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Calderdale Family History Society was founded on the 7th March 1985.

We aim

- To encourage interest in, and assist with, research relevant to the study of family history in Halifax and the Calder valley.

Our area

- Covers the modern Calderdale Council established in 1975, which broadly covers the same area as the Ancient Parish of Halifax, with the addition to the west of the township of Todmorden and Walsden.

We do this by

- Holding meetings, usually on the 4th Thursday of each month (except December) in Halifax.
- Publishing *The Scrivener*, a quarterly journal, in paper form for full members and on our website for internet members. Contact the Editor.
- Publishing a monthly Newsletter for members who have an email address, and a Facebook page. Contact the Assistant Webmaster.
- Hosting a website www.cfhsweb.com/web/, and a members' forum. Contact the Webmaster.
- Running a Research Room at Brighouse Library two half days a week for personal research. Contact the Research Room co-ordinator.
- Running projects to transcribe records relevant to members' research. Contact the Projects Co-ordinator.
- Publishing transcribed records. Contact the Publications Officer.
- Providing an enquiry and search service from our records in the Research Room. Contact the Enquiry service Co-ordinator.
- Maintaining a list of members' interests by surname and dates of interest, which are available to members on the website. Each quarter new additions are published in *The Scrivener*. Contact the Members' Interests Co-ordinator.
- Maintaining an index of "Strays" (Calderdale people who appear in records elsewhere). Contact the Strays Co-ordinator.

Membership

- Is open to all family historians who have an interest in the area. Contact the Membership Secretary.
- Annual subscriptions are £10.00 for UK individuals (£12.00 for family membership), £15/ £17 for Overseas
- Internet membership is £5.50/ £7.50 which only provides information such as the journal on the Internet, but not on paper.
- Subscriptions are due on the 1st of the month, on the anniversary of joining the Society (cheques made payable to CFHS.) and should be sent to the Treasurer.
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Reference to use : Memb. No. & Surname. (eg 1234Smith)
- Credit Card payments for subscriptions and purchases of our publications may be made over the Internet via Genfair (www.genfair.co.uk).

Contacting the Society

- All correspondence requiring a reply must be accompanied by a S.A.E. or 2 recent I.R.C.'s [International Reply Coupons]. Contact the Secretary or appropriate officer.
- The names, addresses and email contacts of the Society's officers and co-ordinators appear inside the back cover of *The Scrivener* and on the Society's website.

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Please note that, due my other commitments, the copy date for the Summer issue is earlier than previously. Editor.

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FRONT COVER

The Editor's tab rug.

Editorial

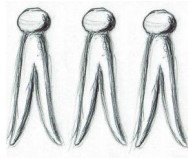
Tab rugs; rag rugs; peg rugs.

They are made out of scraps of material hooked onto a canvas backing (an old flour sack, I think). You use a hook, or a peg (the kind with a head and two legs, that we used to make peg dolls out of) to pull the scraps through holes in the canvas. A good example of home re-cycling! I have seen lots of them in folk museums in many parts of the country. Recently I saw some in a Yorkshire farmhouse kitchen when I went to pay the caravan site lady.

We had two at home when I was a child. One was quite large and did service as a hearth rug in the kitchen, (and as a "magic carpet" when we were very young.) The other was small, and lived outside the bathroom door.

I remember wanting to make one, but I was given a kit for making a woollen rug instead. This offered much less scope for creativity, as the design was pre-printed on the backing, and the pre-cut wool provided, but probably ended up with a better quality rug.

Anyway, I have recently been revisited by the urge, and you can see the result (entirely home grown) on the front cover.



As always, thank you all for your contributions to Scrivener, and lively correspondence. (If your bit is not in this issue, look out for it in the next!)

Keep them coming!

editor@cfhsweb.com

AGM Reports April 2017
Secretary's Annual Report 2016-2017

Hello everyone.

I would like to present a summary of the Society's activities for the past 12 months.

It has been yet another varied year with changes taking place, perhaps because of changes in communication and the accessing of information. We are certainly not alone in feeling these changes.

As a society we have continued to offer more to our members. The requests for Free Searches and enquiries have increased dramatically, being up 55% from 2015-16, the first year they were introduced, and over 800% up from the last paying year.

95% of our members have an e-mail address and the introduction of a monthly newsletter has been much appreciated, not as a replacement for the Scrivener, but as a supplementary source of information, and contributions are welcome to either or both publications.

I also urge all members to access our web-site on a regular basis for up to date news re our activities.

Membership: Total membership is down 1% and local membership is now at 26% of total membership, again a drop of 1%, but monthly meetings attendances are down by 2%. People attending have enjoyed very varied speakers and all members have been able to participate due to the Scrivener reports kindly provided by volunteers.

Research Room: Numbers attending have dropped considerably this year, down 7% from 2015-16 and, incidentally, 42% down from 2013/2014 when we had our highest no. of attendees.

To attract more and younger members, a sub- committee has worked hard at trying to promote the society and its resources. Leaflets have been produced and distributed through libraries and other organisations, and talks offered. Saturday opening at the Research Room has also been trialled which, despite publicity, has not been successful. We are also developing our use of social media. Any thoughts you have about all this would be appreciated.

Projects: A 4th MIs CD has been produced this year, covering mainly non-conformist records (17 graveyards and Burial and Gravebook details for a further 4) and Scammonden and Queensbury CofE graveyards.

Warley Methodist Burial Index is also available at the Research Room and on the web-site.

With the co-operation of WYAS, a new project has started which involves 74 School Log Books. This requires a different approach and the Transcribers' Team will be getting to grips with it at their 2017-18 Get-Together.

Sales of our materials are down by 35% and reduced attendance was noticed at the 2 fairs we attended.

The financial implications of all these changes will be shown in the Treasurer's report. Reflecting the changing means of communication and increased postage costs, the transfer of journals between societies, via electronic means, is being investigated and has already been agreed with some societies.

Locally 44 members and friends enjoyed another Annual Dinner at Bradley Hall Golf Club, but the trip was cancelled due to a lack of support. We hope to remedy that this coming year.

We are also looking forward to the opening of the new Calderdale Library and Archives this summer.

Many members contribute towards the successful running of our society in many fields, at 'front of house' and 'behind the scenes' and I thank them all most sincerely. Our society has a good team and remember we are always happy to welcome more members. Everyone has something to offer and new blood can be a great asset.

Treasurer Report to AGM for 2016-2017 - 27th April 2017

Firstly I would like to express thanks to Neil Atkinson & Harvey Eglen, our Auditors, for carrying out their audit on these accounts so quickly, so that they are ready for this AGM.

So you can at least rest assured that we haven't been "fiddling the books " !!

I don't intend to go through every item of these accounts - I just want to highlight any areas worthy of comment. On all these, I will be comparing this year's figures with those of 2015-16. So let's start with the Income.

Income.

1. **Membership.** This is almost exactly the same as the figure for last year, so this is good news. It correlates to the membership totals, which are just 1% lower than last year, as you have already heard in the Secretary's Report. So our membership is holding up very well, unlike some other societies whose membership is reducing year on year.
2. **Publications.** As expected, this is lower than last year & we expect it to reduce further over time. This is 3-fold :-
 - We have only published 2 new publications over the last year.
 - Our free search service means that members can get a lot of what they need without having to purchase our publications. Your Committee think that this is a price worth paying to provide the service we do to our members.
 - More & more researchers are using the Internet, which continues to offer increasing ways of doing research.
3. **Annual Trip.** There was no income (or expenditure) for this, because, as you have heard, it was cancelled due to lack of support.
4. **PPV Fees.** These are up slightly. This reflects the continued use of the Internet by researchers & also a change of charging structure introduced this year by FMP. We hope this year's take will be for a similar amount.
5. **Research Room Income.** Both Entrance Fees & Other Income has been disappointing. Despite increased publicity, visitor numbers continue to fall. A trial opening 1 Saturday per month has not yet been shown to be a success, but we will persevere with it for the next few months.

Expenditure.

1. **Scrivener Costs** These are broadly in line with expectation. The reason for the reduction from 2015-16 is because 2015-16 contained payment for 5 issues.
2. **Annual Dinner.** These are payment for 2016 dinner, with the payment for 2017 dinner to appear in the 2017-18 accounts, due to the dinner being held on the last 2 days of the financial year.
3. **Printing/Copying.** These costs were higher this year, due to a bulk print of a comprehensive leaflet to promote the Society & the Research Room.
4. **Fairs Expenses.** This is much lower than 2015-16 & nearer the norm. The 2015-16 costs included a Society trip to the NEC for 2015 WDYTIA exhibition.
5. **Project Costs.** These were lower than 2015-16 because 2015-16 included costs for a Transcriber Get Together in Rugby. Due to a completely different approach being taken on the current project, School Logs, there will be another Transcribers' Get Together in the 2017-18 accounts.
6. **Research Room Rent.** This year's figures are for 4 quarters' payments, whereas the 2015-16 covered 5 quarterly payments.
7. **Gift Vouchers.** This year's payments were normal, for 3 awards, as opposed to 2015-16 where the normal 1 Sutcliffe Home Award was awarded to 4 members.
8. **Capital Expenditure.** This was for the purchase of a remote back-up charger needed to support the stand-alone router used at fairs.

