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#### Examples of badger persecution in Yorkshire (Based on Howes 1988).

a) Fox hunt. b) trapping. c) digging. d) baiting. e) dogs. f) shooting.  
g) poison & gas. h) others. i) unstated.

#### a) Badgers Caught by Fox hunts and hunt servants

28.12.1819	Bramham Hunt	Two badgers caught whilst cub hunting (Simpson 1927)
1816	Shaw Wood, Armthorpe	Badger encountered by hounds, dug out and killed (Hatfield 1866).
Autumn		
1876 or 1877	Cleveland Hunt	Badger caught at Marton (Lofthouse 1886).
5.12.1883	Bedale Hunt	Badger dug out of fox earth at Slenningford (Carter 1884).
19.11.1884	Wentworth Hunt	Badger caught at the mausoleum, Wentworth Woodhouse, whilst drawing a fox (Brewis 1886).
19.11.1884	Wentworth Hunt	Dug out during a hunt in Rainborough (Brewis 1886).
19.12.1884	Wentworth Hunt	Badger caught at the mausoleum, Wentworth Woodhouse (Brewis 1886).
8.2.1904	Bedale Hunt	Badger killed in Horse Close Wood (Reynard 1908).
-.6.1904	Bedale Hunt	Two killed in Londonderry Wood by huntsmen (Blakeborough & Pease 1914).
1904-1905	Bedale Hunt	Badger killed in Camp Hill Woods (Blakeborough & Pease 1914).
1904-1905	Middleton Hunt	Thirteen badgers killed during the hunting season (Blakeborough & Pease 1914).
Winter 1912	York & Ainsty Hunt	Badger killed at Steeton (Procter, C. F. in York Naturalists' Report book).
Winter 1912	York & Ainsty Hunt	Badger killed at Bilbrough (Procter, C. F. in York Naturalists' Report Book).
1916	Un-named Yorkshire Pack	Reported killing 100 in one season (Fortune 1916).

#### b) Badgers caught by trapping

-.6.1830	Edlington Wood	Three badgers trapped (Hatfield 1866).
1842	Watchley Crag	Badgers caught in box trap (Hatfield 1866).
1883	Watchley Crag	Badgers caught in steel rabbit trap set in hedgerow, killed and mounted (Hatfield 1866).
1885	Brimham Rocks	Badger caught in trap for foxes (Storey 1885).
15.3.1893	Renshaw Wood, Towton	Badger caught in trap (Fortune 1893).
1902	Nr. Ripon	Two badgers caught in traps (Summerfield 1903).
1905	West Cleveland	Badger trapped (Blakeborough & Pease 1914).
Pre. 1907	Fyling Hall, Robin Hood's Bay	Five badgers trapped (Barry 1907).
1909	Plumpton	Badger caught in rabbit trap (Fortune 1909).
Winter 1915	Newbold	Over 12 badgers trapped (Booth 1917).
1916	Brantinghamdale	Three badgers trapped (Booth 1917).
15.9.1947	Brockholes, Huddersfield	Badger caught in fox trap (Hazelwood 1948).
25.7.1967	Lowdales, Hackness	Badger caught in snare (Clegg 1968).
15.7.1968	Kirk Bramwith area	Badger dead in trap (J. McGarry <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
11.10.1968	Kirk Bramwith area	Two adults and two cubs snared and killed by earth-stoppers (J. McGarry <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
7.3.1969	Kirk Bramwith area	Badger trapped 20yds. from sett (J. McGarry <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
11.3.1969	Kirk Bramwith area	Two caught and killed in snares (J. McGarry <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
18.5.1970	Kirk Bramwith area	Badger caught and killed in snare (J. McGarry <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1972	Melton Wood, Doncaster	Badger caught in snare (J. S. Griffith <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
-.6.1973	Copgrove	Badger found in snare (G. Shaw <i>pers. comm.</i> ).

#### c) Examples of Badger Digging

1830	Badger Wood, Fimber	Three captured in raid in one night (Cole 1886).
1830	Badger Wood, Fimber	Seven to eight per year regularly caught for several years after (Cole 1886).

