

Aaron Tempest

Aaron Tempest was born in Cononley Yorkshire in 1843. His grandfather was a cabinet maker but many of his family worked in the Worsted and Cotton cloth business as weavers, one uncle was a farmer of land and another uncle ran a grocer's shop. There was a lead mine in Cononley.

The Tempest family must have been fairly well established in the area as they had a number of houses named after them in the village



Cononley Yorks

Aaron's grandfather James Tempest was born on 24 Feb 1789 and christened in Thornton – in – Craven on 30 May 1790. He was the son of David Tempest and Alice. He had four sons.

1861 Census

Aaron	46 Grocer
James	39 Power Loom Tackler
Jeremiah	35 Farmer
John	28 Overlooker Power Loom

James was the father of Aaron Tempest*

The family were living in 'Tempest's Houses' Club Row Cononley

Twenty four members of the Tempest family were living in close proximity to one another in the village.

James	39 Power Loom Tackler
Grace	38 Weaver on Cotton & Worsted Power Loom
Aaron*	18 Pupil Teacher Church of England
Ann	16 House Maid
William	14 Pupil Teacher Church of England
Moses	11 Scholar
James	5 Scholar



Cononly today

In **1871 Aaron** was a Schoolmaster at **Skelton National School**. His wife **Jane** was living in the School Masters House, there did not appear to be any children. Skelton was mainly agricultural and farming but there was also a mine where many people worked. The village is 2 miles SE of Skipton on the banks of the Ouse and 4 miles NW of York.

Education was not compulsory until 1880 and then only for ages 5 to 10. Boys were not allowed underground in the mines under the age of twelve unless they could read or write.



Skelton School

The new school at Skelton was built with the capital endowment left by the late Mrs Thompson. It could accommodate 120 children but only around half that number attended. In 1899 the school leaving age was raised to twelve.



Skelton pupils

1881 Census

Aaron was an Elementary Teacher living with his wife Jane still living in the Schoolmasters House with three lodgers

Fleetwood F Shawe Annuitant

James A Hornby Unemployed Architect

Charles R Chidson Unemployed Architect



Skelton Mine

The Rector of the Church at the time was Frederick W Haydon from Ireland



Skelton Parish Church



Skelton High St Post Office

Within the next ten years Aaron & Jane had moved to York and were living at the Asylum at Riverside Rawcliffe where **Aaron** was the Assistant Clerk & Steward

1891 Census

Aaron Tempest **48**
Jane Tempest **46**
May Tempest **10 Niece**

A death has been found of a **Jane Tempest** in **1899**

There may have been a son Aaron Tempest born 1875 who died in June 1903 aged 28



Staff at the Asylum

1901 Census

Living in the Registrars House Riverside

Aaron Tempest **57 Widower Asylum Clerk and Registrar**
Ethel Rollinson **30 (niece) Housekeeper Domestic**

Within the next five or six years **Aaron** began a relationship with **Dora Childs** who may have been a nurse at the Asylum. On the 1891 Census she was a Nurse Attendant on the insane at Ashwood Asylum Kingswinford Staffs.

They were married at the Register Office York – **Aaron widower 62 yrs, Dora 28 yrs.**

Witnesses WH Childs (presumably brother William Henry) L Childs (presumably sister Lilian) and two M Tempests.

Dora gave her address as North Riding Asylum York.

The couple were witnesses at **Charles Childs and Edith Warren's Marriage** on 13th November 1907 together with Phillis Childs (Gill). Edith was staying with them at the time.

On 27th December 1909 a son **Norman** was born. Aaron Tempest was the Registrar on the birth certificate.



York Register Office today



*Edith Warren, Phillis Gill, Nurse,
Charles Childs, Dora Tempest,
Poss. brother William Childs?*