **1818.9.13** Lincoln

sister **Jane Prest** (1819 – 1822)

brother **Thomas Prest** (1821 - 1824)

William Prest (1824.5.7 – 1884.4.7)

*** married **Phoebe Ann Seager** (1830 – 1911.11.30) on **1852.6.26**

daughter **Mary Jane Prest** (1853.4.19 - 1920.12.28) Unmarried

daughter **Laura Prest** (1855 - 1906)
*** married **John Strangman Shannon** (c1859 – 1927.6.7) in **1900**

No Issue

step children - **Gladys Kathleen Shannon** (c1887 -)
George Strangman Shannon (1888 -)
Cecil Balmford Shannon (1890 -)
Irene Shannon (1893 -)

son **Charles Seagar Prest** (1857 – 1917.4.6)
*** married **Annie Brown** (1870.8.11 – 1940) on **1898.6.19**

Norah Prest (1900.4.29 -)
Phyllis Mary Prest (1902.6.13 -)
Seagar Prest (1904.9.10 – 1905)
Charles Cecil Prest (1907.2.27 -)

grand-son
grand-son

daughter **Annie Prest** (1860 - 1869)

son **William Thomas Prest** (1862 – 1921.11.9)
*** married **Mary Elizabeth Conard** (c1877 - ?) on **1894.9.5**

grand-son **William Thomas/Charles Seagar Prest**
(1895.6.22 - 1916.8.17)

brother **George Prest** (1826 – 1903) Whitesmith
*** married **Margaret Harrison** (c1827 – after 1891) on **1848.10.9**
born on the Atlantic Ocean

niece **Elizabeth Prest** (1850 - 1877) Unmarried

nephew **Henry Prest** (1851 – ?1866)

nephew **John Prest** (c1854 – after 1901) to London

niece **Mary Anne Prest** (1856 - ?)

niece **Harriett Prest** (1859.4.5 - 1953)[1883: Mrs Joseph Fletcher]
to Beverley

nephew **Thomas Prest** (1862.8.31 - 1940) Unmarried to Beverley

nephew **James Prest** (1865 – 1908) to Beverley

nephew **Charles Prest** (1867.3.24 - 1948) to Hull

[George was a tinner, spending most of his life in York before moving to Selby. He died in Beverley]

- brother* **Robert Prest** (c1829 - after 1881)
*** married **Betsey Bowes** (c1839 - before 1881) in **1856**
- nephew* **George Bowes Prest** (**1857 - 1862**)
niece **Mary Ann Prest** (**1859** - before 1871)
niece **Georgeanna Prest** (**1862 - 1940**) [**1881: Mrs Henry Seekings**]
[**1895: Mrs Thomas Smith - ?bigamous**]
- niece* **Annie Amelia Prest** (**1865 - 1881**)
[Robert eventually became manager of the gasworks at Chenies, Bucks by 1881 after spending time at Castle Howard and Redcar.]
- sister* **(H)ellen Prest** (**1834 - 1857**)
- sister* **Elizabeth Prest** (**1836 - 1911**) York St John
1 married **Stephen Buckle () on **1853.10.19** Shoemaker
No Issue
2 married **Thomas Hedworth (c1832 -) on **1861.10.13** Chairmaker
No Issue
- brother* **Thomas Prest** (**1842 -**) York St Saviours
*** married **Martha Marsh** (c1843 -) on **1863.3.1**
?
- brother* **James Prest** (c1844 - **1879.2.10**)
*** married **Mary Abson** (c1847 - **1882.4.12**) on **1869.12.25**
- niece* **Mary Prest** (1870/1 -)
niece **Harriet Hannah Prest** (**1872.5.24 - 1917**)
[**1894: Mrs George H Wilson**]
- niece* **Sarah Ann Prest** (**1875.9.9 - 1958.5.18**)[**1938: Mrs Edgar G Walker**]
niece **Elizabeth Prest** (**1877 - 1952**) *Unmarried*
- [James was a York stonemason. The early deaths of James and his wife resulted in his children living with various uncles and aunts.]
- William Prest** (**1798?** - before 1861)
2 married **Ann Thackray nee **Woolons** (**1809** - after 1861) on **1855.6.25**

1774 December 26: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Thomas Prest, son of William and Elisabeth Prest, cordwainer, St Michael-le-Belfry,
York.

[This is for illustrative purposes only!]

1777 May 4: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Mary Rigby, daughter of William and Jane Rigby, Warrington, Lancashire

1777 May 4: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Mary Rigby, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Rigby, Cairo Street Unitarian,
Warrington, Lancashire. Child born 1777 April 2.

[These are two transcriptions of the same event! The names of her parents remain in doubt.]

1797 September 3: England, Marriages, 1538-1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of Thomas Prest and Mary Rigby, Warrington, Lancs.

1798 May 6: Genealogical Society of Utah. British Isles Vital Records Index, 2nd Edition. Salt
Lake City, Utah

Baptism of William Press, son of William and Mary Press, Warrington, Lancs.

[In view of his being granted the freedom of York in 1820 this would be a good fit but it is known
that his father was called Thomas.]

1804 August 15: Lancashire Archives, **QSP/2506/63**

*Warrington to York, co. York. Order of removal of Mary Prest, wife of Thomas Prest, and
William their son.*

Lancashire County Quarter Sessions, Petition, Wigan: Michaelmas 1804

[Available Bow Lane, Preston, England PR1 2RE.

This is significant as under the Removal Act 1795 it would only be possible to remove Mary and
William if they had actually applied for parish relief.]

