

A Guided Tour of Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge



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to plan a visit to Holy Trinity Church.**

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The First Vicar

“The Parish of Castle Hall, or Holy Trinity, was formed about the year 1846. Its first vicar, the Rev Thomas Floyd BA was installed as incumbent in 1847. Rev Thomas Floyd BA died on 4 April 1875. Rev Floyd allowed the Stalybridge Harmonic Society, formed about 1844, to practise in the Castle Hall Schoolroom, then situated next to the *Castle Inn*, Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge. The society went with the school when it migrated to the *Foresters' Hall*, and again when the new *Castle Hall Schools* were erected. Rev Thomas Floyd was one of the chief supporters of the Stalybridge Harmonic Society in its early days.” Samuel Hill *Bygone Stalybridge* 1907.

Thomas Floyd was born on 27 June 1820, in Wexford, Ireland.

The 1851 Census shows Thomas Floyd BA, the Perpetual Curate of Castle Hall, living on Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge.

The 1861 Census shows Thomas Floyd, age 40, the Curate of Castle Hall, lodging at the home of Robert Whitehead, 105 Kenworthy Street, Stalybridge. Also living at this address was the niece of Robert Whitehead, Betsy Ann Whitehead, age 26 years. Betsy had been baptised in Lydgate.

Thomas Floyd married Betsy Ann Whitehead in 1862 at Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge. Their children were: Thomas born 1865, William Robert born 1867, James Edward born 1868, Charles Henry born and died in 1869, John Frederick born 1869 died 1870, Joseph born and died 1873.

The 1871 Census shows Thomas Floyd, the Vicar of Castle Hall, living with his wife and three sons, on Warrington Street, Stalybridge.

Rev Thomas Floyd MA died, age 54 years, on 4 April 1875. He had been living at 125 Mottram Road, Stalybridge. He was buried, in a new brick grave, Range 32 Grave 104/105, at St Paul's, Stalybridge, on 9 April 1875.

His widow, Betsy Ann, was left with three sons under the age of 10 years.



Betsy Ann was still living in Stalybridge in 1881, but by 1891 she had moved to Moss Side, then a far more affluent area.

Betsy Ann died in 1891, age 56 years, she was buried, with Rev Thomas Floyd, at St Paul's, on 14 April 1891. Rev Charles Sutcliffe of Holy Trinity Officiated.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251377986/thomas-floyd>

The headstone for Rev Floyd and Betsy was removed in 1999, when the burial grounds at St Paul's were landscaped. The Inscription, recorded before the headstone was removed, read:

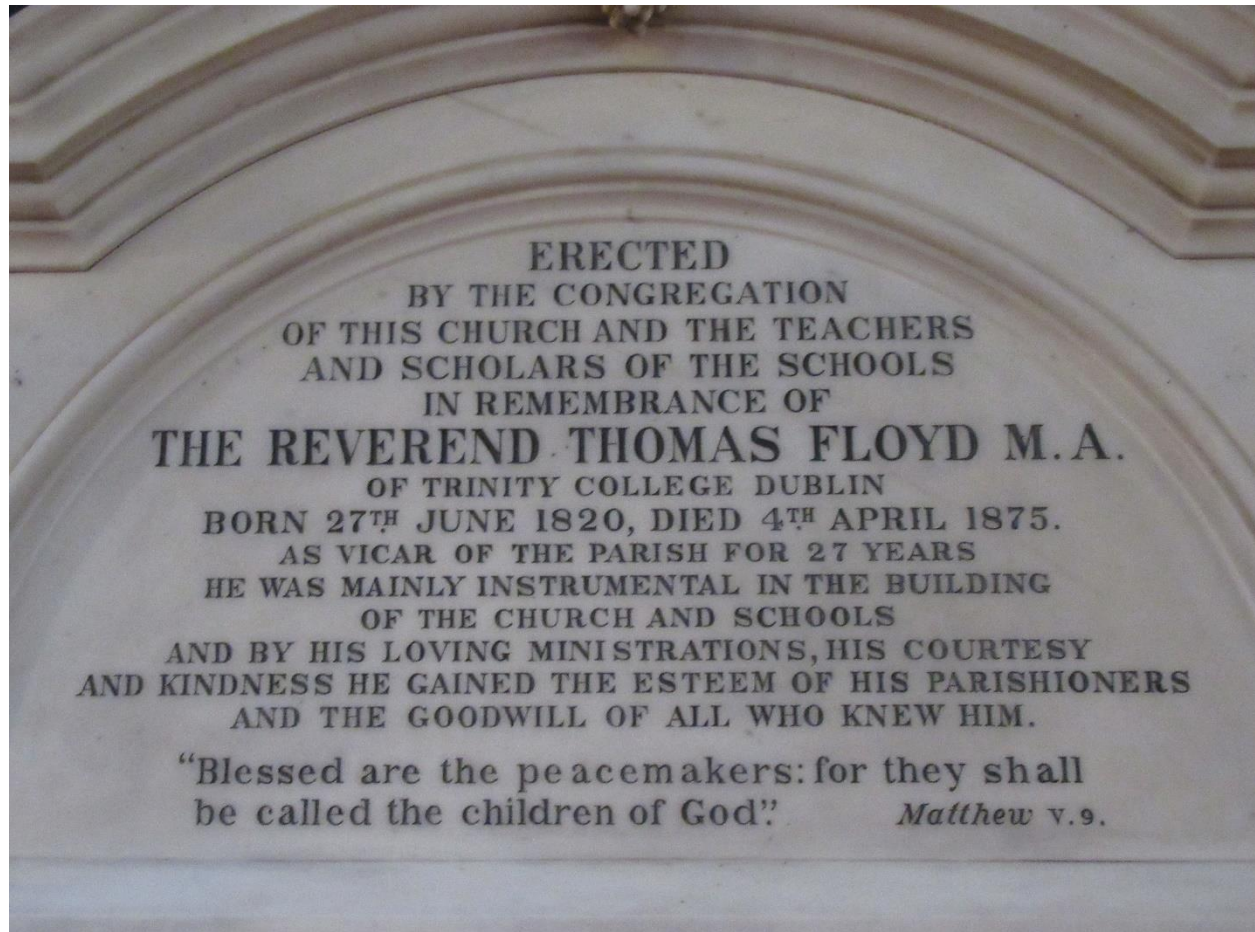
Erected by the Teachers & Scholars In Loving Remembrance of the
Rev Thomas Floyd M A, for 27 years vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall, Stalybridge
Born June 27th 1820 Died April 4th 1875
He Being Dead Yet Speaketh
Also of Betsy Ann Wife of the Above Born May 16th 1834 Died April 10th 1891
Christ Is Risen

The Diary of the Revd Thomas Floyd (1820-75), Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge, is held by the Lancashire Record Office. (Reference: DDFL 14/2)

Within Holy Trinity Church are two memorial plaques to Rev Thomas Floyd. Near the East Window is a brass plaque that says:

The Rev Thomas Floyd MA Gave the East Window In 1852.
This inscription is placed here by his three sons 1928.

Upon the wall near the Altar is a large marble plaque:



The Second Vicar

The successor of Rev Thomas Floyd BA, was the Rev Fielding Frederick Ould.

Fielding Frederick Ould was born on 30 November 1837, and was baptised 18 March 1838, at Christ Church, Liverpool. He was the son of a vicar.

The 1851 Census shows Fielding Frederick Ould, age 13, studying at Marlborough College boarding school in North Wiltshire.

The 1861 Census shows Frederick Ould, a Divinity Student, age 23, living with his parents at The Rectory, Tattenhall, Cheshire. Frederick is shown as the eldest of seven children. At this time his parents had four servants.

Fielding Frederick Ould married Emma Neumann in 1867 in Northwich, Cheshire.

The 1871 Census shows Fielding Frederick Ould as *a Clergyman Without Care of Souls*, living in York, with his wife, and their two children. Also living in the household is Fielding Frederick Ould's mother, and one of his sisters.

The 1881 Census shows Fielding Frederick Ould as the Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge, living at 1 Mottram Road, with his wife, and their seven children. The youngest four were born in Stalybridge.