Overall Position.

The overall financial position of the society is stable, in that the overall cash holdings are more or less the same as this time last year. The budgets, agreed by your committee for 2017-18, estimate a shortfall of around £2,000, which is less than 1/10th of our overall cash assets. As a result, the Committee have decided that Membership Subscriptions should remain the same for the time being.

Peter Lord - Treasurer.

Annual Audited Accounts - 2016-2017

Income	2016-17	2015-16	Expenditure	2016-17	2015-16
Membership	£3,382.22	£3,415.35	Scrivener Production	£1,421.00	£1,745.43
Publications	£1,209.74	£1,612.82	Scriv Postage	£835.83	£1,103.02
Annual Trip	£0.00	£531.00	Chairman	£0.00	£0.00
Annual Dinner	£880.00	£920.00	Secretary	£0.00	£0.00
Raffles	£123.50	£151.00	Treasurer	£0.00	£0.00
Donations	£8.00	£8.40	Research Aids	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Interest	£12.34	£9.92	General Meeting Costs	£797.25	£866.74
FH Books Carriage	£49.11	£84.93	Committee Room Hire	£95.00	£102.00
Misc Income	£2.50	£4.00	Speaker's Exps.	£365.00	£385.00
PPV Fees	£1,399.11	£1,376.16	Annual Trip	£0.00	£580.00
Search Fees	£0.00	£0.00	Annual Dinner	£1,000.00	£40.00
RR Entrance Fees	£128.20	£148.50	Publication Purchase	£124.95	£91.85
Other RR Income	£23.05	£47.00	Other Publ. Costs	£102.51	£318.18
GM Coffee Income	£75.50	£94.50	Printing/Copying	£368.40	£0.00
			Monumental Inscrpts.	£0.00	£0.00
			FFHS Insurance	£0.00	£228.33
			FFHS Membership	£136.80	£136.80
			Members Interests	£0.00	£0.00
			Other Postage	£30.65	£54.77
			Fairs Exps.	£125.00	£642.00
TOTAL	£7,293.27	£8,403.58	Other Exps.	£107.75	£123.00
Cash Summary			Library Exps.	£0.00	£0.00
Balance Brought Fwd	£27,152.25	£27,152.25	Library Purchases	£0.00	£0.00
Cash at Bank - Current	£2,150.98	£2,074.43	Raffle Expenses	£36.71	£57.59
Cash at Bank - Deposit	£24,672.66	£24,660.32	Stationery Prov.	£0.00	£45.48
Amounts not yet presented	£0.00	£0.00	Website Expenses	£167.28	£123.77
Cash in Hand	£63.12	£307.50	Project Costs	£132.40	£549.49
Officers' Floats	£110.00	£110.00	RR Rent	£1,368.00	£1,824.00
Balance Carried Fwd	£26,996.76	£27,152.25	RR Expenses	£0.00	£1.25
			RR Capital	£0.00	£0.00
			Search Expenses	£0.00	£10.99
Stock at year-end			GM Coffee Expenses	£113.25	£141.75
Ancestral Files	£64.80	£63.00	Gift Vouchers	£90.00	£180.00
CDs	£175.25	£231.00	Other Capital	£30.98	£0.00
			TOTAL	£7,448.76	£9,351.44
Society Assets Valuation					
Initial Purchase Cost	£7,335.63	£7,345.23			
Current Asset Value	£460.50	£573.50			
Audited - 13th April 2017					
N. Atkinson & H Eglon					

Awards for 2017

Sutcliffe Away Award : Pam Newby who has taken on the post of Assistant Webmaster, to take some of the pressure off our Webmaster & to provide cover for him, when he is away. In addition, she manages the Society Facebook account & also edits the Monthly Newsletter. So, with these 3 activities, she serves a vital role within the Society."

Sutcliffe Home Award: Ann Wilkinson. As well as being a member of the Committee, Ann handles the Asset Register, is a member of the Transcription Team &, as the Society's Computer Auditor, has taken on further work to ensure that we comply with our Data Protection Policy.

The Margaret Walker Award : Peter Strong for, for his article on the Halifax Potteries in June 2016 issue of Scrivener which provoked an enormous amount of correspondence from members.

Elected Committee for 2017-18

Clifford Drake
Peter Lord
Susan Clarke
Ann Wilkinson
Stuart Wilkinson
Eileen Connolly
Margaret Smith

1 Vacancy (Dennis Fryer resigned) No other nominations received
Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to remain in position

Auditors: Neil Atkinson , Harvey Eglen

DENNIS FRYER.

One of our longest serving members has announced his retirement from the committee.

Dennis held the post of Treasurer for many years relinquishing the position in 2014. Remaining on the committee Dennis continued to be an active supporter of the Society.

In recognition of this we thought it fitting that Dennis be awarded Life Membership.

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Surname	Location	County	Known from	Known to	Wanted from	Wanted to	Code
H/AINSWORTH	BRADFORD PARISH	WRY	1800	1911	Start	1800	3793
AINSWORTH	LIGHTCLIFFE, BAILIFF BRIDGE	WRY					3793
ALLEN	HALIFAX	WRY			Start	1800	3793
ALLEN	LIGHTCLIFFE	WRY			1800	1900	3793
WALSH	HALIFAX PARISH	WRY			1700	1800	3793
CORDINGLEY	HIPPERHOLME	WRY	1755	1900	Start	1755	3793
MANN	HALIFAX PARISH	WRY			Start	1810	3793
DAY	HALIFAX PARISH	WRY			1700	1800	3793
NAYLOR	LIGHTCLIFFE	WRY	1774	Now			3793
NAYLOR	SOUTHWRAM	WRY			Start	1800	3793
MEDLEY	HIPPERHOLME	WRY			1700	1900	3793
HINCHCLIFFE	LIGHTCLIFFE	WRY	1765	1870	Start	1765	3793
RASTRICK	BRADFORD	WRY	1745	1813			3793
RASTRICK	WIKES, BAILIFF BRIDGE	WRY	1813	Now			3793
RUSHWORTH	LIGHTCLIFFE	WRY	1761	1900	Start	1765	3793
POLLARD	SOWERBY	WRY	1717	1800	Start	1717	3793
RIPLEY	HALIFAX PARISH	WRY	1727	1900	Start	1727	3793
SHOESMITH	HALIFAX PARISH	WRY			Start	1727	3793
IBBOTSEN	HALIFAX PARISH	WRY			Start	1751	3793
STEAD	HIPPERHOLME	WRY			Start	1760	3793
SMITH	HIPPERHOLME	WRY	1776	1865	Start	1776	3793
SKELTON	LIGHTCLIFFE	WRY			Start	1800	3793
SOWDEN	COLEY	WRY	1740	1800	Start	1740	3793
WATERHOUSE	HIPPERHOLME	WRY			1700	1800	3793
INGHAM	HAWORTH	WRY	1800	1900			3782
CRABTREE	BRADFORD	WRY	1750	1800			3782
OGDEN	HALIFAX	WRY	1800	1850			3782
INGHAM	HEBDEN BRIDGE	WRY	1850	1920			3782
INGHAM	LUDDENDEN	WRY	1850	1900			3782
INGHAM	HEPTONSTALL	WRY	1880	1920			3782
WADSWORTH							3805
PITCHFORTH	CROMWELL BOTTOM	YOR					3798

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November talk 2016
The Life and Times of Mrs Lizzie Parkin
(nee McParplin) born in 1871
by Lynn Schofield

Lynn Schofield was our speaker at our meeting in November 2016, when she described how she has used newspaper reports to discover information about her great aunt, Elizabeth (Lizzie) McParplin and her family

One of the main sources of information available to the public was provided by a variety of local newspapers. Those who could not read relied on the town crier. The Public Libraries Act of 1850 gave local boroughs the power to establish libraries to provide free access to information, literature and newspapers. Improved working hours had provided the workers with more free time. The middle classes, concerned about the moral, social and educational issues of the lower classes, felt that this time was not well spent. Campaigners encouraged them to spend more time on activities such as reading, in order to promote the greater social good.

Cities and towns published their own newspapers which contained various news items about global, national and local events. Births, marriages and deaths were announced as well as obituaries, letters to the editor, shipping notices, appointments, adverts, photographs, engravings, maps and cartoons. Many of these newspaper reports have been digitised and are now accessible online via the findmypast.co.uk website and the britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk.

Lynn found several variations of the family surname. As a result of her research using these newspaper reports, she discovered that her great aunt Elizabeth McParplin, born in 1871 in Castlereagh, Roscommon in Ireland was the first child of Patrick and Mary McParplin. By the mid to late 1880s, the McParplin family, with their seven children, had moved to Huddersfield and in 1891 they were living in Dock Street Huddersfield, an area of poor housing where many of the immigrants lived.