Transcription –

*The Order made by Thomas Lyon and Peter Dutton Esquires, two of his Majesty's Justices
of the Peace and Quorum in and for the said County, under their Hands and Seals, bearing
Date the fifteenth Day of August last, for the Removal of Mary the wife of Thomas Prest
now absent from here in some place unknown to her, and William Prest their son aged six
years or thereabouts poor Persons out of the Township of Warrington in the said County
unto the parish of St Crux in the County of York and for Settlement of them in Saint Crux
aforesaid is by this Court ratified and confirmed no appeal being made and due service of
the order being proved upon the oath of Samuel Simcock.*

-:-

**Mary Prest & her Son Wm remov. order to St Crux Parish in the City of York Dated
Augt 15th 1804**

**Removd by Saml Simcock Septr 3d 1804 Started[?] & Delivd her[?] says[?] on
Wednesday 5th**

County of Lancaster

*Complaint being this Day made unto us whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, Two of
his Majesty's Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the said County of Lancaster by
the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Warrington in the said
County, that Mary the Wife of Thomas Prest now absent from her in some place unknown
to her, and William Prest their son aged six years or thereabouts poor Persons and actually
chargeable to Warrington aforesaid; and that their last legal Settlement is in the Parish of
Saint Crux within the City of York these are thereforein his Majesty's Name to require you
the Church Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Warrington aforesaid,
to remove and convey the said Mary Prest and William Prest from Warrington aforesaid to*

the said Parish of Saint Crux within York aforesaid, and then deliver to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor thereof, together with a true Copy of this our Order, which said Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of Saint Crux aforesaid are likewise hereby required to receive and provide for them according to the Law. Given under our Hands and Seals at Warrington aforesaid this fifteenth Day of August One Thousand eight Hundred and four.

*To the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of Warrington aforesaid to remove and convey, and to the like Officers of Saint Crux aforesaid to receive and provide for the poor persons aforesaid. THESE
Thos Lyon P Dutton*

1809 June 25: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Ann Woolans, daughter of Thomas Woolans and Mary Hawkins, St Margaret, York.

1818 September 13: England, Marriages, 1538-1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of William Prest and Mary Bullock, St Sampson, York.

1819 July 18: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Jane Prest, daughter of William and Mary Prest, St Sampson, York.

1821 October 28: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Thomas Prest, son of William and Mary Prest, St Sampson, York.

1822:
Burial of Jane Prest, born c 1819, St Sampson's, York.

1824:
Burial of Thomas Prest, born c 1822, St Sampson's, York.

1824 May 9: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of William Prest, son of William and Mary Prest, St Sampson, York. Child born 1824 May 7.
[This agrees with the date given in his Obituary in the Naturalist.]

1826 July 2: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of George Prest, son of William and Mary Prest, Holy Trinity, King's Court, York

1830 November 9: Mulgrew, F. M. 1972. Yorkshire Parish Register Society, St Mary's Castlegate, Baptisms.
Baptism of Phoebe Ann, daughter of Thomas and Jane Seagar of Tower Place, glassmaker.

1834 March 26: Birth Register, Jubbergate (Lendel) Independent Chapel, York
Baptism of Ellen, daughter of William Prest of York, Tinner, and Mary his wife, born on March 16.

1836 September 11: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Elizabeth Prest, daughter of William and Mary Prest, St Olave, Marygate, York

1841: Census – Davygate, St Helen's, York

Ferdinand Brown	50	Painter	y
Amelia Brown	40		y
Henry Brown	15	ap	y
Elizabeth Brown	10		y
William Ellis	50	Clerk	y
Mary Ellis	40		y
George Wolstenholme	20	Painter Ap	y
William Whikley	20	Painter ap	y
William Prest	15	Painter Ap	y
Margaret Fewster	30	F S	y
Mary Melrose	15	F S	y

[John Fardinando Brown b. 1787, died at his home in Dayygate, York, on 1847 January 17. (York Herald). His wife Amelia, nee Smith, died on 1873 November 1, (York Herald)]

1841: Census – Harrow-lane, St Saviour, York

William Prest	40	Tinner?	Y
Mary Prest	40		Y
George Prest	15		Y
Robert Prest	11		Y
Hellen Prest	7		Y
Eliza Prest	5		Y

[Note that giving ages as 40 indicates that they were between 40 and 45 and must have been born in 1801 or before. The fact that William was made a freeman of York in 1820 may also indicate that he was born before 1800 – otherwise he would not have been of age.]

1842 March 20: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Thomas Prest, son of William and Mary Prest, St Saviour, York

1848 October 9: England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of George Prest (22) son of William Prest, and Margaret Harrison (21) daughter of Charles Harrison, at St Margaret, York.

[This is, presumably the Margaret who was witness to her father-in-law's marriage in 1855.]

1850 September 8: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Elizabeth Prest, daughter of George and Margaret Prest, St Margaret, York.

1851: Census – 2 Tower-place, Castlegate, York

Jane Seagar	head	w	55	Upholstress	York
Phoebe Ann Seagar	daur	u	20	Upholstress	York
William Prest	lodger	u	26	Painter employing 1 man & 2 boys	York
Mary Gatenby	serv	u	16	Servant	Masham, Yorks.

1851: Census - 5 Monk Terrace, York St Maurice

William Prest	head	mar	48	Gas Fitter	Warrington Lancashire
Mary Prest	wife	mar	46		Lincoln
Elizabeth Prest	dau		15		York St John, ???
Thomas Prest	son		8	Scholar	York St Saviours
James Prest	son		6	Scholar	York St Saviours

[These ages may be optimistic - they were older.]

1851: Census – 78 Shaftoes-yard, St Dennis, York

William Harrison	head	mar	24	Stone Mason?	Barnsley
Sarah Harrison	wife	mar	23		York
Ellen Prest	serv	u	18	House Servant	York

1851: Census – Henderskelfe, Yorkshire (Castle Howard)

Catherine Drew	head	u	36	Annuitant	Henderskelfe
Susan Drew	sister	u	29	At Home	Henderskelfe
Elizabeth Parker	serv	u	56	Housekeeper to the Earl of Carlisle	Wedford, Herts.

... seven other unmarried estate servants

Robert Prest	serv	u	21	Gas Maker at Castle Howard	St Johns Place, York
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[Had Robert been apprenticed to his father?]

1851 December 31: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Henry Prest, son of George and Margaret Prest, St Margaret, York.

1852 June 26: England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah

Marriage of William Prest (28), son of William Prest, and Phoebe Ann Seagar (21), daughter of Thomas Seagar, at St Mary, Castlegate, York.

1852 July 3: *Yorkshire Gazette

MARRIAGES. On Saturday, the 26th ult., at St. Mary's church, Castlegate, by the Rev. G. Steward, Mr. Wm. Prest, painter, to Miss Seagar, both of this city.

1853 May 11: Genealogical Society of Utah. *British Isles Vital Records Index, 2nd Edition*. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Mary Jane Prest, daughter of William and Phoebe Ann Prest at York. Child born 1853 April 19.

[Similar sources give the place as All Saints, Pavement, York.]

