

Mallinson derives from the female personal name Malin, a form of Matilda, and it may have more than one origin. However, most families called Mallinson share a common ancestry in Rastrick, where Henry Mallinson paid poll tax in 1379. The hearth tax returns name 22 Mallinsons in Agbrigg & Morley wapentake (4 North Crosland, 4 Lepton, 3 Huddersfield, 2 Rastrick, 2 Lindley, and 1 each in Crosland, Stainland, Sowerby, Fixby, Scammonden, Longwood and Meltham); in other words, it was a Huddersfield district name, just as it is today. Single Mallinson households were taxed at Featherstone and Brampton, not very far away, but the 5 others in the fenlands of south-east Yorkshire - 3 Stainforth, 1 Thorne, 1 Hatfield Woodhouse - raise the question of whether they or their ancestors had migrated from west Yorkshire or whether they were an entirely separate family? Genealogical research and DNA testing are needed to pursue the matter further.