

The last of the Currers, and John Richardson Currer

Haworth Currer'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 Currer's sister, Dorothy; and to Dorothy's son, John.

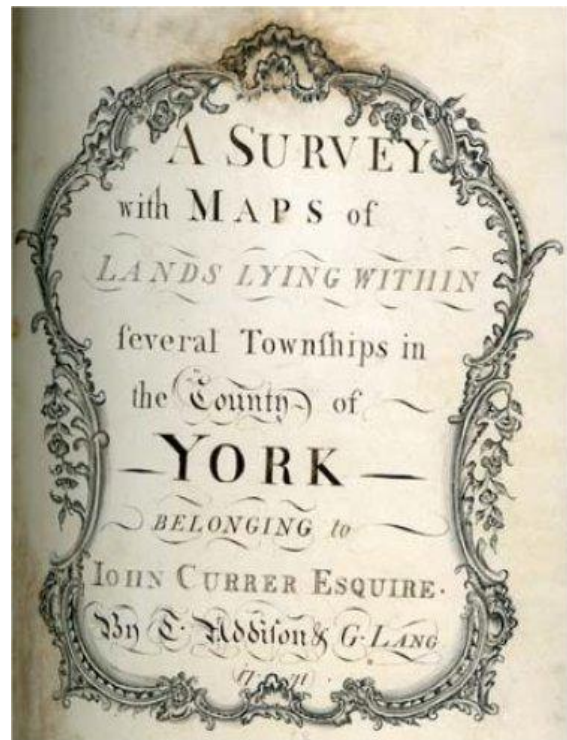
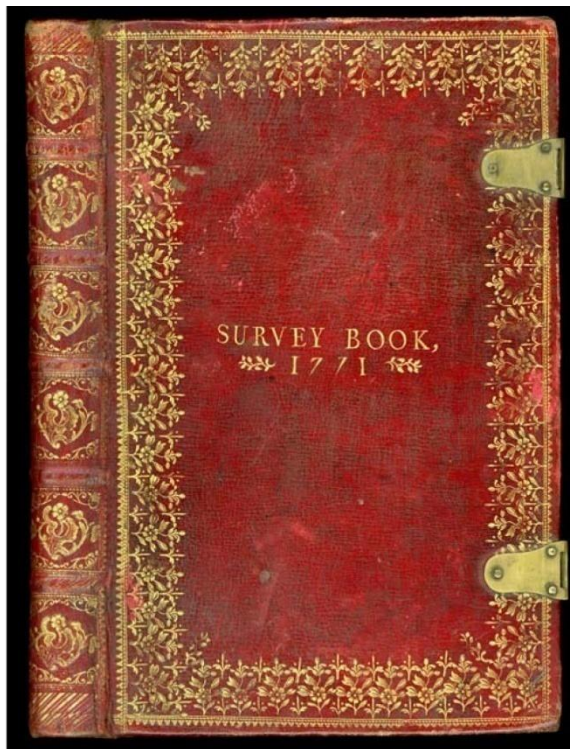
Dorothy had married Richard Richardson, the son of a well-to-do family from Bierley. John, their son, took the name John Richardson Currer. (In fact many references to him call him simply John Currer.)

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.



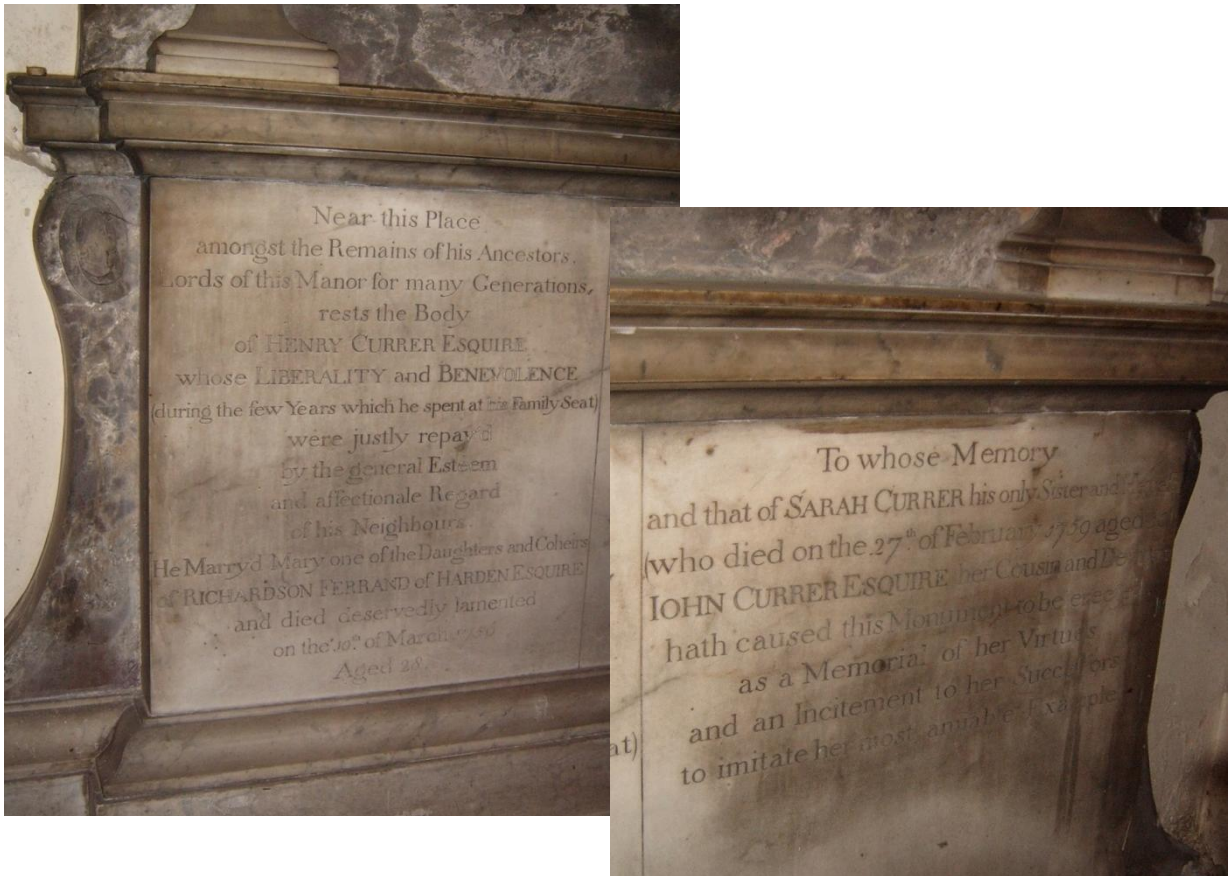
Cover and title page of John Currer’s 1771 Survey Book

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 Currel Chapel in the north aisle of Kildwick Church which has a memorial to Henry Currel (IV) and Sarah Currel.



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

John died without marrying and the estate passed, to his nephew Rev. Henry Richardson Currel – 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 Currel – the last of the Currel 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 Currel's plans for a grand driveway can be found in our article [Haworth Currel's plan for a grand driveway for Kildwick Hall](#)

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