Patrick McParplin and Mary McDermott had married in 1870 in the Roman Catholic chapel in Castlereagh, Roscommon. Their children were named Elizabeth, Patrick and John (twins), Thomas, William, Mary Ellen, Michael and Brigitte. John was Lynn's great grandfather and he married Margaret Paragon, whose parents were Irish

and had moved to Huddersfield. John, along with the rest of the family spoke Gaelic which their grandchildren found difficult to understand. They remembered that he smoked a clay pipe and would frequently spit into the open fire. He was a God fearing man, a staunch Catholic and every evening he would kneel by the fire and say his rosary and then would retire to bed, irrespective of who was in the house at the time.

What about John's eldest sister, Lizzie?

The McParlin family moved to Old Post Office Yard in Huddersfield and Peel Street Police Station became a familiar sight for Lizzie and members of her family. In June 1890 a report appeared in the 'Huddersfield Chronicle' that during the previous week, Lizzie Dawson and Neil Hind were charged with assaulting Lizzie McParlin behind the Post Office Yard in Huddersfield. A few days later, Lizzie McParlin of Post Office Yard was accused of using abusive language to her neighbour, Mary Cassidy. A number of witnesses were called to the bench and the case was dismissed as one side being as bad as the other. It would appear that even if Lizzie wasn't guilty of something, she was usually in the thick of it! In January 1890, the 'Leeds Times' published details of Lizzie's younger brother William, aged 13, caught stealing newspapers from a hand cart, for which he received ten strokes of the birch.

Lizzie married John Ben Parkin at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Huddersfield on 28th June 1890 and the announcement of this event appeared in the 'Huddersfield Chronicle'. They were both living in Post Office Yard in Huddersfield and then moved to Lower Head Row. Little is known about this marriage except that they had three children.

Lizzie's brother, Tom McParlin, a labourer, aged 16 from Post Office Yard was brought to court in 1890 charged with assaulting Ann Cairns, who lived with her father in Post Office Yard. Early one morning, Ann was standing in the doorway of her family home as she had heard a quarrel between Tom McParlin and Lizzie Dawson who were throwing stones at each other. Lizzie Dawson ran past Ann's doorway as she retreated to her home. Tom threw a brick at her, but it missed and instead it hit Ann in the eye. Ann was rendered insensible and was taken to Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. She received severe injuries to her right eye which had to be removed. Ann said there was no ill will between her and Tom McPar-

plin. She knew that Lizzie Dawson was the focus of the quarrel and that the brick was meant for her. Tom was convicted by the court for aggravated assault as there was no proof that he had any hostile intention towards Ann. His mother had given evidence for the boy's previous good conduct. In consideration of his youth and previous good character, a fine of £5 with £2 costs was imposed in default of one month in prison.

Another article from the 'Huddersfield Chronicle' in 1890 illustrates that Thomas McParplin and his sister Lizzie were still not curbing their ways. Thomas who lived in Post Office Yard was charged with assaulting Annie Caukrin. Annie alleged that she was on her way home when Thomas's sister Lizzie, who was drunk, began to use bad language. Thomas was alleged to have come out of his house and struck Annie on the face with a poker. Thomas' father was also there with a rolling pin in his hand. Thomas said that his sister Lizzie and Annie were fighting and he went out to them but did not take part in the struggle. Thomas was fined five shillings and costs with fourteen days imprisonment in default.

In May 1890, Lizzie Parkin was once again charged in a police court; this time for assaulting Betty Unworthy, also from Post Office Yard. Betty alleged that Lizzie, whilst drunk, abused her and struck her twice. Lizzie claimed that Betty started the bother and that she did not commit the alleged assault. It was reported that this was a family affair. Lizzie was fined two shillings and six pence with seven shillings costs for abusive language and brawling, plus seven days imprisonment. A commotion was caused in court during the hearing when Mary Candy, one of the witnesses, fainted when she entered the box. Her head came into violent contact with the floor and she was carried into the entrance hall where she recovered, but grave fears for her health were entertained. She recovered later and was taken home.

Lizzie had been married to Ben Parkin for ten months when Ben was summoned to court on two occasions in 1891 for assaulting his wife. Lizzie did not appear in court and she told the deputy clerk that she was going to the Infirmary. The case was dismissed as Lizzie stated that the case was settled.

There is a report in the 'Huddersfield Chronicle' in October 1892 of Lizzie Parkin being subjected to abusive language by Patrick Battery.

In 1893 Lizzie gave birth to a son, John James, who was named after both of his grandfathers. Then William was born in 1895 and Mary Ellen in 1897 and they were named after Lizzie's brother and sister.

In February 1898, Lizzie's husband Ben Parkin, a labourer was charged at the local borough court for having deserted her. Ben was also a forward player in the Huddersfield football team. Lizzie appeared in court with a young child in her arms. She said they had been married for eight years and had three children. Ben had left her two or three times before but three months earlier he had left her to live with a woman in Dewsbury. Lizzie had been supported by her parents and also the workhouse. Poor House accounts indicated that Lizzie had been abandoned by her husband and was living in Watergate, Huddersfield, receiving a few shillings a week in poor relief. Lizzie's husband alleged that she had neglected the children and that she had also sold the bed, which she admitted, as she needed money to buy food. Separation was granted and Ben was ordered to pay seven shillings and sixpence each week to Lizzie for maintenance. Pro rata, this was equivalent to a day's pay. Records in the West Riding Quarter sessions indicate that Lizzie was imprisoned once again; this time for stealing a pair of clogs. She was sentenced to fourteen days hard labour or ordered to pay thirty shillings and sixpence. On another occasion Lizzie, living at 107 Castle Gate, which was not a very pleasant area of Huddersfield at that time, was charged by Sergeant Crowther with collecting a crowd of some fifty people by brawling in Castle Gate. Once again, she was ordered to pay thirty shillings or face fourteen days in prison.

At the instigation of Lizzie's mother, Ben Parkin, a member of the Northern Rugby Union football team appeared at the Borough Police court and was imprisoned for one month for failing to pay the arrears for the maintenance of his children. Ben was described as a useful forward in the football team, but was more famous for his marital affairs than his performance on the pitch. The domestic disharmony continued and in March 1899, Ben Parkin, a labourer of Newtown and a former member of Huddersfield football team was summoned for assaulting his wife Lizzie. He was fined ten shillings and costs. Lizzie was advised not to bother her husband at work.

Lizzie of Kirkgate was then charged with malicious damage to the property of Sarah Ann Brierley of Newtown with whom her husband

Ben lodged. The bench believed that Lizzie had received some provocation and imposed a fine of two shillings and six pence for the damage, plus costs of one pound, nineteen shillings and six pence. Lizzie was charged with malicious damage to three panes of glass and a curtain, valued at eleven shillings. Sarah Brierley of Newtown claimed that Lizzie was very drunk when she came to Sarah's house and that Lizzie challenged Sarah to a fight. When Sarah told Lizzie to go away, Lizzie threw a stone, a tin dish and a bucket through three of the windows and damaged the curtain. Sarah claimed that Lizzie constantly came to her house. Lizzie claimed that she was the injured party and had gone to Sarah's house to see her husband Ben, who was living there. When Ben came out of the house, he kicked her and that there was a scuffle and Lizzie claimed that the windows were broken by him. Lizzie said that Ben knocked her about fearfully and she was constantly being threatened by her husband and Sarah. Allegedly, they waited for her when she went to work and returned home and did everything to annoy her. Lizzie's view was that they were jealous of her as she was getting on and earning money.

Lizzie was named as one of the witnesses of a vicious brawl in Kirkgate between Eliza Handley, aged 38, married woman of Cliff End, Longwood and Jane Ann Cleary of 9 Kirkgate. Eliza was charged with assaulting Jane. Mrs Cleary appeared in court with her head and hand enveloped in bandages and had a harrowing tale to tell as hair had been pulled and skin was scratched and bitten. Graphic witness reports, including testimony provided by Lizzie, stated that Mrs Cleary was bleeding like a pig and that Mrs Handley had swung her around by the hair of her head. It appeared that there had been an outstanding issue between both families and that it was considered to have been six of one and half a dozen of the other. Eliza Handley had previously been convicted seven times for assault and was committed to prison for one month's hard labour.

In the summer of 1898, Lizzie, aged 27 was living in Castle Gate. She was given one month's prison sentence as she was accused of stealing a waistcoat and watch. Lizzie claimed that these items had been given to her to pawn. At this time, Lizzie's three children were aged five, three with a six month old infant.