1853 October 22: *York Herald

MARRIAGES. Same day [October 19], at the Register office, York, Mr Stephen Buckle, boot and shoemaker, to Miss Elizabeth Prest;

1854 January 28: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of John Prest, son of George and Margaret Prest, St Saviour, York.

1854 February 4: *York Herald

AN INHUMAN HUSBAND. On Saturday last, at the Guildhall, before the Lord Mayor and B. Evers, Esq., a shoemaker named Stephen Buckle was charged with having committed a violent assault on Elizabeth Buckle, his wife, a young woman about nineteen years of age, who had been married nearly four months! On the Thursday night, the defendant had beaten the complainant severely, and struck her with his "last" on the face, which bore indications of his ill-treatment. What made his conduct much worse was that the child of another female had been afadiated[?sic] upon him before his marriage. His wife said this was not the first time she had received a black eye from his abuse; he had assaulted her repeatedly. The Lord Mayor said the defendant had pursued a very disgraceful line of conduct, and the decision of the bench was that he find two sureties of £10 each to keep the peace for twelve months, or in default to be imprisoned for one month.

1854 February 4: *Farmer's Friend and Freeman's Journal

A BRUTAL HUSBAND.—Stephen Buckle, shoemaker, was brought up by warrant, charged with having committed a most brutal and unprovoked assault upon his wife, Elizabeth Buckle, to whom he had been married about four months. It seemed that about midnight, on Thursday, Buckle struck his wife a violent blow on the left cheek with a last, from the effects of which her cheek was very much swollen, and her eye discoloured. Shortly before their marriage, Buckle was summoned before the magistrates for neglecting to support an illegitimate child, of which he had been adjudged to be the father, and but for the interference of his father, who undertook to pay the money by instalments, he would on that occasion have been sent to prison. Since then his intimacy with the mother of the child has been renewed, and in consequence of her going to Buckle's house, he and complainant had quarrelled, and the present assault was the result.—The bench ordered defendant to find two sureties in £10 each, to keep the peace for twelve months, and in default he was committed for one month. The magistrates expressed their indignation with defendant's conduct, and said he was a complete disgrace to the city.

1854 February 4: *Yorkshire Gazette

YORK POLICE REPORTS. ASSAULTING A WIFE. Stephen Buckle, a shoemaker, was charged with assaulting his wife on Thursday previous. They reside in Walmgate, and have only been married about four months. In default of finding sureties to keep the peace, defendant was committed to the House of Correction for a month.

1854: Civil Registration Index

Death of Mary Prest registered in York, second quarter.

1854 August 5: *York Herald

The late Aggravated Assault on a Wife. — Stephen Buckle who was remanded on Thursday last, for an aggravated assault on his wife, was again brought up. The complainant, who is only nineteen years of age, said that she was still an inmate of the Hospital, and though her arm was healing, she had no use of her fingers. She said that in addition to the

defendant having thrown the pitcher at her and cut her arm severely, he also struck her several times. In defence he denied having struck her, and as to throwing the pitcher, he said he did not intend to hit her. Mr. BARBER said that they should deal with the case under the act of last session for the more severe punishment of those who commit aggravated assaults on women, which empowered them to inflict six months' imprisonment to hard labour. He hoped that the punishment they should impose would be a warning to others. The defendant was then committed to prison, for three months to hard labour.

1855 June 25: England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of William Prest, son of **Thomas Prest**, and Ann Thackray, daughter of Thomas Woolons at St Mary, Castlegate, York.

[In Peter Gales Family Tree on Ancestry <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/family-tree/person/tree/67071845/person/40163946953/facts> (viewed 2020 September 8) The following extra data is provided, presumably from the certificate; Occupation "Gas Fitter"; Residence Castle Mills, Witnesses Margaret Prest and James Grant.]

1855: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Laura Prest registered in York, third quarter.

[She was not baptised until the following year.]

1856: Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Robert Prest and Betsey Bowes registered in Pickering, Yorkshire, third quarter.

1856 August 10: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Mary Anne Prest, daughter of George and Margaret Prest, St Margaret, York.

1857 October 11: : England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Charles Seagar Prest, son of William and Phoebe Ann Prest, St Mary, Castlegate, York.
[His birth year is confirmed by the Civil Registration Index.]

1859: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Harriet Prest registered in York, second quarter.

[In the 1939 Census she was living in Beverley, Queensgate area and gives her birth date as 1860 April 5 – i.e. a year younger than she actually was.]

1859: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Mary Ann Prest registered in Easingwold, Yorkshire, last quarter.

1860 April 22: Genealogical Society of Utah. British Isles Vital Records Index, 2nd Edition. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Annie Prest, daughter of William and Phoebeann[sic] Prest, York.
[She was actually registered as Anne Prest]

1861: Census – 7 Castlegate, York

Jane Seager	head	w	65	Upholsterer	York City
William Prest	son-in-law	mar	36	Painter(Master employing 2 men & 1 boy)	York City
Phoebe A Prest	daur	mar	30		York City
Mary J Prest	g-daur		7	Scholar	York City
Laura Prest	g-daur		5	Scholar	York City
Charles S Prest	g-son		3		York City
Anne Prest	g-dau		1		York City
Anne Phillips	visitor	un	30		Shropshire, Weston
Mary A Makin	serv		14	House Servant	Yorks., Leeds

1861: Census – St Margaret's-terrace, York

Henry Holstock	head	mar	36	Tailor	York
Sarah Holstock	wife	mar	34		York
Eleanor Holstock	dau		11		York

Joseph Henry Holstock	son	6	York
Anne Holstock	dau	4	York
Richard Holstock	son	2	York
Ann Prest	mother-in-law	wid 53	Housekeeper York

[The enumerator has rendered the name incorrectly, it should be Holdstock. Henry and Sarah Woollons had married on 1845 October 20 at St Denis, York. Sarah Woollons was the illegitimate daughter of Ann Woollons and had been baptised at the same church on 1827 March 20.]

1861: Census – Coneysthorpe, Yorkshire

Robert Prest	head	mar	31	Engine feeder, Saw mill	York
Betsey Prest	wife	mar	21		Normanby
George Bowes Prest	son		3		Coneysthorpe
Mary Ann Prest	dau		2		Coneysthorpe

1861 October 13: England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of Elizabeth Buckle, daughter of William Prest, and Thomas Hedworth, son of George Hedworth, at St Thomas, York.

