

## From the archive: Healaugh, Swaledale

Healaugh lies close to the point where Barney Beck joins the River Swale, and is an Anglian settlement which follows a nucleated pattern. The North Riding Pevsner volume mentions that 'Above, on the road to Thirns is a barn with a thatched roof restored in the 1980s, a reminder of the pre-C18 appearance of farm buildings in the dale'. The Group has not recorded that particular barn but has surveyed eight other buildings in the village, together with several outlying farms. Healaugh's entry in Baines' Directory for 1823 lists one gentleman, five farmers, two mining agents, a blacksmith, a victualler and a butcher & grazier. The village buildings are outlined below; the full reports can be found in the YVBSG online archive.

*Lorraine Moor*



West View (YVBSG 1217). Comprises two dwellings of 18th century date, the right-hand one being the earliest. Good plank and panelled doors and hinges inside. Formerly the home and commercial base of William Bell 1840-1900, Healaugh shopkeeper, provender merchant and carrier to Richmond. His name in pencil remains on a beam in the stable.



The Rookery (YVBSG 1218). Faces south away from the road towards farm buildings, now demolished. Probably originated in the 17th century, smartened up c1730-50 with new doors, panelling, kneelers, gable copings and other features. Further work in the 19th century included creation of a dairy in 1898.



Lea House, left (YVBSG 1305) and Raisbeck House, right (YVBSG 1304). Two adjoining houses probably built around the same time with Lea House being slightly earlier, perhaps for labourers or miners rather than farmers. Almost mirror-image, sharing a central chimney stack. Raisbeck has a datestone 'SL IL 1723', maybe a later insertion. Possible re-used cruck in Lea House. Both re-fronted with 19th century watershot masonry.



Shaw Ghyll (YVBSG 1219). Typical house plan of the area with two units (perhaps direct entry), two storeys, with an outshut containing dairy and staircase. Probably mid 18th century: external flat faced mullioned window with internal splayed jambs and chamfered mullions dateable to c1750. Extended and much altered in 1978.



Lock Heather (YVBSG 1234). A complex of a two-cell house, cottage, barn, slaughter house, pigsties and other outbuildings, all appearing to date from c1800 and early 19th century. Partly a pub and shop at one time. Pantry lined with stone shelves for cheeses which were a major product of Swaledale throughout the 19th century.



Crowtrees (YVBSG 1233). Faces south away from the road and probably dates from the latter half of the 17th century. Now two storeys but originally one-and-a-half with a steep thatched roof later replaced by stone. Inside it has two cells and single storey outshuts containing the stairs and pantry/cheese room. Divided into two cottages in the early 19th century but later reverted to one property with the original central direct entry.



Laithe to the north of Shaw Ghyll (YVBSG 1220). The laithe is typical of the area with a division between the mewstead and the byres, with separate entrance to each. Built on a slope as a bank barn, where hay is fed into the mewstead from the higher ground level. Boskins formed from upright sandstones. Probably 18th century.