West Riding Quarter Sessions records indicate that Lizzie Parkin, married woman of Castle Gate was summoned to Huddersfield Borough Magistrates Police Court on three charges. The wife of Henry

Mortass of the Oxford Hotel in Kirkgate accused Lizzie of using bad language to her and having broken a large pane of plate glass worth thirteen shillings. Lizzie was accused of being drunk, but she claimed that she had no drink in her house that day and they had refused to provide drink for her. Lizzie claimed that that was the reason for her attitude towards them and why she used such bad language. Mr Mortass forcibly ejected Lizzie from the hotel and it was claimed that Lizzie smashed the glass with a piece of firewood. Lizzie's defence was that Mrs Mortass first addressed Lizzie and that Lizzie had retaliated and they started calling each other names. Lizzie was pushed out of the hotel yard which was the equivalent of a public street. A witness confirmed that the window had been broken by Lizzie's elbow and this might not have happened if Lizzie had been allowed to leave quietly. Lizzie admitted using bad language but Mrs Mortass had used it first. Lizzie was fined five shillings with seven shillings to cover expenses, or seven days in prison. The bill for repairing the window amounted to twelve shillings and eight pence. A fine of two shillings and sixpence was imposed plus seven shillings expenses. Lizzie was ordered to pay for this damage or go to prison for fourteen days.

Lizzie had by this time been convicted twenty times. She had been turfed out of the Sun Inn and was accused of being drunk and disorderly on Cross Street the previous Saturday night. Lizzie was fined five shillings and ten pence. An application for time to pay was declined and Lizzie was imprisoned for seven days.

Further investigations into the Quarter sessions reveal that Lizzie was imprisoned for twenty eight days for wilful damage, obscene language and being drunk. Brawling incurred a fine of eighteen shillings and sixpence or seven days in prison. Damaging a window cost seven shillings and sixpence or fourteen days hard labour.

By 1905 Lizzie had twenty six convictions to her name including assault, being drunk and disorderly, using abusive language and brawling, causing damage to property and theft.

In case you are wondering what happened to Lizzie's children John James, William and Mary Ellen, the 1911 census record them being looked after by their grandma, Lizzie's mother. Also Lizzie's brothers and sisters, Thomas, Willie, Michael and Brigitte were all at their family home in Huddersfield with their mother.

Fustian Weavers and Cutters

About 25 years ago, I decided I wanted a spinning wheel! No idea why and had no friends who owned one.

Then in 2000 I picked up researching my family history which had been started by my father – he had not got very far with it due to misspelling surnames and could find very little information. He then decided to post a 'looking for' item in the Hebden Bridge newspaper and that put him in contact with my cousin Colin McDermott, (now sadly deceased).

Luckily, I managed to find more information with the help of Ancestry, Family Search and various other online resources.

My paternal roots are in Yorkshire and once I started to find Census for my ancestors – I was pleasantly surprised to find they worked in the Mills. Could this craft be in the genes?

Anyway – on my paternal line, my Gt Grandmother's family were Fustian Cutters and Weavers.

My hand spinning hobby led me into weaving and I have set myself a project for 2017 to try and produce some Fustian Cloth as it was made then.

I have done a lot of research already and had tremendous help from Banksfoot Museum. I know I can get the right yarns for this project, but need a Fustian Cutters Knife – hopefully have found a friend within the craft world I live in who is going to try and produce one for me. We have old photographs and diagrams which show size and dimensions etc.

I would love to hear from anyone who has any connections to ancestors employed as Fustian Cutters – may even have a photograph of someone using this particular knife.....or even better still....might have one in the family heirloom box! However much I would love the latter, I doubt very much anyone has one!

It is my understanding that Banksfoot have some in their archives but they are not on display and although would take them out to be viewed by appointment, my chances of getting up to Yorkshire are very slim.

Please do get in touch if you can pass on any information at all – no matter how small as everything will help me with this personal project.

Apart from the knife, I will also need to contrive a way of tensioning the piece of cloth (which will be a small sample piece) to cut the threads as would have been done by my Gt Grandfather Robert Landale.

My email address is: janet2007@me.com

Remembering the 130 men - 124 soldiers, 5 sailors and a single air-
man commemorated on Rastrick's War Memorial
Alan Flux - Author of *The Lost Sons of Rastrick*

Remember them we will

*Thirteen feet of Elland Edge stone
The memorial stands proud in poppies red
Three sides of the four their names are found
Carved by the stone mason for the world to see
Remember them we will.*

*One hundred and thirty of the many who left us here
Failed to return, their duty done, their battles fought
To lie in countless fields or seas across the world
France, Belgium, Egypt or the Dardanelles
Remember them we will.*

*Wellington's Dukes, there many were
Fusiliers too, plus Royal Engineers and Yorkshire Dragoons
Army Service Corps, stokers and seaman too
Plus a single pilot of the Royal Flying Corps
Remember them we will.*

*Burlers, slubbers, warpers, boot makers and decorators
So many different backgrounds from they came
Mills, dyeworks, quarries, offices and shops
Answering Kitchener's call to arms for King and country
Remember them we will.*

*Tyne Cot, Arras, Thiepval, the Menin Gate for grave less heroes
The soil at Lone Pine, Forceville, Estaires, Pozieries and Iraq's Basra
Their bodies lie far distant but a few are to be found close to home
Rastrick Cemetery and the grave yard St. Matthew's
Remember them we will.*

*The one hundred and thirty Rastrick men who went to war
Found eternal peace, not home for Christmas as was said
Families left behind their peace shattered for their lifetimes
We live on today reflects their deeds and sacrifice
Remember them we will.*

The Lost Sons of Rastrick

Having five relatives killed in action during the First World War with commemorations or graves in France and Iraq from the First World War I decided to research the men of Rastrick's War Memorial on behalf of the Rastrick Local History Group. The 130 men – 124 soldiers, 5 sailors and a single airman – all have stories behind their names and it is important that these men are not forgotten especially as many were very young – one being only 15 years old. My book, published towards the end of 2016, has a page dedicated to each man giving as much detail as possible as well as aspects of their family history. There is a map showing where the men lived as well as some statistics covering occupations. Much information was taken from appropriate editions of the *Brighouse Echo* along with photographs although many of the latter were of somewhat poor quality. Several relatives came forward on learning of my research so it quite often became a two-way exchange of information which was very rewarding.

The book can be purchased from Just Books, Commercial Street, Brighouse; Harrison Lord Gallery, Bradford Road, Brighouse and Rastrick Library, Crowtrees Lane, Rastrick.



SOME OF MY LIGHTCLIFFE ROOTS AND THEIR OFFSHOOTS

I recently revisited Lightcliffe to look for family graves that had previously been impossible to find. The Friends of St Matthew's Churchyard group have done a marvellous job in clearing and tidying the churchyard, and also in putting burial records and a site plan on their website.

I have twenty-nine direct line ancestors buried there, although not my grandparents Fred Naylor and Millicent Ainsworth, and I was able to find the grave of eighteen who had memorial stones. Those that I could not find were mainly early burials in the old part of the churchyard. However, to my delight, I did find that of John Hinchcliffe and his wife Alice (nee Medley), my 5 x great grandparents, who died in 1821 and 1823 respectively. I think Alice was born in 1774, daughter of "Susan of Hipperholme" (Coley baptismal records), but although their marriage record (1765 Halifax) says John, a blacksmith, was also "of Hipperholme" I cannot find records to confirm this.

John and Alice's youngest daughter Dorothy and her husband John Cordingley were my 4 x great grandparents. About three years before her marriage Dorothy had a daughter Elizabeth, who with her husband William Foster, a last-maker, had ten children. They lived in Wakefield and by 1861 Elizabeth was a widow with the five youngest still under eighteen and living at home. Elizabeth was working as a school and office cleaner. Her eldest son Edwin was a teacher, married and living in Liverpool. He later became a Schools' Inspector, President of the Liverpool and District Teachers' Association, and Honorary Librarian to Liverpool Geological Society. His eldest son, also called Edwin, went to Balliol College, Oxford, and then became Registrar of the High Court in Madras, India. Elizabeth's youngest son, Robert, was a joiner who played the flute in concerts, while his son William, also a joiner, was a musician and bandmaster. Herbert Leslie Haslegrave, Elizabeth's great grandson by her 4th daughter Mary, became the first Vice-Chancellor of Loughborough University. He was a "brilliant mechanical engineer" and his only child Christine followed him in becoming a member of the Institute of Production Engineers; they were the only father/daughter members in this body. (Obituary The Independent Oct 23 1999; Loughborough University website)

Dorothy's older brother James Hinchliffe, a blacksmith like his father when he married Elizabeth (Betty) Hatton, became a coal merchant who was living at Knowle House, Lightcliffe in 1841 and 1851, with a couple of live-in servants. In 1841 James and Elizabeth also had three granddaughters visiting them. They were Elizabeth, 17, Sarah, 15, and Alice, 14, daughters of Rhoda (Hinchliffe) and Samuel Cooke of Mill Bridge, Liversedge. Dorothy and John Cordingley were living nearby at Knowle Top with the five youngest of their eight children including my 3 x great grandmother Alice aged 12.

Samuel Cooke was a carpet manufacturer and in 1856 they moved from Mill Bridge to Heald's Hall, Liversedge (now a hotel). Rhoda and Samuel had 15 children, four of whom died in infancy. The achievements of this family are too numerous to mention all but here are some of them.