1862 July 29: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of William Thomas Prest, son of William and Phoebe Ann Prest, St Mary, Castlegate, York.

1862: Civil Registration Index

Death of George Bowes Prest registered in Malton, third quarter.

1862: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Georgeanna Prest registered in Malton, Yorks, third quarter.

1862 September 27: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Thomas Prest, son of George and Margaret Prest, St Cuthbert, York.
[The 1939 Register gives his date of birth as 1862 August 31. He was a retired, unmarried oilmiller, lodging in Beverley.]

1863 March 1: England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of Thomas Prest (22), son of William Prest, and Martha Marsh (21), daughter of Richard Marsh, at St. Edward's, Dringhouses, Yorkshire.

1865: Civil Registration Index

Birth of James Prest registered in York second quarter.

1862: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Anne Amelia Prest registered in Malton, Yorks, third quarter.

1866: Civil Registration Index

Death of Harry Prest registered in Walmgate, York.

[This looks like Henry, son of George.]

1867: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Charles Prest registered in York second quarter.

[There were two children with this name registered in York at this time, one was the son of John and Ruth Prest. The son of George and Margaret was, like others in his family, a tannery worker. He moved to Hull where he was recorded in the 1939 Register of England and Wales. He gave his birth date as **1867 March 24.**]

1869: Civil Registration Index

Death of Annie Prest (9) registered in York, last quarter.

1869 December 25: England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of James Prest, son of William Prest, and Mary Abson, daughter of William Abson, St Thomas, York.

[William Abson, born in Rochdale c1820, died York 1866.1.3, was a York stonemason.]

1870 August 11: 1939 Register for England and Wales
Birth date of Annie Prest nee Brown.

1871: Census – 3 St Saviourgate, York

William Prest	head	mar	46	Painter	York
Phoebe Ann Prest	wife	mar	40		York
Mary Jane Prest	dau	unm	17	Saleswoman	York
Laura Prest	dau	unm	15		York
Charles S Prest	son		13	Scholar	York
William T Prest	son		8	Scholar	York
Jane S Prest[sic]	m-i-l	w	75	Formerly Upholstress	York

1871: Census – 3 Hampdon-street, St Mary Bishopshill senior, York

James Prest	head	mar	26	Stonemason	York
Mary Pret	wife	mar	25		York
Mary Prest	dau		4mo		York

1871: Census – 8 Garibaldi-terrace, Scarborough

William Prest	head	mar	28	Stonemason	York
Harriette Prest	wife	mar	29		Scarborough
James Prest	brother	unm	23	Stonemason	York
Ada J Prest	dau		8	Scholar	Scarborough
Clarkson Prest	son		5	Scholar	Scarborough
James Prest	son		1	Scholar	Scholar
William Prest	son		5days		Scarborough

[This is a red herring ... it looks rather like James, son of Richard Prest b 1849]

1872 June 20: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Harriet Hannah Prest, daughter of James and Mary Prest, St Mary, Bishopshill Senior, York. Child born 1872 May 24.

1875 September 30: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Sarah Ann Prest, daughter of James and Mary Prest, York. Child born 1875 September 9.

[This birth date is confirmed by the 1939 Register of England and Wales when she is living with her husband Edgar Walker in Stonegate, York.]

1877: Civil Registration Index

death of Elizabeth Prest (27) registered in York, first quarter.

1877 January 2: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Elizabeth Prest, daughter of James and Mary Prest, St Thomas, York.

1879 April 2: Probate Register, York

Records the death of James Prest, stonemason of York on 1879 February 10. Will proved by George Walker and Robert Gray, both builders.

[A notice by his solicitors in the *York Herald* gives his address as Gillygate.]

1881: Census – 1 Lowther-terrace, St Mary Bishopshill Junior, York

William Prest	head	mar	56	Master Painter employing 5 men and his son	York
Phoebe Ann Prest	wife	mar	50	Painters wife	York
Mary Jane Prest	dau	unm	27	Sales Woman	York
Laura Prest	dau	unm	25		York
Charles Segar Prest	son	unm	23	Engine Fitter	York
William Thomas Prest	son	unm	18	Painter	York

1881: Census – 62 Gillygate, York

Mary Prest	head	wid	34		York
Mary Prest	dau		10	Scholar	York
Harriet Hannah Prest	dau		8	Scholar	York
Sarah Ann Prest	dau		5	Scholar	York

1881: Census 5 Foundry-row, Leeman-road, York

Thomas Hedworth	head	mar	47	Chair Maker at iron works	Gateshead
Elizabeth Hedworth	wife	mar	40		York
Mary Jane Prest	niece	unm	17		York
Elizabeth Prest	niece		3		York
Frederick Chas Swinbourne	board	unm	29	Striker at iron works Rainton, Co Durham	

[Mary Jane was their long-term boarder, recorded in 1871 and 1891. She married Frederick Batters in 1894. Elizabeth jun. was the daughter of the recently deceased James Prest, stonemason.]

1881: Civil Registration Index

Death of Annie Amelia Prest registered in Amersham, Bucks, last quarter.

1881 December 27: Marriage Register, St Marylebone, Westminster

Marriage of Henry Seekings (full age, bachelor) gardener, son of George Seekings, cook, and Georgianna Prest (minor, spinster) daughter of Robert Prest, Gas-man. Witnesses James Harries and Elizabeth C ?Tinson.

[Harry Seekings became a florist and moved around the country. One daughter was born in Harrogate in c1886.]

1882 April 15: *Yorkshire Gazette

DEATHS. PREST. – On the 12th inst., aged 35, Mary Prest, widow of James Prest, mason, Gillygate.

1883: Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Harriet Prest and Joseph Fletcher registered in York, second quarter.

[Joseph and Harriet settled in Beverley, East Yorkshire, where he was a tannery labourer. They raised a large family.]

1884 April 8: *York Herald

DEATHS. PREST. – On the 7th inst., at 13, Holgate-road, York, William Prest, aged 59. – Will be interred at the Cemetery to-morrow (Wednesday), at Half-past Two o'clock. – (Friends will please accept this intimation).

1891: Census 6 Middleton-yard, Selby, Yorkshire

George Prest	head	mar	58	Whitesmith	York
Margaret Prest	wife	m	57		on the Sea

[They were living in York in 1881.]