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1860	Badger Wood, Fimber.	Two badgers caught on two occasions (Cole 1886).
1860-1880	Badger Wood, Fimber.	One Badger or more caught annually (Cole 1886).
1880	Badger Wood, Fimber.	Badger caught (Cole 1886).
1830-1880	Yorkshire Wolds.	Rev. E. M. Cole estimated that approximately 100 badgers had been caught on the Wolds during the previous years (Cole 1886).
15.4.1892	Flixton	Two captured alive from sett. One killed, female kept alive in the hopes of breeding (Clarke 1892).
1905	Cross Butts, Whitby	Female and cubs dislodged from drain and killed (Blakeborough & Pease 1914).
Pre. 1914	North-east Yorkshire	I remember once digging an earth 22 yards long and 22 feet deep to get a badger out from a place from which seven had been taken in a fortnight (Blakeborough & Pease 1914).
-10.1920	Bransley Falls, Leeds.	Badger dug out by two men (Smith 1922).
8.10.1921	Raincliffe Wood, Scarborough	Two badgers dug out and killed (Clarke 1922).
1923	Hutton	Two large badgers were dug out at Hutton and both were killed (Batten 1923).
1938	Hole of Horcum, Pickering	Occasionally dug out and killed (Flintoff et.al. 1938).
1956	Knaresborough area	Two setts known to contain cubs were destroyed (Hazelwood 1958).
19.10.1960	Kexborough.	Badger forced from sett and killed by dogs (Hazelwood 1960).
1960s	Rotherham area.	The three largest setts in the district regularly visited by diggers. Adults and cubs have been killed or taken from each of these setts in recent years (J. S. Griffith <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1960s	Old Denaby, Doncaster	Four men and six dogs excavated two deep shafts into a large well established sett. Thirteen badgers and two foxes were caught and one of the badgers was baited with terriers (Griffith 1985). A photograph of the diggers, together with one showing terriers worrying one of the badgers appears in Hardy (1975).
1961	Knaresborough	Two setts destroyed and filled in (W. Beck <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1963	Goathland area.	Badgers considered much reduced in numbers due to digging out setts (L. Carr <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1965	Thurgoland, Barnsley	Sett dug out. Cub from sett kept as pet (Sheffield Star 1965).
1966	Scampston.	A female dug from sett at Scampston gave birth to a cub which was taken into captivity (Sunday Express 1966).
-5.1968	High Melton College grounds	Sett dug and badger caught and killed (J. S. Griffith <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
4.10.1968	Kirk Bramwith area.	Badger dug out and killed (J. McGarry <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1973	Medge Hall, Thorne Moors	Sett dug out but diggers from Rotherham. Cubs removed but rescued and returned (M. Limbert <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1977	Madbanks, Castleford	Sett dug out (Castleford & District Naturalists' Society).
1985	Rotherham area.	Griffith (1985) knew of badger digging groups still active in the Rotherham area.

#### d) Badger Baiting

1814	Edlington Wood, Doncaster	A locally caught 48lb badger was kept at the Wood House, where the dogs of Earl Fitzwilliam and Mr Foljambe were sent to measure their strength against it. It was later sold in Doncaster where "people came from far and wide to buy it for badger baiting" (Hatfield 1866).
-6. 1830	Edlington Wood, Doncaster	Three badgers were trapped, two of which were so badly maimed they were destroyed. The third was sent to Rossington and sold for 30 shillings for badger baiting (Hatfield 1866).
1842	Watchley Crag, Hooton Pagnell	Badger trapped alive and baited and killed in a 'distant village' (Hatfield 1866).
1870s	Middlesbrough Market	Badger exhibited (Lofthouse 1886).
-1.1882	Nr. Yarm	Badger caught and exhibited at Craythorn Inn (Lofthouse

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4.3.1882	Middlesbrough Market	Badger exhibited (Lofthouse 1886).
1882	Wentbridge	Badger exhibited at the White Horse Inn a few years ago (Roberts 1886).
1911	Leyburn	Captive badger exhibited at the annual fair at Leyburn, Wensleydale (Batten 1923).
-.4.1921	Nr. Whitby	Adult male 'bagged' and kennelled in a barrel to the rear of a local Country Inn. Several callers per day came to set their terriers against the badger which died within three weeks (Batten 1923).
1923	Kirkby Moorside	Male badger kept for 'trying' terriers (Batten 1923).
1952	East Yorkshire	"An old badger kept in a barrel at the back quarters of a public house for the purposes of testing the spirit of young terriers (Batten 1952).
1.5.1970	Kirk Bramwith	Badger caught in a snare, baited with terriers and finally killed by a blow with a spade (Pers comm. J. McGarry).