Their sons were involved in the family carpet manufacturing business in Liversedge and London, and most of their daughters married into carpet, woollen or blanket manufacturing families of Dewsbury, Batley, Gomersal and Hemsworth. However one, Sarah, moved to America with her husband William Ingraham where Samuel visited them in 1866. He also went to the White House to meet President Andrew Johnson.

Another daughter, Ada, married Michael Gutteridge, who was a merchant in Naples, and their three sons were born there. They returned to England in later years. Michael was a substantial benefactor of Wesley House, Cambridge where Wesleyan Methodist Ministers received training. Harold Cooke Gutteridge, their middle son, attended King's College, Cambridge, and was called to the Bar, Middle Temple, in 1900. He became a Professor of Comparative Law at Cambridge, Professor of Commercial and Industrial Law at London University, was a member of numerous committees and commissions on various topics including a Royal Commission on the Arms Trade. He was also President of the League of Nations Committee on the civil status of women. During WW1 he was a captain in the RAOC in Salonika and was mentioned in despatches (Cambridge University Alumni). Harold's daughter, Joyce Ada Cooke Gutteridge, was also a barrister although I am not sure whether she attended Oxford or Cambridge, or both, as in her 1992 Will she left bequests to both Somerville College, Oxford, and Newnham College, Cambridge, as well as Roedean School, Brighton. She worked as a Legal Counsellor at the Foreign Office and as

such went with the United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations in New York. Joyce was awarded the OBE in the 1962 New Year's Honours List (various newspaper reports).

Theodore Cooke Taylor, the son of Alice, became head of his paternal family firm of woollen manufacturers J, T and J Taylor of Batley. When he died in 1952, aged 102, he was still travelling daily from his home in Grassington to the mill, and was the oldest man in the world actively engaged in the woollen trade. In 1892 he was a pioneer of profit sharing for employees. Theodore was Liberal MP for the SE Lancashire Division from 1900 – 1918. He made twenty-one Atlantic business trips between 1874 and 1947, and in 1948 he gave a short talk on the BBC Home Service entitled "Almost a centuries memories". He was offered, but refused, a knighthood. "On his 100th birthday he received greetings from King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, from Princess Elizabeth, and from Queen Mary, and countless other well-wishers from all over the world". (Obituaries)

William was the son who headed the family business in London, and two of his granddaughters were involved in WW1. Olive Mudie-Cooke was an artist who became one of only a few women official war artists, and some of her pictures were exhibited at the Imperial War Museum. "She created evocative images of the conflict while serving as a VAD driver during the war and visiting the battlefields after the Armistice on the Western Front and in Italy" (Great War London, London and Londoners in the First World War). Her sister Phyllis studied archaeology and was also in France during WW1 with the VAD Nursing Yeomanry. She married Eustace Tillyard, a fellow archaeologist, who became Master of Jesus College, Cambridge.

Rhoda Ann also lived in London with her husband Frederic Hindley and their house in Highgate was called 'Lightcliffe House'. Their great granddaughter Rhoda Nina Nowell was Court Welfare Officer for the Family Division at the Royal Courts of Justice and was awarded the MBE in 1977. Another great granddaughter married Nicholas Ridley who, in 1949, became the first man to successfully implant an artificial lens in the eye.

In 1911 James Samuel's daughter Nora was an art student, aged 32, at University College, London, and a note she wrote in the last

column of the census suggests that she might have been a suffragette.

Zilla's daughter Ethel Oddy married John Ernest Hodder Williams, an author, who became head of his family publishing firm of Hodder and Stoughton.

Lucy's husband was Edwin Firth, the younger brother of Thomas Freeman Firth, owner of T F Firth's carpet mill in Bailiff Bridge, and who lived at Holme House, Lightcliffe from 1901.

As I mentioned earlier Alice, Dorothy and John Cordingley's 7th child, is my 3 x great grandmother. She married Sam Rastrick, youngest son of John Rastrick and Ann Rushworth, who like his father was a cordwainer. John was born in Bradford, but Ann's parents were William Rushworth and Lydia Pollard of Lightcliffe.

Like Dorothy, Ann also gave birth to a daughter Faith before her marriage to John. Faith and her husband James Naylor had five children before she died tragically in 1843. Eldest son John, and many of his descendants, remained in Bailiff Bridge and Lightcliffe for many years. When visiting my grandmother about 1954 at 450 Bradford Road, Bailiff Bridge, I was told that another Mrs Naylor, a relation, was living further up the road. I have since found out that she was the widow of John's son Willie, and their son Bert Reginald was the local dentist. After Faith's death Sam Rastrick took his nephew John on as an apprentice, and the youngest child Harriet, born about four months before her mother died, went with grandmother Ann to live in Tong with aunt Ann (Rastrick) Law and family. Faith's older daughter Ann married John Seed of Clifton and they moved to Goole in 1864 and another story of success and achievements unfolds. John established the firm of John Seed and Sons, Fruit and Potato Merchants. They had three sons and a daughter, Hannah, and the sons were involved in the family business until their deaths.

Daughter Hannah and husband Thomas Lloyd Williams had two children. Their daughter Anita gained a BSc certificate from London University in 1906 (women were not awarded degrees until later). In 1908 she was proposed as a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London, the "world's oldest extant biological society for natural History in all its' branches". The following year she married Frederick Talbot Baines, a member of the Leeds family who once owned the

influential Leeds Mercury Newspaper. After working on the editorial staff Frederick became Clerk to Leeds University Senate.

Hannah's son, John Lloyd Williams, was apprenticed as an engineer at Harland and Wolff, Belfast, at the beginning of the 20th Century. (Did he work on the Titanic?) While there he began a lifelong friendship with Harry Ferguson and became a director of Harry Ferguson Ltd, collaborating closely with Harry himself on the development of tractors, and a new mounting and hydraulic control system for their implements which became almost universal. John served in the RFC (WW1) and RAF (WW2), being shot down and seriously wounded in France in 1915, and meeting an untimely death in a road accident near Morcambe in 1940 while on active service. (Baines Family Collections, Leeds University Library).

Sam and Alice Rastrick had ten children, lived in Bailiff Bridge all their married life, and became prominent members of the Ebenezer Methodist Chapel and the Band of Hope. Sam played the harmonium at meetings in the 1880s. He was a respected member of the local community and a report of his death in June 1888 (Huddersfield Chronicle) describes him as "the most widely known man among the tradesmen in Bailiff Bridge". Besides employing several men and boys in his boot and shoe making business he was also the local postmaster in the 1880s, and was Actuary for the Yorkshire Bank for 30 years. It was reported that the Bank managers presented him with an oil portrait when he retired but I have not been able to find anything about it either here or in America.

Sam and Alice's eldest daughter Annie married John Shuttleworth, son of William Shuttleworth who was manager of Firth's carpet mill. In 1875 William was recruited by an American, A T Stewart, to start up and manage a carpet mill on the same lines as the one in Bailiff Bridge. He took most of his family, including John, Annie and their baby daughter, with him. During the rest of the century quite a few workers from Bailiff Bridge also crossed the Atlantic including Annie's younger siblings Mary Jane and Sam junior.

Emma, the sixth of Sam and Alice's children, married Joseph Ainsworth whose parents Thomas and Esther had moved from Hermit Hole, Bingley (now Keighley) to Southowram and then to Bailiff Bridge. Thomas, Joseph and Emma all worked at the carpet mill. Thomas and his siblings were baptised at Haworth by the Rev. Patrick Bronte.

Joseph and Emma's eldest daughter Millicent was my grandmother and her husband, Fred Naylor, was her 3rd cousin as his 2 x great grandmother Sarah was the younger sister of Ann (Rushworth) Rastrick.

Sarah married Joseph Ripley whose family had moved from Southowram to Lightcliffe. When Joseph's great grandfather John Ripley married Betty Shoesmith in 1727 he was "a dyer of Skircoat" and she was "of Southowram". Their second son, Edward, was Joseph's grandfather, but I believe that their eldest son George founded 'George Ripley and Son, Dyers' in 1820. His son, another Edward, took over after his father's death and established 'Edward Ripley and Son' of Bradford, the son being (eventually) Sir Henry William Ripley MP, 1st Baronet of Rawdon. In 1841 Edward and Henry bought Holme House, Lightcliffe and Henry was living there at the time of the 51 and 61 censuses. Was it just co-incidence or were the two branches of the family aware of the relationship?

Joseph's grandmother was Mary Ibbotsen, also 'of Southowram' at the time of her marriage. On 13th February 1825 a Mary Ripley, "aged 100 years and 7 months", was buried at Lightcliffe, and I presume this was her, although I have not been able to find a burial for her husband Edward. Nor have I been able to find a baptism to fit that age so I have suspicions that about 10 years was accidentally added to her age!