1891: Census – 47 Belhadi-street(?), St Leonard, London

John Prest	head	m	33	Boiler maker	York
Mary Prest	wife	m	25		Limehouse
Margaret Prest	dau		1		Poplar
Annie Harrison(?)	niece		2		Poplar

1891: Census – Hyde Park Terrace, Bachelor-lane, Horsforth, Yorkshire

[Previous was Henry & Ada Ann Rusling, commercial traveller, and family.]

Harriet Prest	board	s	18	Living on own means	York
Elizabeth Prest	board		13		York
Alfred J Smith	lodger	s	22	Designer of Worsted Coatings	Manchester
Chas McDonald	board		3		Leeds

[Harriet and Elizabeth are daughters of James Prest.]

1891: Census – Trinity Lane, Beverley

J T Fletcher	head	m	29	Tanners Labourer	York
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Harriet Fletcher	wife	m	29		York
Alfred Fletcher	son		4		Beverley
Margaret Fletcher	dau		2		Beverley
James Prest	board	s	25	Tanners Labourer	York

[James is Harriet's brother.]

1891: Census – 6 Spark Mill-terrace, Beverley

George Dean	head	m	41	Tanner's labourer	Cottingham
... then follows his wife and six children					
Thomas Prest	board	s	24	Tanner's labourer	York

1894 September 5: Index to New York City Marriages, 1866-1937.
Marriage of William Prest and Mary E Conard, Manhattan, New York.

1894: Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Harriet Hannah Prest and George Herbert Wilson registered in Bramley, Yorkshire, last quarter.

[George was a plumber and by 1901 they were living in Bridlington, Yorkshire. Harriet's sisters Sarah Ann and Elizabeth Prest were boarding next door.]

1895 June 22: Ancestry.com. New York, New York, Index to Birth Certificates, 1866-1909
[database on-line]. Lehi, UT: 2020.

Birth of William Thomas Seagar Prest, son of William Thomas Prest (33), decorator born in England, and Mary Elizabeth Prest (18) nee Conard born in NY City, one living child. Their address is given as W 24 Street. By 1901 he was living in York with his grandmother Phoebe Ann Prest and his maiden aunt Mary Jane.]

1895 September 8: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:24CK-HX8> (IGI)

New York City Marriage Records 1829 – 1940

Marriage of Thomas Smith (32, single), son of William Henry Smith and Sarah Ann Haycock. born in Coventry, Warwickshire, and Georgiana Prest (32, single), daughter of Robert Prest and Betsy Bowes, born in Coneysthorpe, Yorkshire.

[This marriage was bigamous but Henry Seekings was cohabiting with another "wife" in 1901. The 1910 census of New York gives her occupation as Music teacher.]

1898 June 19: St Michael's, Battersea, Marriage Register

Marriage after banns of Charles Seagar Prest (40, bachelor) Engineer, son of William Prest, painter (deceased), and Annie Brown (28, spinster) daughter of John Thomas Brown, upholsterer (deceased). Witnesses M J Prest [?sister Mary Jane] and R L Brown.

1900: Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Laura Prest and John Strangman Shannon registered in York, second quarter.

[John Strangman Shannon (- 1927) was the headmaster of St Martin's School, Castlegate, York. His previous wife, Kate Balmford, had died in 1898.]

1900: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Norah Prest registered in West Ham, Essex, second quarter.

[The 1939 Register for England and Wales gives her birth date as 1900 April 29.]

1901: Census – 25 Cambridge-street, Bridlington

Elizabeth Ellerby	head	s	61	Living on own means	Darlington
Sarah Ann Prest	board	s	25	Certificated School Teacher	York
Elizabeth Prest	board	s	23	Dressmaker	York
Edith Moss	board	s	20	Assistant School Teacher	New Watley, Yks

- next house – The Nook, 24 Cambridge-street, Bridlington

George H Wilson	head	m	27	Plumber, own account	Brantinghamthorpe
Harriet H Wilson	wife	m	27		York
Mabel E Wilson	dau		5		Armley, Yorks

[Elizabeth Ellerby had been a nurse, she lived in Horsforth in 1891. She was living with her parents and sisters in York in 1851.]

1902 July 6: Family Search. Essex Parish Registers

Baptism of Phyllis Mary Prest, daughter of Charles Seagar Prest and Annie Prest at St Andrew's, [Plaistow], Essex. Child born 1902 June 13.

1903: Civil Registration Index

Death of George Prest (65) registered in Beverley, Yorkshire, first quarter.

1904 October 2: Family Search. Essex Parish Registers

Baptism of Seagar Prest, son of Charles Seagar Prest and Annie Prest at St Andrew's, [Plaistow], Essex. Child born 1904 September 10.

1905: Civil Registration Index

Death of Seagar Prest registered in West Ham, Essex, third quarter
[He was buried on 1905 July 24, aged 10 months.]

1906: Civil Registration Index

Death of Laura Shannon (49) registered in York, first quarter.
[John Strangman Shannon was married again in 1910 to Leah Abberley.]

1907 April 28: Family Search. Essex Parish Registers

Baptism of Charles Cecil Prest, son of Charles Seagar Prest and Annie Prest at St Andrew's, [Plaistow], Essex. Child born 1907 February 27.

1908: Civil Registration Index

Death of James Prest (43) registered in Patrington, Yorkshire, third quarter.
[His widow and orphans were living in Beverley in 1911.]

1911: Civil Registration Index

Death of Elizabeth Hedworth registered in York, first quarter.

1911: Census – 8 Sandringham-street, York

Charles Seagar Prest	head	53	mar	Retired Marine Engineer	York
Annie Prest	wife	41	mar		York
Norah Prest	dau	10		School	West Ham, Essex
Phyllis Mary Prest	dau	8		School	West Ham, Essex
Charles Cecil Prest	son	4			West Ham, Essex

[The census also shows that they had been married for 12 years and one of their children had died.]

1911: Census – 41 Cambridge-street, Bridlington

Elizabeth Prest	head	33	s	Machinist (Dressmaker)	York
Sarah Ann Prest	sist	35	s	Assistant School Mistress	York
Dora Wilson	serv	18	s		Leeds

- next door - 43 Cambridge-street, Bridlington

Harriet Hannah Wilson	head	38	wid	Private means	York
Mabel Ellerby Wilson	dau	15		Music student	Armley, Leeds

[Mabel was clearly named Ellerby after the owner of 41 Cambridge-street.]