Rev Fielding Frederick Ould, age 43 years, was an ardent cyclist, and was riding his bicycle on Ashton Road, near Manchester, on the Monday, when he fell under wheel of a heavy lorry. He was taken to Manchester Infirmary, but passed on the Wednesday night.

"Rev Fielding Ould died as the result of an Accident on 17 October 1881." Samuel Hill 1901.

Rev Ould was buried at St James' Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge, on 22 October 1881.

The Memorial Inscription on his Grave reads:

In Loving Memory of Rev Fielding Ould Vicar of Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge, who departed this life Oct 19th MDCCCLXXXI (1881).

"They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever"

Rev Ould was survived by his wife and several children, who moved away from Stalybridge after Fielding died. The congregation of Holy Trinity Church arranged for a stained-glass window, dedicated to Rev F F Ould, to be fitted at Holy Trinity Church.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/164786897/fielding-frederick-ould>



To The
Glory of God
and in Memory
of the



Rev Fielding
F Ould
6 Years
Vicar of this
Parish



Who died
Oct 18-1881
by an
Affectionate
Congregation

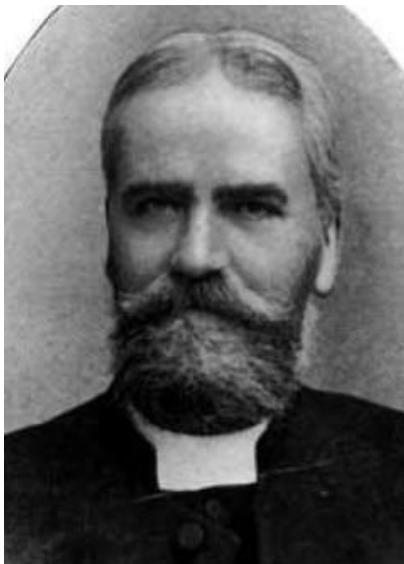
The Third Vicar

Charles Sutcliffe was born in Todmorden in 1842.

The 1851 Census shows that his maternal grandfather was an agricultural labourer, and a widower. His mother was a widow. At that time the Sutcliffe family were living in Burnley.

The 1871 Census shows that Charles was a Clerical Student, he was living in Burnley with his mother, who had remarried. Also in the household was his step-father, and several half-siblings.

Charles Sutcliffe married Ada Humphreys in 1874 in Birmingham. The 1881 Census shows that Charles is the Vicar of Dinting, Derbyshire, living with his wife, and five children.



“The First curate at Christ Church was Rev Charles Sutcliffe, the Consecration Service being held on 21 May 1879. Rev Charles Sutcliffe preached his first sermon at Holy Trinity on Sunday, 18 January 1882.” Samuel Hill *Byone Stalybridge* 1901

From 1883 until 1886 the Curate at Holy Trinity was Rev William Hurst BA; and from 1886 until 1890 the Curate at Holy Trinity was Rev George Edward Kelly French BA.

Charles Sutcliffe is shown in the 1891 Census as a Clergyman, living with his wife and five children, at Cockerhill House, Stalybridge. The youngest three children were born in Stalybridge.

The organ chamber and vestry were added to Holy Trinity Church to commemorate the Jubilee of the Parish, October 1897.

The 1901 Census shows Charles Sutcliffe, a Clergyman in the Church of England, living with his wife, and five children, at Holy Trinity Vicarage, Acres Lane, Stalybridge. The 1911 Census shows Charles Sutcliffe, a Clergyman in the Established Church, living with his wife, and their youngest daughter, at Holy Trinity Vicarage, Acres Lane, Stalybridge. In 1913 son, Horace Luther, died. The funeral service was held at Holy Trinity. Horace Luther was buried at St Paul’s Church, S/B.

After 36 years of being the Vicar at Holy Trinity Church, Rev Sutcliffe announced his retirement in 1917. He preached his farewell sermon on Sunday 10 February 1918, and left Stalybridge.

The 1921 Census shows that Charles had retired, and was living with Ada at The Vicarage, Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire, Wales. Ada died in Devon in 1926, and Rev Sutcliffe, Vicar of Holy Trinity Church for 36 years, died in 1935 in Tunbridge. They were both buried, with their son, at St Paul’s Staybridge. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/253721833/charles-sutcliffe>

The Burials

The main entrance into Holy Trinity church is via the West Door, on the ground floor of the tower. On both the north and south sides of this entrance door, you can see paved areas. This is the land that was consecrated for burials.