Joseph and Sarah's first child, Mary, married Thomas Naylor in 1833, when she was only about 16 ½ years old, and they are my 2 x great grandparents. Thomas was the son of Samuel and Sarah (nee Sowden), and the grandson of Thomas and Sarah (nee Day). Another of Samuel and Sarah's sons was Joseph, who has a memorial in Lightcliffe churchyard. Joseph served in the 5th Dragoon Guards for almost 25 years, and went to the Crimea taking part in the successful Charge of the Heavy Brigade, immediately before the ill-fated Charge of the Light Brigade. He was one of only about twenty from his regiment to bring back his own horse, and their portrait was painted and is now at the Regimental Museum in York.

Thomas and Mary Naylor had eleven children. My great grandfather John was the fifth but by the time he was sixteen he was the oldest surviving child. He was also a shoemaker, while his three younger brothers joined Guards' Regiments. Joseph was in the Life Guards and for some time was stationed at Windsor on ceremonial

duties. One of his sons, Albert, was awarded the Military Cross in 1918, while a 2nd Lieutenant in the West Yorkshire Regiment. William joined the Scots Fusiliers Guards, which soon after became the Scots Guards. I think he may have been in Egypt in 1882 at the same time as his younger brother, Thomas, who was there with the Grenadier Guards. Soon after returning to England, and while stationed at the Tower of London, Thomas died in a railway accident at nearby Shadwell Station. His army records, and newspaper reports, told me that he died on the evening of December 20th 1882, and that an inquest recording accidental death was held on the 22nd. It took me many years of searching to find that he had been buried in the Guards section at Brompton Cemetery, Earls Court a day later. This has left me with several questions – at a time when communications were much slower were the family informed, why wasn't he buried at Lightcliffe or at least mentioned on a family gravestone, and did any of the family attend the burial?

My grandfather Fred was the fifth of seven surviving children of John and his wife Ann Smith, who was born in Lower Wyke Lane. When he left school he was apprenticed as an iron moulder at a foundry at Halifax. Fred and Millicent lived there for two or three years after their marriage until he was made redundant. Unable to find similar work Fred took on a pig and poultry farm in Ashton-under-Lyne and, along with Millicent and their young son Harold, was initially joined by his younger brother Lewis. My father, Ronald, was born there in 1909. Lewis had returned to Lightcliffe before 1914 when all the stock had to be destroyed because of swine fever. They remained there during WW1 as Fred was given work in a Manchester foundry, a reserved occupation. On 1 January 1919 the family moved to Leeds and in 1927 they moved to Hanwell, West London, and Fred became manager Broad and Co., Brent Foundry, until his retirement in 1946. Fred and Millicent returned to Bailiff Bridge in 1951.

Daphne Evers (Mem No 3793)



The Friends of St Matthew's Churchyard, Lightcliffe

Early June is designated as 'Cherishing Churchyards Week' and you are invited to an event at St Matthews's Churchyard, attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Calderdale on Saturday 3 June at 2.30pm.

Over the last 4 years, volunteers have been restoring the churchyard which surrounds the old church tower on Wakefield Road. They have now completed the first stage and want to celebrate and thank their supporters!

The churchyard has been cleared, memorials have been photographed and recorded and headstones restored. There is a new footpath, seats, a guided tour and interpretation boards. Volunteers have worked hard to improve the environment and increase opportunity for wildlife to flourish.

More information on our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#).

<http://lightcliffechurchyard.org.uk/>
<https://facebook.com/lightcliffechurchyard>



Fawcett 200

Hebden Bridge Local History Society is helping Hope Chapel, Wainsgate Chapel and Ebenezer (now Heart Gallery), to commemorate the bicentenary of the death of Dr Rev John Fawcett 1817 (25 July) and celebrate his influence on our town.

We are also planning a Fawcett Weekend and want to reach anyone with an interest in the Fawcett surname so we can inform them about this networking event.

Do you know how he came to write a famous Baptist hymn, how he came to the attention of George III, how he saved the life of a young man, how he brought education to many poor people? Find out by coming to some of the events.

Find out more by [visiting our website](#) and our [Facebook page](#).

<http://fawcett200.org.uk/>

<https://facebook.com/RevJohnFawcett>

Elizabeth Ann Whitham (A brick Wall Demolished!)
Heather J Morris

In the summer of 2016 I spent seven weeks in Calderdale researching my maternal grandmother's ancestry. Though born and raised in the tiny village of Affetside in Lancashire I now live in Northern California and I was eager to make this trip to find out more about my heritage. For the previous seven years I had been doing as much research online as possible but I had come upon a puzzling fact: my great, great grandmother, Elizabeth Ann Whitham had been married twice, but had given the name of two different fathers on her two marriage certificates. First Elizabeth Ann married Ishmael Nutton at St John the Baptist church in Halifax on April 27, 1861. His residence at the time of marriage was Skircoat and Ishmael's occupation was woollsorter. Ishmael's father, James Nutton gives his occupation on the marriage certificate as woollsorter too. Elizabeth Ann, whose residence was Halifax, gives her father's name as William Whitham with the space for his occupation left empty. In the 1861 census an Elizabeth Ann Whittam (born Heptonstall, 1841) is a cook at a large boarding school on Hopwood Lane, Park House. So far, so good. The school was run by the Farrar family. John Farrar (1813-1883) born at Heptonstall (just like Elizabeth Ann) was the "schoolmaster: Classical, commercial and mathematical." (1861 census). Interestingly the road that joins Shaw Hill in Skircoat is Farrar Mill Road.

Ishmael died from alpaca poisoning (sorting alpaca wool) on March 17 1876. I found his grave at Christ Church Mt Pellon. Elizabeth Ann, now 40, was now head of the household living at 20 Haigh Street, Halifax, with her sons Charles 18, John 17 and William 14. She also has a lodger, James Hainsworth Leeming, eleven years younger than her. In 2016 I went to find her house. Haigh Street is still there, partially, but as ill-luck would have it the part I wanted has been demolished. It's a street sandwiched between factory buildings, many of them derelict. Five years later Elizabeth Ann married James Leeming, a widower, originally from Horton near Bradford. But here, things get a little more complicated because she gives the name of her father not as William Whitham but as James Wrigley, a plasterer. Try as I might I just couldn't figure this out. She'd given two different names for fathers on her two marriages. The simplest explanation is that I'd got the 'wrong' Elizabeth Ann, but that didn't seem likely since the birth years were about the same and they'd

both been born in Heptonstall. Completely at a loss I just happened to find a person online offering to help with people's ancestral brick walls in Calderdale. I emailed Roger Beasley of the CFHS one evening in August, giving details of my predicament and, lo and behold by the time I woke up the next morning he had solved my mystery. He wrote: *"I think I may have worked out why Elizabeth Ann Whittham gave both William Whittham and James Wrigley as her father. Her mother, Sally Farrar, daughter of James Farrar, married William Whittham in 1822. Their children were: Hannah (b.1828), Farrar (b.1831), John (b.1833), James Farrar (b.1837). William Whittham died in 1837. In the 1841 census there was a James Rigley, plasterer, living next door to the widow, Sally. It seems possible that Elizabeth Ann Whittham was the illegitimate daughter of Sally Whittham and James (W)rigley. I couldn't find a baptism for Elizabeth Ann Whittham which was common for children born out of wedlock. However, I did find the record of her birth in 1840 on FreeBMD."* Perhaps Elizabeth Ann herself wasn't aware of her true father when she married for the first time. But Roger Beasley's email also contained two other very important facts. I'd been unable to trace Elizabeth Ann's mother. Roger found her to be Sally Farrar of Heptonstall. When I got the church records for St Thomas's Heptonstall there are 190 Farrar baptisms recorded! Roger did find a birth record of Elizabeth Ann in 1840 on FreeBMD in which she's registered in Todmorden. When her birth certificate arrived from England I found that, sure enough, as Roger had surmised there is no father named on it. Her mother's name is Sally Whitham nee Farrar and Elizabeth Ann was born at Lily Hall. I can't help wondering if James Wrigley and his wife, knew that Sally was giving birth to James's daughter literally in the next room – in Lily Hall.

So in September 2016 I embarked upon some research into the family of James Wrigley. After all, if these facts are correct he is my great, great, great grandfather! I found two online Wrigley family trees with the correct James Wrigley, of Heptonstall. I contacted both tree owners and they both live in New Zealand. James was one of eight children. One of his brothers was Abraham and remarkably there was a photo of Abraham taken with his own son John. From Grace Hanley in New Zealand I found out that "John came to NZ in 1863, Edmund in 1865 and Hannah, James and their mother Sally arrived in NZ, 1883." James Wrigley, Elizabeth Ann's biological father had married Mary Pickles on March 15th 1840. One of James and Mary's children was Mally Wrigley. She married James Barker of Water Barn, Rossendale on July 14, 1866 in Hep-

tonstall. Though Mally and James were both weavers when they married by 1871 and 1881 he was a cotton operative, by 1891 and 1901 he gave his profession as a professor of music. In 1911 he gives his occupation as bandmaster of 4 Thompson Street, Rochdale but so far I've not managed to find the street or the band. Coincidentally I'm a musician and composer and my four movement piece for symphonic band entitled "In Search of My Yorkshire Roots" will received its first performance in California in May, 2017.