1911 December 4: *Leeds Mercury

DEATHS. PREST. – On November 30th, at 46, Coney-street, York, in her 82nd year, *PHOEBE ANN*, widow of the late *WILLIAM PREST*.

1916 August 24: *Hull Daily Mail

DEATH OF HULL OFFICER. News has been received in York of the death action in France of Lieutenant William C. S. Prest, son of Mr William Prest, of 28, Wright-street, Hull, but who resided with his aunt, Miss Prest, of York, he being a clerk in Beckett's Bank, York. The deceased, who was 21 years of age, at the outbreak of the war joined the 9th Cavalry Reserve at York, but was subsequently granted a commission in the West Yorkshire Regiment in May, 1915, proceeding to the front the following January. He was wounded on

July 7th during the great advance. After an absence from duty for few weeks he returned the front, and was shot by a sniper whilst in the trenches on the 17th inst. The colonel of his regiment, writing to Miss Prest, states that the deceased was battalion bombing officer, and had done supremely well since he joined the West Yorkshires, and was much liked by officers and men. He (the colonel) was personally fond of him. and found much in his character to admire. He was full strength and determination.

1917: Civil Registration Index

Death of Harriet H Wilson (42) registered in Bridlington, second quarter.

[The age is a little low ...]

1917 May 5: Probate Register, York

Records the death of Charles Segar[sic] Prest of Sandringham-street, York, on 1917 April 5.

Probate to Annie Prest, widow.

1921 April 20: Probate Register, York

Records the death of Mary Jane Prest of 46 Coney-street, York, spinster, on 1929 December 28.

Probate to Hannah Hewitt, spinster, Henry Stewart Anderson, solicitor, and Thomas Ernest Stiles, commercial traveller.

1922 January 5: Probate Register, York

Records the death of William Thomas Prest of King-street, Hull, Yorkshire, at the York County Hospital, York, on 1921 November 19. Administration granted to Norah Prest, spinster.

[Norah Prest would be his niece.]

1927 June 10: *Yorkshire Post & Leeds Intelligencer

DEATHS. SHANNON. – June 7, at St. Martin’s School, Castlegate, York, aged 67 years.

JOHN STRANGMAN, the beloved husband of Leah SHANNON. – Interment to-day (Friday); at St. Mary’s Church, Castlegate, at 1 p.m., York Cemetery at 1.30 p.m.

1938: Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Sarah Ann Prest and Edgar G Walker registered in Buckrose, Yorkshire, third quarter.

1940: Civil Registration Index

Death of Thomas Prest (77) was registered in Holderness, first quarter.

1940: Civil Registration Index

Death of Annie Prest registered in Bournemouth, Hants., third quarter.

[The 1939 Register of England and Wales showed she was living in Bournemouth with her two unmarried daughters.]

1948: Civil Registration Index

The death of Charles Prest (82) was registered in Hull, first quarter.

1953: Civil Registration Index

Death of Harriet Fletcher (92) registered in Holderness, Yorkshire, first quarter.

1958 August 26: Probate Register, York

Records the death of Sarah Ann Walker, widow, in Bridlington, Yorks, on 1958 May 18. Probate to Mabel Ellerby Chew, single woman.

Appendix 1: Phoebe Ann Seagar

Thomas Seagar (c1787 – **1844.1.11**)
Jane Spetch (c1796 – **1877.4.11**) on **1825.6.26**

Phoebe Ann Seager (1830 - 1911) [1852: Mrs William Prest]

1825 June 26: England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of Thomas Seager and Jane Spetch at St Martin, Coney-street, York.

1844 January 20: *Yorkshire Gazette
DEATHS. Same day [11th inst.], in this city, after a long and painful illness, borne with exemplary patience and resignation, greatly lamented by his family and friends, aged 58, Mr. Thomas Seagar. He was for a number of years one of the principal workmen at the York Glass House.

1877 April 13: *York Herald
DEATHS. SEAGAR. – On Wednesday, April 11th, at her son-in-law's (Mr. Wm. Prest, 13, Holgate-road, York), Jane Seagar, relict of the late Thomas Seagar, glass-maker, of this city, in her 82nd year.

Appendix 2: Alternative origins? ...

John Prest (- ?1829)

1 married **Mary Teaswell/Teasdale (c1763 - **1892.4.12**) on **1783.10.19**

Francis Prest (1784 - 1785.8.16)

2 married **Abiah Fisher (1768 - 1827) on **1792.10.17**

John Prest (c1795 - **1796.5.25**)

William Prest (1797.3.8 - 1829)

*** married **Mary Bullock** () on **1818.9.13**

Jane Prest (1819 -)

Thomas Prest (1821 -)

William Prest (1824.5.7 - 1884.4.7)

*** married **Phoebe Ann Seager (1830 - 1911.11.30)** on **1852.6.26**

Issue

Abiah Prest (1799.6.27 - 1872)

*** married **Thomas Armitage** (c1794 - **1864.7.23**) on **1820.8.23**

George Armitage (c1825 - 1889) Cabinet Maker/Coal Dealer

Ann Prest (1802.3.26 - 1802.10.26)

Mary-Ann Prest (c1803 - **1812.6.22**)

[Against: William would have been likely to include the name Abiah among those of his children.]

Records derived from the transcriptions from the registers of St Mary Castlegate, York, are taken from The publication of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society volume 136 edited and transcribed by Margaret F M Mulgrew 1972.

1768 December 9: All Saints, Spofforth, Yorkshire. Baptisms at Wetherby Chapel
Baptism of Abia Fisher, daughter of William Fisher.

1783 October 19: Marriage Register, St Mary, Castlegate, York
Marriage of John Prist and Mary Teaswell.

1785 August 18: Burial Register, St Mary, Castlegate, York
Burial of Francis Prest, son of John Prest, M[iddle] W[ater] Lane, died August 16, age 10 months, smallpox.

1792 March 12: Burial Register, St Mary, Castlegate, York
Burial of Mary Prest wife of John Prest in Skeldergate Waterman and daughter of – Teasdale in the Middle Water Lane, died April 9 and buried in the churchyard, age 28 years, decline.