The first burial at Holy Trinity was in November 1853, and the last burial in a new grave, was in March 1856. In total, in a short period of just over two years, seven burials in seven new graves took place. One burial took place in 1853, one in 1854, three in 1855, and two in 1856.

In comparison, about 250 burials took place, over the same period, at St Paul's, Stalybridge. St Paul's, Stalybridge, is the largest Church of England graveyard in the country, where there are almost 40,000 burials, including many who had connections to Holy Trinity.

The burial ground at Holy Trinity was Officially Closed in 1856. The last three burials that took place at Holy Trinity, in 1857, 1877, and in 1879, were into already existing family graves.

Holy Trinity, with only seven graves, and ten burials, is the smallest known burial ground in Stalybridge. Those ten burials at Holy Trinity took place over a period of a quarter of a century.

In the burial area to the south side of the main entrance there is a raised tomb, that of Daniel Barker age 2 years and 6 months, the son of local surgeon and GP, Dr Barker.

On the north side of the main entrance, there are three gravestones, all are laid on the ground:

Henry J Atkinson who played an important part in the early life of the church
Edwin Shaw his headstone says that he was Superintendent of the Sunday Schools
John Simpson his headstone says that he was a Lay Assistant and Parish Clerk

Henry John Atkinson and Edwin Shaw are buried with their wives.

There are four burials that have no grave marker, those of:

Mary Whitehead age 17 years. Mary's father was a baker.
John Tatterson, age 18 months. John's father was a stone mason.
Mary Ollerenshaw Tinker age 11 weeks; and her brother
Walter Tinker age 3 weeks and 2 days. Their father was a butcher.

Four of the ten burials at Holy Trinity, are for very young children.

The eldest adult buried at Holy Trinity was 73 years of age.

Information about the burials at Holy Trinity has been obtained from the records of the Burial Register, held at the Local Studies Library, Ashton-under-Lyne, and the remaining Headstones.

Summary Chart Showing Details of the Burials at Holy Trinity

Christian Name(s)	Surname	Day	Month	Year	Age	Address	Marker
		of Burial					
Daniel	Barker	19	11	1853	2 Years & 6 Months	Grosvenor Street, Castle Hall	Raised Tomb
Mary	Atkinson	3	2	1854	53 Years	Ridge Hill Lane	Headstone
Mary	Whitehead	11	1	1855	17 Years	Grasscroft Street	
John	Tatterson	22	5	1855	18 Months	Grasscroft Street	
Mary Ollerenshaw	Tinker	11	9	1855	11 Weeks	Grosvenor Street	
Edwin	Shaw	23	2	1856	35 Years	Cross Leech Street	Headstone
John	Simpson	13	3	1856	44 Years	Grosvenor Street	Headstone
Walter	Tinker	16	9	1857	3 Weeks & 2 Days	Brierley Street, Stalybridge	
Henry John	Atkinson	29	3	1877	73 Years	Hulme, Manchester	Headstone
Elizabeth	Dawson	18	1	1879	55 Years	Sale	Headstone

Children Buried Alone:

Danny Barker & John Tatterson

Church Workers:

Edwin Shaw & John Simpson

Teenager: Mary Whitehead

Siblings:

Mary Ollerenshaw Tinker & Walter Tinker.

Spouses:

Henry John Atkinson & Mary Atkinson.

Edwin Shaw & Elizabeth Dawson.

Henry J Atkinson – Age 73 Years – a Manager in a Cotton Mill – and Wife Mary

Birth Date: Henry John Atkinson: 4 Oct, Baptism Date: 2 Dec 1803, St Nicholas, Liverpool
Father: Edward Atkinson

Marriage Date: John Atkinson, a Bookkeeper, 15 Apr 1823, Holy Trinity, Liverpool
Spouse: Mary Ann Christopher. Married by Banns.