#### e) Dogs attacking badgers above ground

1832	Hard Platts Wood, Halifax	Badger attacked by dog of J. of Stainland (Hanson 1882).
-.3.1893	Cottam	Badger attacked and killed by three or four dogs (Marshall 1893).
1905	West Cleveland	Badger cornered by Scotch Collie and killed with sticks (Blakeborough & Pease 1914).
1905	Helmsley	22lb badger attacked by Manchester terrier (Blakeborough & Pease 1914).
-.11.1919	Towthorpe	Badger killed by dog in fields (Smith 1919).
1958	Brockholes, Huddersfield	Cub killed by dog (Hazelwood 1959).
29.10.1964	Woodsome Golf Course, Huddersfield.	Badger killed by dogs (E. W. Aubrook pers. comm.).

#### f) Badgers killed by shooting

1879	Bramham Park	Badger shot by keeper (Emmett 1879).
24.2.1880	Bramham Park	Badger shot by keeper (Raine 1880a).
13.2.1899	12-14 miles from Tadcaster	Badger shot after fight with keeper's dog (Callum 1899).
-.7.1902	Speeton	Badger shot (Sheppard 1902).
1905	Hambleton Hills	One or two badgers shot recently (Blakeborough & Pease 1914).
3.3.1910	Holmpton	Male badger shot (Wilkinson 1910).
1914	Sinnington	Badger shot by farmer (Blakeborough & Pease 1914).
1946	Middlesbrough	Badger shot in air raid shelter (Hazelwood 1947).
24.4.1947	Clayton West	Badger shot near railway station (Hazelwood 1948).
15.7.1947	Between Winterburn and Eshton	Badger shot (Hazelwood 1948).
1958	Hardcastle Crags	Badger shot by head keeper of the Savile Estate (Morley 1965).
1962	Womersley	Badger shot (V. Mendham <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1963	Burley	Badger shot (Wharfedal Naturalists' Society).
1964	Huddersfield area	Badger shot (W. E. Aubrook <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
29.2.1964	Cawthorne	Badger shot after being dug from sett (Huddersfield Weekly Examiner 1964).
4.10.1964	Dunford Bridge	Badger shot (W. E. Aubrook <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1965	Flouch Inn, Langsett	Badger shot (J. Robindon <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1966	Halifax area	Adult and two cubs shot.(I. Morley <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
-.5.1968	High Melton College grounds	Female badger shot (J. S. Griffith <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
5.8.1968	Kirk Bramwith area	Two adults and two cubs shot (J. McGarry <i>pers. comm.</i> )

#### g) Poisoning and Gassing

1905	West Cleveland	At least one poisoned (Blakeborough & Pease 1914).
1952	Rotherham	Gassing eliminated a social group of badgers being watched by R. Bramhill.
1956	Yorkshire	'Frequent gassings' referred to (Hazelwood 1957).
1960s	Wadworth Wood, Doncaster	Sett gassed by use of cyanide (J. S. Griffith <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1961	Yorkshire	Badgers have been reported from many districts but have

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1962	Wykeham Forest	too often been gassed out (Hazelwood 1962). Mr M. Johnson found seven setts inactive due to gassing and expressed concern over indiscriminate gassing of badger setts in the North York Moors national park area, including land managed by the Forestry Commission (M. Johnson <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1964	Wentworth Woodhouse	Badger setts are still being gassed (E. Swabey <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1964	Knaresborough area	Several setts poisoned (W. Beck <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1964	Goathland	Suspicion that some setts are cleared out by farmers (L. Carr <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1966	Brockadale	The sett still inactive after poisoning (Hazelwood 1960).
1968	Ledsham	Female badger cub gassed at sett, 'Cymag' crystals found at site (Castleford & District Naturalists' Society).
1970	Yorkshire	Examples of illegal gassing widely reported (Simms 1971).
1970	Yorkshire	Persistent use of poisoned eggs reported on some Yorkshire estates (Simms 1971).

#### h) Other methods

1960s	Rotherham area	Sett destroyed by farmer using explosives (J. S. Griffith <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
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#### i) Badgers caught/killed methods not stated