1792 October 17: Marriage Register, St Mary, Castlegate, York
Marriage of John Press and Alice Fisher
[This seems to be a mis-transcription of John Prest and Abia Fisher!]

1796 May 29: Burial Register, St Mary, Castlegate, York
Burial of John Prest, son of John Prest, Waterman North street, by Abbah his wife, died May 25 age 1 year, Hooping Cough.

1797 March 8: Baptism Register, St Mary, Castlegate, York
Baptism of William, 3rd child of John Prest mar[iner?] Friar Walls, and Abiah, daughter of William Fisher, Shoe-maker, Wetherby. Born March 8.

1799 June 28: Baptism Register, St Mary, Castlegate, York
Baptism of Abiah child of John Prest waterman Friar Walls, and Abiah, daughter of William Fisher, Shoe-maker, Wetherby. Born June 27.

1820 August 23: England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of Thomas Armitage and Abia Prass[sic] at St John, Ousebridge, York.

1802 March 28: Baptism Register, St Mary, Castlegate, York
Baptism of Ann daughter of John Prest waterman Friar Walls, son of Hugh Prest, brickmaker, Low Acaster and Abiah, daughter of William Fisher, Shoe-maker, Wetherby. Born March 26.

1802 October 28: Burial Register, St Mary, Castlegate, York
Burial of Ann Prest, daughter of John Prest, Waterman Friar Walls, by Abiah his wife, died October 26 and buried in the churchyard, age 7 months, Smallpox.

1812 June 28: Burial Register, St Mary, Castlegate, York
Burial of Mary-Ann Prest, daughter of John Prest, Waterman North street, by Abiah his wife, died June 22, buried in the churchyard, age 9 years, decline.

1827 January 12: Burial Register, St Mary, Castlegate, York
Burial of Obia[sic] Prest, North-street, age 62.
[This is undoubtedly a mis-transcription of Abia.]

1829 May 31: Burial Register, St Mary, Castlegate, York
Burial of John Prest, North-street, age 17.

1829 June 16: Burial Register, St Mary, Castlegate, York
Burial of William Prest, North-street, age 32.

1851: Census – 2 North-street, York

Thomas Armitage	head	m	55	Waterman	York
Abia Armitage	wife	m	50		York
George Armitage	son	m	25	Cabinet Maker	York
Esther Arimtage	son's wife	m	25		York

1864 July 30: *Yorkshire Gazette

DEATHS. On the 23rd inst., aged 70, Mr. Thomas Armitage, of this city, coal-merchant.

1872: Civil Registration Index

Death of **Abiah** Armitage (**73**) registered in York, third quarter.

[Baines 1822 Directory of North and East Yorkshire lists Abiah Armitage of North-street as a stay maker. John and Abiah Prest were living in North-street in 1812. In 1841 the census shows Abia with her husband Thomas, a coal dealer, and son George, at North-street, All Saints, York.]

Appendix 3: The glass manufacturing Prest family of Bedale and York

Todd, J. and Todd, G. 1823 (9th ed.). A description of York. York.

GLASS HOUSE.

Mr Henry Prest's Glass Manufactory is situated a little further on from the Lead Works close by the river Foss It was first established in 1797. The class is chiefly composed of fine Lynn sand with a proportionate mixture of pearl ashes and red lead. This is put into moderate sized clay vessels or pots and exposed to a violent heat in large furnaces till melted and on cooling a little it becomes a kind of hot paste and may be worked and moulded into any shape. The ingenuity and expertness of the workmen in so moulding and shaping it into various forms is highly amusing. The fire in the furnace is kept up with coals without intermission day and night otherwise the pots contained in it for holding the melted metal, would soon crack and become useless. There are two sets of workmen who change alternately every six hours. We believe there has been no manufactory of this kind in York these hundred years back. Drake in his Eboracum notices a Glass House which was carried on for a short time near Mary Gate about the year 1700.

Wills relating to this family –

- 1818 April 24:** Will of William Prest, **of Bedale**, Yorkshire w1
Prerogative Court of Canterbury, National Archives, Kew **PROB 11/1603/351**
- 1826 March 11:** Will of Henry Prest, **of Bedale**, Yorkshire w2
Prerogative Court of Canterbury, National Archives, Kew **PROB 11/1710/158**
[Also niece Ann Ferry/Terry, niece Elizabeth Readshaw (wife of Rev Caleb Readshaw)]
- 1821 November 8:** Will of Edward Prest, **Druggist of York**, Yorkshire w3
Prerogative Court of Canterbury, National Archives, Kew **PROB 11/1650/69**
- 1827 February 3:** Will of Henry Prest, **Glass Manufacturer of York**, Yorkshire w4
Prerogative Court of Canterbury, National Archives, Kew **PROB 11/1722/17**
- 1836 September 9:** Will of William Prest, **of Grimston Hill**, Yorkshire w5
Prerogative Court of Canterbury, National Archives, Kew **PROB 11/1867/134**
[Executors – brothers Edward, Samuel and John]
- 1839 November 27:** Will of Edward Prest, **of York**, Yorkshire w6
Prerogative Court of Canterbury, National Archives, Kew **PROB 11/1919/354**
- 1846 July 25:** Will of Samuel Prest, **of Stapleford Lodge**, Cambs. w7
Prerogative Court of Canterbury, National Archives, Kew **PROB 11/2039/262**
- 1853 January 24:** Will of John Prest, **of Blossom Street York**, Yorkshire w8
Prerogative Court of Canterbury, National Archives, Kew **PROB 11/2166/117**
- 1855 November 2:** Will of Elizabeth Prest,, **spinster of Clifton**, Yorkshire w9
Prerogative Court of Canterbury, National Archives, Kew **PROB 11/2222/?**

This may be coincidence but William's father-in-law, Thomas Seagar, was a respected employee of the York Glass Works.