I will return to Calderdale this summer to further my research and would love to meet up with people who may have recognized some of their ancestors in my story.

With many thanks to Roger Beasley.

Heather J Morris

A more detailed account of my 2016 trip can be found at hmcreativelady.wordpress.com

A video of my photos of my trip accompanied by one of the movements of "In Search of My Yorkshire Roots" is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VK6D4amll-M>

HELP NEEDED — Will Davidson

We have been contacted by Ray Smith, Chairman of Blackburn Local History Society. He has 2 photographs of a distant relative of his which have the following captions:

'Musical Director Theatre Royal Halifax'

'Conductor Palace Theatre Halifax 1932'

If anybody can offer any help or information, please contact Ray Smith direct on blackburn0549@sky.com.

Family Hystoria by Jeannie Allergist

I never met my father; I think my Ma's to blame.
She says he was a "donor" and she never knew his name.

I think it was a test tube where my Mum and Daddy met.
I must have got some ancestors, but haven't found them yet!

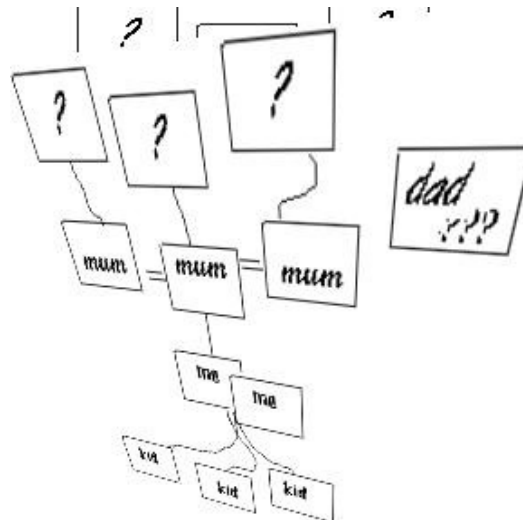
Then mummy married Sarah because they loved each other,
So I haven't got a Father, and I'm not sure who's my Mother.

My DNA was dodgy, as ropery as it comes.
They cut bits out and stuck bits in, and so I've got three Mums!

When I was young they froze some eggs. My sex change wasn't bad.
I think that when I have my kids, I'll be their Mum **and** Dad!

You think that you've got problems, but spare a thought for me -
There's no way I can even **start** to trace my family tree!

(Jeannie is not speaking from personal experience; she is just a bit worried about the future for genealogy!)



POST BAG

Dear Editor,

My step-mother Muriel Waller nee Greenwood died last year and among her personal effects we found a medallion/watch fob photos of which are attached hereto. Muriel was the daughter of Harold Greenwood who died when she was 4 years old but I guess that he was the H.G. detailed on the medallion which is a lovely hallmarked piece. I wonder if any of your readers have knowledge of Ridge Rangers or indeed what it was presented for. Is there still a Hebden Bridge Football League? I guess that there are many CFHS members who will remember Muriel who taught for 30 years at St James' School Mytholm where she was deputy Head. Any additional information will be very much appreciated.



JOHN WALLER



Projects Update

Hopefully, you have been keeping up to date on the progress of our projects, either by the monthly update on the Society website, or by our brief reports in the Newsletter.

Both these methods have limitations, given the small amount of space we have available, so we are trying to give you a fuller picture, every 3 months, in the Scrivener.

As you probably know, we are currently running 2 projects, the Northowram Heywood Registers, which is now coming to an end, and the School Logs Project, which started in late March this year.

Northowram Heywood Registers.

We thought that we had reached the end of this earlier this year, but then discovered that there was a lot more information, squirreled away in the West Yorkshire Archives, that we didn't know about ! So we decided to hold off any publication until we had got all there was available.

Unfortunately, the images of some of the pages were so poor that our Transcription Team had difficulty reading them. So, rather than have the team struggle to validate what had been keyed, only for us to have to check large chunks of it in the Archives, we decided to do the validation of the poorer pages directly against the original documents. This has involved 2 of your members spending quite some time on a Tuesday & Friday (the only days Halifax Archives are open) making sure that what has been keyed on these registers is accurate. Many thanks are due to John Barraclough in particular, who has willingly given his time for this exacting task.

By the time you read this, the validation will be complete (it has to be, because the Archives are closing for approximately 10 weeks, from early June prior to their move to the new Library building in Winding Road !!).

As a result, we are hoping that we will be able to publish a CD with all this valuable information in the late Spring/early Summer this year. The data on this will be baptism details &, for burials, both Burial Register & Grave Book details.

So look out for an announcement on our website & in the monthly newsletter.

School Logs.

You will have read in the last couple of Newsletters that our new project is the transcription of details from Calderdale School Logs.

This is a project unlike any other that we have done in the Society. Our Transcription Team are used to transcribing verbatim what is on the page in front of them, under the edict "Key what you See". This is very different, because the School Logs are, in effect, a diary kept by the Head Teacher describing the day-to-day activities in the school. Amongst this narrative are references to named people, some of whom may be your ancestors !

So the transcriber's job is to read the Log & extract any event that refers to a person by name. This may be a pupil, a teacher, a School Board member, a School Inspector - any one of a number of individuals. Along with the name & title of these people is a "Description" of the event involved, up to 100 characters, which describes, in summary, what the event is about.

All this information will be published, in due course, on a series of CDs. We had hoped, also, to provide images of the Log pages themselves, so that researchers could see the context of the events. However, West Yorkshire Archives are unwilling to give us permission to do this. What they are letting us do, though, is provide, on request, images of any pages that our members (but not non-members) would like to see. In addition, those page images will be on our Research Room computers, so that a visit there will allow you to browse through the logs of whichever school takes your fancy.

Here is how we hope to provide you with information on the School Logs that we transcribe :-

- The transcribed events will be published on CD, and the relevant database available at our Research Room.
- For every person encountered on a School Log, there will be an entry on our Transcription Index on the Society website.
- When you are logged on as a member, you will be able to

use our FOC facility to request all the entries from a school for any named individual. These will be sent to you, as normal, by the Search Coordinator. Full details of each entry will be shown, including the page nos. on which they appear.

- Having received the event details, if you wish to see the full page image where any of them appears, you can E-Mail the Search Coordinator, and she will send it to you. In fact you will get either 10 or 20 pages of the log in which your requested page appears.

- For local members, a visit to our Research Room in Brighthouse Library will allow you to search for individuals of interest, look at their Events & then view the Log pages all in one go.

- For non-members, they will be able to see the entries on the Transcription Index, but, to get any more information, they will either have to join our Society, or apply to the West Yorkshire Archives for a copy of the page image. There is likely to be a charge for this.

In all, there are 74 schools available, some of which have more than 1 log book. Some start as early as 1862 & the cut-off date for us is 1916, as we are prohibited from publishing personal information any later than 100 years ago. As you will have read in the May Newsletter, we are well on with these, having already photographed Logs from 15 of the 74, of which our Transcription Team have transcribed 25%.

As you can imagine, due to the type of project that this is, a number of queries have been raised by the team, because they are keen to produce as high a quality of information as they can. As a result, many of the team met on May 5th at the Holiday Inn, Rugby, for a full day's discussion on the many aspects involved. We will have reported on this in the June Newsletter, but we anticipate an interesting & useful gathering, if previous get-togethers are anything to go by !!

As always, we need as many on the team as we can get, so, if you have a bit of spare time & a lot of inclination, we will be pleased to hear from you, if you would like to join the fun. Please E-Mail projects@cfhsweb.com & you will be signed up in a jiffy !!

Peter Lord - Project Coordinator.

CALDERDALE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

2017 SUMMER MEETINGS ~ Thursdays 7:30pm.

At The Shibden Room, North Bridge Leisure Centre

June 22nd

Phil Judkins ~ The Navy in World War 1 and Family History – a new look

This is absolutely NOT "*Was your relative at Jutland?*" . It is the story of WW1's Royal Navy in World War I in all its aspects - Land, Sea, Air, Underwater – and 'Underhand'. The story of why so many sailors died fighting as soldiers or as airmen, the early attempts at Naval submarine power and the gallant trawler war (and the last Yorkshire survivor), and the story of the Navy's "spies of the air-waves". Using the latest research, and absolutely not the oft-told tale, this is the Navy's story as you have never heard it".

July 27th

Kathy Fishwick ~ James Hargreaves & the Textile Revolution.

August 24th

Keith Lister ~ Place Names

A light-hearted look at the derivation of place names, both local & international.