1851 Census

Ridgehill Lane, Stalybridge

Henry J Atkinson	47	Manager Cotton Mill
Mary Atkinson	49	
Elizabeth Atkinson	21	Cotton Minder
Ann Atkinson	18	Cotton Minder
Edward T Atkinson	10	School

Death of Wife: ATKINSON Mary, Age 52, Death Registered 1854 Hartshead

Second Marriage: 28 Sep 1856, at St Thomas, Ardwick, Manchester
Henry John Atkinson, a Widower, a Manager, of Stalybridge, of Full Age
Father: Edwd Atkinson (Deceased). Spouse: Lydia Richardson, a Widow. Married by Licence.

1861 Census

Garstang, Lancashire

Thomas Turner	57	Cotton Outlooker	Head
Jane Turner	54	Dressmaker	Wife
Anne Atkinson	28	Warper for Power Loom	Boarder
Henry Atkinson	56	Cotton Carder	Visitor

1871 Census

West Bank (?), Newton,

Henry John Atkinson	67	Mill Manager	
Lydia Atkinson	67		Wife
Mary Jane Lowe	21		Niece
Walter Bagshaw	19	Draughtsman	Boarder

Death: ATKINSON Henry John, Age 73, 1877, Hulme , Manchester
Henry John Atkinson, Died: 24 March 1877, Hulme, Manchester

Burial Date: 29 March 1877, Holy Trinity Stalybridge
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251015889/henry-john-atkinson>

Will: Henry John Atkinson, Formerly of Stalybridge, Late of Drake Street, Hulme, Manchester
Death Date: 24 Mar 1877, Death Place: Lancashire, England
Effects £600. Proven by William Towle of Ridge Hill Lane, Stalybridge. Brickmaker.

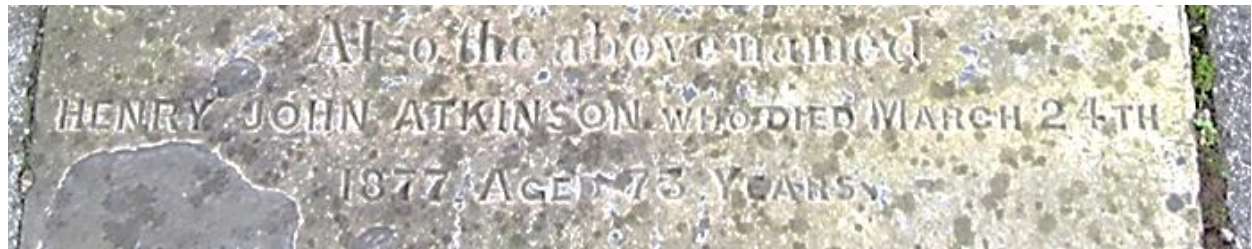
Monumental Inscription

SACRED

To the Memory of
Mary the Beloved Wife of
Henry John Atkinson
Who Departed This Life
January 29th, 1854
in the 53rd Year of Her Age
O Think What Pain and Grief My Sickness Gave
Grieve Not To Lay Me In The Silent Grave
I Go My Friend Where Sorrows Foot Ne'er Trod
I Go To Meet My Saviour and My God
Also The Above Named
Henry John Atkinson
Who Died 24th March 1877
Aged 73 Years

I know that my Redeemer Liveth

This headstone is laid flat on the ground and is on the north side of the Holy Trinity tower.



Henry John Atkinson is the father of Edward T Atkinson featured on Page 38.

Daniel Barker – Age 2 Years and 6 Months – Son of the Local Doctor

of Grosvenor Street, Castle Hall, Stalybridge, a Child: Age 2 Years and 6 Months

Parent's Marriage: BARKER Daniel and TINSLEY Jane, 1840, St Elphin's, Warrington

1851 Census

89 Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge

Daniel Barker	41	Member of Royal College of Surgeons and General Practitioner
Jane Barker	35	Wife
Jane Barker	9	Daughter
Frances C Boyes	12	Relative
Elisa Fox	19	House Servant

Birth: BARKER Daniel, Mother's Maiden Name TINSLEY

Birth Registered June Quarter 1851 Dukinfield

Baptism: Daniel Barker. Baptism Date: 27 Jun 1852, Baptism Place: Castle Hall, Cheshire, Residence Place: Castle Hall, Cheshire, Father: Daniel Barker, Mother: Jane Barker. Daniel's is the first Baptism in the Holy Trinity Baptism book.