w1	William Prest (- 1818) – partner in the York Glass Works? of Aiskew, Bedale	
	Elizabeth Prest ()	[1]
	+ William Prest of Tolston	[1,2]
	Thomas Prest (- before 1816)	[1]
	Edward Prest (- before 1816)	[1]
w2	Henry Prest (c1756 - 1826) of Bedale?	[1]
	Elizabeth Prest () of Bedale	[1,2,3]
	*** married ?James Williamson ()	
	James Williamson	[1nephew,2,5,6] Grays Inn
	Jane Williamson (- ?before 1822)	[1]
	Elizabeth Williamson	[1,2]
	Ann Williamson	[1,2]
	Mary Williamson	[1,2]
w3	Edward Prest (- 1821) York	[9]
	*** married Elizabeth ? ()	[3]
w6	+ Edward Prest	[2,3,4,5,9]
	*** married Caroline Hannah ? ()	[6,9]
	<i>5 Daughters</i>	
	Elizabeth Mary Williamson ()	[9]
	*** married James Williamson ()	[9]
	Caroline Hannah Prest ()	[9]
	Frences? Prest ()	[9]
	Adelaide Prest ()	[9]
	Matida Harriet Prest ()	[9]
w5	+ William Prest (c1786 - 1836)	[2,3,4]
	Druggist, York (Grimston Hill)	
	*** married Mary Anne Lambert (-)	[5]
	[she married Rev Fendall, Cambs in 1841]	
	<i>Issue</i>	
w7	Samuel Prest (c1785 - 1846)	[2,3,4,5,9]
	*** married Mary Anne <u>Brent</u> () on 1815.6.23	[7,9]
	Edward Brent Prest ()	[9]
	William Pitt Prest ()	[9]
w4	Henry Prest (- 1827)	Glass Manufacturer, York [2,3]
	<i>Unmarried</i>	
	John Prest ()	[2,3,4,5,7,9]
	*** married Arabella Lambert (c1800 - 1873)	[8]
	Edward Prest ()	[8]
	John Prest ()	[8]
	Mary Ann Prest ()	[9]

w9 Elizabeth Prest (c1792 – **1855.10.1**)

[2,3,4,5,7]

Unmarried

Mary Ann Prest

[2,3,4,5,7,9]

*** married **Rev William Taylor** ()

[9]

+Executors of Henry Prest of Bedale's will.

1815 July 1: *York Herald

MARRIAGES. On Saturday last, Major General Sir C. Wale, K.C.B to Henrietta; and Mr Samuel Prest, of Bristol, third son of Edward Prest, Esq., of this City, to Mary Ann, daughters of the late Rev. T. Brent, of Crescombe, Somerset.

[Henrietta was Sir Charles Wale's (1763 – 1825) third wife.]

1855 October 6: *Yorkshire Gazette

DEATHS. On Monday, the 1st inst., after a severe and lingering illness, aged 62, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Edward Prest, Esq., of this city, sincerely regretted.

1836 August 20: *Leeds Times

DEATHS. Same day [August 17], at Grimston Hill, in the 50th year of his age, and after three hours' illness, William Prest, Esq., second son of the late Edward Prest, Esq., of York. He was one of the Magistrates for the East-Riding, and also for the Liberty of St. Peter, and has been of great service to the city of York as Chairman of the City Commissioners, and the New Market Trustees, &c. Mr. Prest was much and deservedly respected; and his sudden death is deeply and universally lamented.

Appendix 4: Miscellaneous press cuttings

1852 July 10: *York Herald

The following are the places where the poll was taken ... shop occupied by Mr. Prest, painter, in Coppergate ...

[Early reference to his premises at 16 Coppergate.]

1855 March 3: *Yorkshire Gazette

BANKRUPT'S EFFECTS.

CONEY STREET & COPPERGATE, YORK.

TO HOUSE AND COACH PAINTERS, PLUMBERS, GLAZIERS, ARTISTS, GILDERS, &c, &c. Paints, Oils, Colours, White and Red Lead, Flatted Crown and Sheet Glass, Vamishes, Brushes, Ladders, Trestles, Signs, Shop Fixtures, Household Furniture, &c.

MR. JAMES WALKER most respectfully announces to the Trades above enumerated, and the Public in general, that he is Instructed by the Trade Assignee of William Prest, Painter and Gilder, a Bankrupt, to DISPOSE of by AUCTION, (without Reserve,) on MONDAY next, the 5th Day of March, 1855, all the STOCK-IN-TRADE, ARTISTS' MATERIALS, PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS, and EFFECTS, on the Premises, Coney-Street and Coppergate.

The Sale will commence in the Workshops, Coppergate, at TEN am., afterwards in Coney-Street. The Tube Colours, Brushes, Tools, Canvas, Paintings, Drawings, Artists' Materials, &c, will be Sold on MONDAY and TUESDAY EVENINGS, at SIX o'Clock.

Central Rooms, 2nd March, 1855.

1866 January 20: *Yorkshire Gazette

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1861.

In the County Court of Yorkshire holden at York.

WILLIAM PREST, of Castlegate. in the City of York, Painter, having been adjudged on the 27th day of December, 1865, a PUBLIC SITTING for the said Bankrupt to pass his Last Examination, and make for his Discharge, will be held at the said Court the Guildhall, in the City of YORK, on the 13th Day of February, 1866, at TWO o'Clock in the Afternoon precisely, the day last aforesaid being the day limited for the said Bankrupt to surrender. The Registrar of the Court is the Official Assignee, and Mr Robert Dale, of Museum Street, York, is the Solicitor acting in the Bankruptcy. RICHARD PERKINS, Registrar.

1866 February 17: *Yorkshire Gazette

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1861.

In the County Court of Yorkshire, holden at York.

IN the Matter of WILLIAM PREST, of Castlegate, in the City of York, Painter, adjudged Bankrupt on the 27th day of December, 1865. An Order of Discharge will be delivered to the Bankrupt after the expiration of thirty days from this date, unless an appeal be duly entered against the Judgment of the Court, and Notice thereof be given to the Court.

Dated 13th February, 1866.

RICHARD PERKINS, Registrar

1883 April 7: *Yorkshire Gazette

ESTABLISHED 1850.

PREST, PAINTER, PAPER-HANGER, CARVER AND GILDER, AND GENERAL DECORATOR, Will on Order Prepare ARTISTICAL DECORATIONS for the Coming Visit of the Prince of Wales.

W. P. has always in Stock the Best Gold Mouldings in the City. Very Cheap Picture Frames made in an Hour's Notice. Picture Frames Re-Gilt Equal to New, and Good Workmen sent to all parts of the Country.

AN APPRENTICE WANTED.

Residence—13, HOLGATE ROAD.

Workshops—HILL'S PASSAGE, FOSSGATE, and LADY PECKITT'S YARD, PAVEMENT.