1800	Leacroft	Badger killed on Mr Tennant's estate (Raine 1880a)
1826	Walton Hall, Wakefield	Two caught alive (Roberts 1886).
1830-1846	Edlington Wood, Doncaster	Several sent for preservation (taxidermy) to Hugh Reid, taxidermist (Hatfield 1866).
1849	Nidderdale	Female badger taken alive by Mr. Charlton (Storey 1885).
-.12.1850	Nr. Wetherby	Badger killed by Mr. J. B. Faviel and forwarded to Hugh Reid for taxidermy (Hatfield 1866).
-.8.1851	Snydale Hall, Pontefract	Badger killed by Mr. Mark Faviel and forwarded to Hugh Reid for taxidermy (Hatfield 1866).
c. 1854	Tenement Wood, Nidderdale	Badger killed (Lucas 1880).
-.3.1856	Nr. Selby	Badger killed by Rev. Richard Brooks.
5.10.1859	Between Wheatley and Armthorpe	Badger caught (Hatfield 1866).
1862	Hackfall	Two badgers captured (Roberts 1886).
1865	Liverton Lodge, Saltburn	Badger caught ((Gregson 1882).
-.6.1865	Nr. Doncaster	Badger caught (Hatfield 1866).
Pre. 1871	Kirklees	Two badgers caught (Roberts 1886).
23.9.1877	Nr. Ripponden	Badger caught (Roberts 1886).
c. 1879	Nr. Pickering	Badger caught and in the possession of Mr Marfitt, Pickering grocer (Andrews 1879).
1880	Simon's Seat	Badger taken on northern slopes ( <i>Leeds Mercury Weekly Supplement</i> (1882) 29 July 1882).
1880	Turner Wood, Rishworth	Badger caught (Hanson 1882).
-.2.1881	Nr. Thirsk	Two badgers taken alive (Lofthouse 1886).
25.3.1881	Kepwick	Two caught by gamekeepers (Sugley 1881).
-.1.1882	Craythorne	Badger caught (Raine 1882, Lofthouse 1886).
6.3.1882	Nr. Ormsby	Badger caught (Lofthouse 1886).
20.5.1882	Liverton Lodge, Saltburn	Badger caught alive (Gregson 1882).
29.1.1882	Nr. Yarm	Badger caught (Raine 1882).
Winter 1883/84	North Stainley	Badger caught (Summerfield 1885).
22.4.1884	Nr. Wortley	Badger caught (Bradley 1884).
3.2.1885	Ingleby	Badger caught (Lofthouse 1886).
Spring 1885	Guisbrough	Badger caught (Lofthouse 1886).
1886	Ingleby	Female and three cubs caught (Nelson 1886).
1887	Campsmount	Badger caught (Braithwaite 1887)
1893	Wensleydale	Adult with young caught and kept alive at Bolton Hall (YNU Archives 66).
16.3.1895	Nr. Whitby	Badger killed and mounted (Stephenson 1896).
18.4.1895	Mulgrave	Badger killed and mounted (Stephenson 1896).
17.5.1895	Folkton	Badger caught (Stephenson 1896).
19.2.1897	Menthorpe	Badger killed ( <i>Yorkshire Evening Post</i> 1897).

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-3.1898	Thornton Dale	Two badgers caught alive (Clarke 1898).
14.2.1899	Castle Hill, Tadcaster	Badger killed (Callum 1899)
-3.1903	Nr. Driffield	Badger caught (Anon.1903).
1904	Nr. Bedale	Two badgers killed (Anon.1904).
1905	Levisham	Badger killed (Blakeborough & Pease 1914).
-5.1905	Whitby	Four badgers caught (Blakeborough & Pease 1914).
1908-1913	Scarborough district	Seven badgers caught by Mr. W. Chapman.
-6.1909	Beckwithshaw to Rigston	Badger caught alive (Fortune 1909).
-6.1909	Plumpton	Badger caught alive (Fortune 1909).
1912	Nr. Scarborough	Young badger caught (Blakeborough & Pease 1914).
1917	Bolton Abbey	A large badger was killed (Musham 1918).
-4.1918	Sand Hutton Wood	Badger caught (Musham 1919).
-10.1920	Bransley Falls, Leeds	Badger caught (Smith 1921).
-4.1921	Nr. Whitby	Adult female and three cubs killed and adult male taken live (Batten 1923).
9.10.1921	Raincliffe Wood, Scarborough	Badger caught and killed above ground (Clarke 1922).
1923	Gillamoor	Badger caught by villagers and kept in a box for some days (Batten 1923).
1927	Doncaster	Two badgers caught ( <i>Yorkshire Post</i> 1927).
1937	Fulstone Belth, Shepley	A pair killed (Gallway 1938).
1940	Nr. York	Fourteen killed at one sett over the past three years, leaving a single wary specimen (Hazelwood 1941).
1967	Cawthorne	Tow young removed from sett and killed (T. Seago pers. comm.).
20.5.1970	Wadworth Wood, Doncaster	Dead cub outside sett (J. Griffith <i>pers. comm.</i> ).
1977	Pontefract	Headless corpse of badger found in town centre (Castleford & District Naturalists' Society)