Death: BARKER Daniel, Age 2, Death Registered 1853 Dukinfield.

Daniel's is the first Burial in the Holy Trinity Burial book.

Burial: Daniel Barker, Grosvenor Street, Castle Hall, Stalybridge

Died 15 Nov 1853. Buried 19 Nov 1853, Holy Trinity, Stalybridge

Age 2 Years 6 Months.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251015881/daniel-barker>

In **1861** the Barker family were living at 24 Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge.

The Barker family then moved to Southport, where **Dr Daniel Barker died 2 July 1866.**

Monumental Inscription

In Affectionate Remembrance of
Daniel
Son of Daniel and Jane Barker of Stalybridge
Born 2 May 1851
Died 15 Nov 1853
Requiesat In Peace

There are no records of any other burial in this family grave.

Below: The Raised Tomb for Daniel Barker, on the south side of the Holy Trinity tower



Below: The Memorial Plaque inside Holy Trinity Church
"Jane, wife of Daniel Barker. 1852"



Edwin Shaw – Closely Connected with Holy Trinity Church – and his wife Elizabeth Dawson.

Summary: Edwin Shaw was closely connected with Holy Trinity Church. His widow, Elizabeth, remarried. One of Edwin and Elizabeth's daughters, Mary Alice, became employed by John Cheetham at his Eastwood Lodge Home, Stalybridge. (The grounds are now Cheetham's Park.)

Baptism: Edwin Shaw. Baptism Date: 28 May 1820
Baptism Place: Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, England
Father: John Shaw, a Clothier, of Stayley. Mother: Alice

Edwin Shaw has not been found in the 1841 Census

Marriage: HAGUE Elizabeth married SHAW Edwin, 1850, St Mary's, Stockport

Birth of Daughter: SHAW Mary Alice, Mother's Maiden Name HAIGH, Born 1850. Registration Certificate at Dukinfield

1851 Census

2 Vaudrey Street, Stalybridge

Edwin Shaw	31	an Agent	Born Mottram
Elizabeth Shaw	25		Born Yorkshire
Mary Alice Shaw	4 Months		Born Stalybridge

Birth of Daughter: Births March Quarter, 1854 Ashton, Shaw Amelia

Baptism of Daughter: Amelia Shaw, Baptism Date: 14 May 1854
Baptism Place: Castle Hall, Cheshire, England
Residence Place: Castle Hall, Cheshire, England
Father: Edwin Shaw. Mother: Elizabeth Shaw

Death of Edwin SHAW Edwin, Age 35, Death Registered 1856, Certificate Dukinfield

Burial: Edwin Shaw, of Cross Leech Street, Castle Hall, Stalybridge
Died 20 February 1856. Buried 23 February 1856, Holy Trinity, Stalybridge.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251015886/edwin-shaw>

A stained-glass window inside Holy Trinity Church was dedicated to Edwin Shaw, *see Page 20.*

1861 Census

136 Grasscroft Street, Stalybridge

Elizabeth Shaw	35	Head	Widow
Mary A Shaw	10	Daughter	
Amelia Shaw	7	Daughter	

Possibly the **Second Marriage of Elizabeth**

HAIGH Elizabeth married DAWSON John, 1868 St James, Milnrow

1871 Census

Daughter, Mary A Shaw 20, Servant, in the Eastwood Lodge home of John Cheetham, Stalybridge

1871 Census

Daughter, Amelia Shaw 17, Servant, to an Estate Agent and Valuer in Salford

Death of Elizabeth Wife/Widow of Edwin Shaw, Died January 15th 1879

DAWSON Elizabeth, Age 55, Died 1879, Altrincham

Burial Elizabeth Dawson, of Sale, was Buried 18 January 1879

at Holy Trinity, Stalybridge

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251015890/elizabeth-dawson>

1881 Census Daughter Mary Alice a Housekeeper, 10 Wellington Road, Bromley

1881 Census Daughter Amelia Shaw, Housekeeper to the Railway Station Master, Flixton

Death of Daughter SHAW Amelia, Age 33, Death Registered 1887, Dukinfield

Burial of Daughter First name Amelia, Last name Shaw, Birth year 1854, Age 33

Burial date 29 Aug 1887, St Paul's Church, Stayley, Cheshire. Denomination Anglican.

