

‘J. Tunstall’ helped work on the church ceiling. Who was this man?

The clue is a name inscribed on the church ceiling.

Evidence is harder to find, although a Tunstall family did reside in Brigham village itself. We can find more out about them in the church registers, and census returns.

Could one of its members have been a joiner or painter in the church?

The main employment was at the quarry but perhaps one worked on the church as it was refurbished and extra work was available.

The baptism registers tell a tale of the growing family of Joseph and Sarah Story Tunstall.

A rush of baptisms in the 1870s suggests Joseph was surrounded by a brood of young daughters but as we know from the census returns their offspring had started to be born in the 1860s, with the youngest boy and girl born in the 1880s.



Large families were much more common in Victorian times.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of *Brigham*

in the County of *Cumberland*

in the Year 1868

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed
		Christian.	Surname.			
1868 January 21 st No. 273	Robert son of	William and Margaret	Naves	Greyston	Collier	James Taylor Curate
1868 Feb ^r No. 274	John son of	Henry and Elizabeth	Warrithers	Greyston	Sawyer	James Taylor Curate
1868 Feb ^r No. 275	Robert son of	Hugh and Jane	Scott	Greyston	Husband	James Taylor Curate
1868 Feb ^r No. 276	Elizabeth daughter of	John and Isabella	Smith	Stony-side Brigham	Collier	James Taylor Curate
1868 Feb ^r No. 277	Isabella daughter of	Joseph and Mary	Tunstall	Brigham	Wary man	James Taylor Curate
1868 March 9 th No. 278	Jonathan son of	Mary	Watson	The Low Houses, Brigham	Anglican woman	James Taylor Curate
1868 March 13 th No. 279	Henry son of	Hugh and Mary	McLay	Burthwa Greyston	Collier	James Taylor Curate
1868 March 16 th No. 280	John son of	Jane	Cald	Brigham	smith woman	James Taylor Curate

1868 Isabella Tunstall

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of *Bingham*

in the County of *Cumberland*

in the Year 1872

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed
		Christian.	Surname.			
1872 April 24 th No. 473	John Hooff son of	William and Ann	Clague	Cayleyfield.	Agricultural Implement Maker	James Taylor Curate
1872 April 11 th No. 476	Ann daughter of	Thomas and Jane	Heslop	Bingham	Quarryman	James Taylor Curate
1872 April 14 th No. 477	John son of	John and Isabelle	Mathe	Stony Beck Bingham	Cobbler	J. Woodsworth Curate
1872 April 14 th No. 478	Charlotta daughter of	George and Betty	Dockroy	Cayleyfield	Handicraftman	James Taylor Curate
1872 April 16 th No. 479	Ann daughter of	Thomas and Margaret	Hepburn	Grassington	Cobbler	James Taylor Curate
1872 April 18 th No. 480	Marghera daughter of	Joseph and Sarah	Tunstall	Bingham	Quarryman	J. Woodsworth Curate
1872 April 21 st No. 481	Mary daughter of	Thomas and Kath	Birkett	Bingham	Handicraftman	J. Woodsworth Curate
1872 April 21 st No. 482	Thomas son of	Thomas and Kath	Birkett	Bingham	Handicraftman	J. Woodsworth Curate

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of *Brigham*in the County of *Cumberland*

in the Year 1875

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed
		Christian.	Surname.			
1875 5 th December No. 683	Nicholas	Nicholas & Mary	Doehery	Englisfield	Laborer	J. T. Pollack
13 th December 1875 No. 684	Sarah Elizabeth	Joseph & Mary	Swain	Cockermouth	Joiner	J. T. Pollack
26 th December 1875 No. 685	John Thompson	Thomas & Mary	Maddir	Brigham	Miner	J. T. Pollack
2 nd January 1876 No. 686	James	James & Elizabeth	Tinson	Grypsouth	Miner	J. T. Pollack
2 nd January 1876 No. 687.	Elizabeth	Alexander & Sarah	Agnew	Brigham	Miner	J. T. Pollack
2 nd January 1876 No. 688.	John Mary Margaret	Elinor	Collister	Grypsouth	—	J. T. Pollack.
30 th January 1876 No. 689	Thomas	William Kennedy & Margaret	Thompson	Brigham	Farmer	J. T. Pollack
30 th January 1876 No. 690	Margaret	Joseph & Sarah	Tunstall	Brigham	Quarryman	J. T. Pollack

1875 Margaret Tunstall

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of Brigham
in the County of Cumberland in the Year 1878

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed
		Christian.	Surname.			
1878 17 th February No. 785.	Ernest	James & Mary Ann	Cameron	Brigham	Coachman	J. T. Pottuck
1878 24 th February No. 786	Esther Helen	William & Caroline	Helcher	Brigham	Squire	J. T. Pottuck
1878 10 th March No. 787	Cooper	William Kenny & Margaret	Thompson	Brigham	Farmer	J. T. Pottuck
1878 10 th March No. 788	Joseph	Quinson & Catherine	Stephenson	Greysouthen	Miner	J. T. Pottuck
1878 24 th March No. 789	Henry	William & Mary	Timmon	Eaglesfield	Farmer	J. T. Pottuck
1878 31 st March No. 790	Agnes	James & Georgina	Morse	Greysouthen	Husband man	J. T. Pottuck
1878 7 th April 1878 No. 791	Maria	Joseph & Sarah Storey	Tunstall	Brigham	Quarry man	J. T. Pottuck
1878 21 st April No. 792	Alice Jane	William & Elizabeth Rae	Shannon	Brigham	Car driver	J. T. Pottuck

1878 Maria Tunstall