28th September

Isobel Stirk ~ Writers in the 1st World War

September

Day trip to be arranged



View our website at www.cfhsweb.com

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Calderdale Family History Society's

RESEARCH ROOM

**Brighouse Library
Rydings Park, Halifax Rd., Brighouse, HD6 2AF**

Tuesdays 1:30pm to 4:30pm & Thursdays 10:00am to 1:00pm

Open to both Members & Non-Members

Facilities include :-

- Searchable information on 4 computers.
- Fiches for all Calderdale C of E churches.
- 6 Internet terminals, with access to Ancestry.com
(Note—now increased from original 4 terminals)
- Wide range of books, journals, cuttings, etc.

For more information and bookings ring 07952-211986 during the hours given above.

Huddersfield & District Family History Society

If you have ancestors in the Kirklees area, which covers the towns of Huddersfield, Dewsbury, Batley, Holmfirth and surrounding villages, then why not contact our Society for help and advice.

We have a research room at **the Root Cellar, 33A Greens End Road, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 5NW** and we are open at the following times on these days:

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday:		2 pm to 4.30 pm
Tuesday:		2 pm to 4.30 pm
Wednesday:	10 am to 12.30 pm	2 pm to 4.30 pm
Thursday:		2 pm to 4.30 pm
Friday:	10.30 am to 1.00 pm	
Saturday:		2 pm to 4.30 pm

Our telephone number is 01484 859229 and details of all our activities and how to join can be found at www.hdfhs.org.uk. You can also find us on Twitter and Facebook by searching for 'Huddersfield Family History Society'.

USEFUL CONTACTS AND SOURCES FOR RESEARCHING WEST YORKSHIRE ANCESTORS

West Yorkshire Archive Service ~ www.archives.wyjs.org.uk (*This can be a good place to start to access the West Yorkshire Archive Catalogue*)

Calderdale District Archives, (Registers, BTs, Census, etc. etc.)
Calderdale Central Library, Northgate House, Northgate, Halifax HX1 1UN
Tel: +44 (0) 1422 392636 e-mail calderdale@wyjs.org.uk

WYAS Headquarters, Newstead Road, Wakefield WF1 2DE (*Registers, WRiding Registry of Deeds, Manorial Records etc.*)
Tel: +44 (0) 1924 305980 email : wakefield@wyjs.org.uk

The Borthwick Institute ~ www.york.ac.uk/inst/bihr/ (*Peculiar + PCY wills, BT's etc.*)
University of York, Heslington, YORK YO10 5DD
Tel: +44 (0) 1904 321166 email ~ link on website

Calderdale Central Reference Library (address as above) Tel: +44 (0) 1422 392631 e-mail reference.library@calderdale.gov.uk (*local studies collection, newspapers, maps, trade directories, IGI, GRO indexes, census and parish register fiche, on-line Familysearch and Ancestry; research service offered*).

Weaver to Web ~ www.calderdale.gov.uk/wtw/ The council maintains a website with a miscellany of information from the archives (*a wide range of photos, maps, census returns, parish registers, poll books, wills, etc., have been digitised to view online*).

Malcolm Bull's Calderdale Companion ~ <http://www.calderdalecompanion.co.uk>
(*Large collection of trivia, miscellaneous facts of people and places and other bits of local history about Halifax and Calderdale*).

All the Parish records transcribed by the Society are available to search (for a fee) on **FindMyPast.co.uk** (*In addition there are many other records available to search*)

West Yorkshire Parish Registers have been put online (for a fee) by the West Yorkshire Archives Service which can be accessed on **Ancestry.co.uk**. (*Again, many other useful records, for a fee*)

www.familysearch.org
(*Thousands of records for free including the IGI and some census data*). LDS Family History Centres are invaluable for 'distance research'. Check local telephone directories.

The National Archives ~ www.nationalarchives.gov.uk (*a wealth of data arising from public records, including BMD's, census and much much more*).
Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU Tel: +44 (0) 20 8876

www.direct.gov.uk/gro is the website of the general register office for everything concerning civil registration and to order certificates.

Consider subscribing to a periodical such as Family Tree Magazine or BBC's Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine. Online sites such as **GenesReunited** and **LostCousins** may help you find relatives researching the same family.

<p style="text-align: center;">LOCAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIRS etc</p> <p>Forthcoming Events of Interest :-</p> <p>The London Group of Yorkshire FHS. Programme of events - 2017</p> <p>Sat 17th June 2017 Else Churchill ~ Women in family history.</p> <p>Sat 23rd September 2017 John Hanson ~ My ancestor left a will – well they should have done!</p> <p>Sat 18th November 2017 Ian Waller ~ Sold, Separated & Divorced: marriage breakdown over the centuries</p> <p>Meetings held at the Society of Genealogists, 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA. Starting at 10.30am All welcome.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Federation of Family History Societies</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Federation of Family History Societies' web site www.ffhs.org.uk</p> <p>This site has a wealth of links to events & information of interest to family historians. Find the EVENTS tab for a list of forthcoming events.</p>
<p>Buckinghamshire Family History Society Open Day Saturday 29th July 2017, 10am to 4pm The Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury, HP21 7NH.</p> <p>Research facilities including our names database (over five million entries), Parish Register, People, and Places libraries. Parish Register transcripts and other research aids will be on sale. Expert advice; guest societies from around the country; local heritage groups; suppliers of data CDs, maps, software, archival materials and much more. Admission is free, with free parking at the venue.</p> <p>Further information, including a full list of organisations attending, can be found at www.bucksfhs.org.uk</p>

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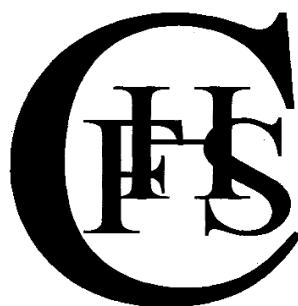
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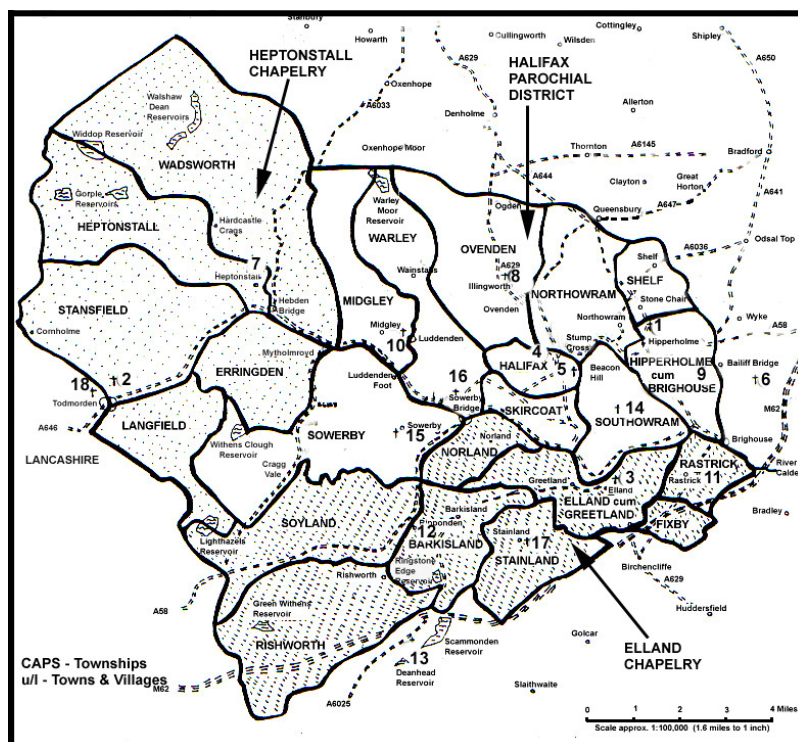
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CHAPELRIES AND TOWNSHIPS OF THE ANCIENT PARISH OF HALIFAX



CHURCH/CHAPEL	Registers begin	BAP. MAR.**	BUR.
1. COLEY	St. John	1735	1745
2. CROSS STONE	St. Paul	1678	1837
3. ELLAND	St. Mary**	1559	1559
4. HALIFAX	St. James (inc St Mary Rhodes St 1953)	1832	1837
5. HALIFAX	St. John**	1538	1538
6. HARTSHEAD	St. Peter	1612	1612
7. HEPTONSTALL	St. Thomas**	1599	1593
8. ILLINGWORTH	St. Mary	1695	1697
9. LIGHTCLIFFE	St. Matthew	1703	1704
10. LUDDENDEN	St. Mary	1653	1661
11. RASTRICK	St. Matthew	1719	1839
12. RIPPONDEN	St. Bartholomew	1684	1686
13. SCAMONDEN WITH MILLHEAD	St. Bartholomew	1746	1886
14. SOUTHOWRAM	St. Anne	1813	1838
15. SOWERBY	St. Peter	1668	1711
16. SOWERBY BRIDGE	Christ Church	1709	1730
17. STAINLAND	St. Andrew	1782	1844
18. TODMORDEN	St. Mary/Christ Church	1678	1669

**Following Hardwicke's Marriages Act of 1754, Banns and Marriages will only be found in the registers of these churches. After 1837 they lost their monopoly of marriages.