Memorial Inscription

Sacred to the Memory of
Edwin Shaw
who died February 20th 1856
Aged 35 Years

Erected by the Teachers of the Sunday Schools connected with this Church
In Grateful Recollection of his having Faithfully Filled the Office of Superintendent
For Upwards of 7 Years From the Date of their Establishment in 1847.

Also Elizabeth
Wife of the Above
Who Died January 15th 1879
Aged 55 Years
In Peace

Below: The Headstone of Edwin Shaw and his wife Elizabeth
This headstone is laid flat on the ground on the north side of Holy Trinity tower.



The stained-glass window inside Holy Trinity Church dedicated to Edwin Shaw.

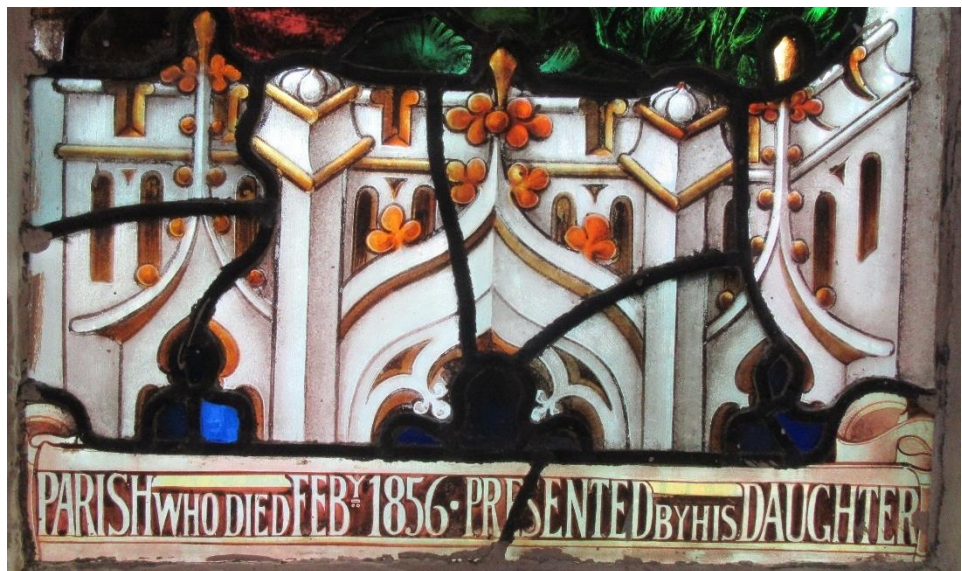
To The Glory of God and in Memory of



Edwin Shaw one of the Early Church Workers of this



Parish who died Feb 1856. Presented by his Daughter.



John Simpson – Lay Assistant and Parish Clerk

The Parish of Castle Hall came into being in February 1846.
The next year Rev Thomas Floyd BA was appointed as the first Vicar.

“The first meetings in connection with *Holy Trinity* church were held in the cottage of Mrs Simpson, in Back Grosvenor Street.” Samuel Hill *Bygone Stalybridge* 1907

Unfortunately, we have very limited information about John Simpson:
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251015887/john-simpson>

Death

SIMPSON John
Age 44
Died 10 March 1856
Death Registered 1856 Dukinfield

Burial

John Simpson
of Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge
Age 44
Buried 13 March 1856
Holy Trinity, Stalybridge

Monumental Inscription

Prepare To Meet Thy God.
Sacred To The Memory Of
John Simpson
Lay Assistant and Parish Clerk
Who Departed This Life
March 10th 1856
Aged 44 Years
Erected In Grateful Recollection
of the Zeal, Diligence and Success
With Which He Faithfully
Discharged His Duties For A Period
Of Nearly 9 Years.



This headstone is laid flat on the ground on the north side of Holy Trinity tower.

John Tatterson – Age 18 Months – his parents emigrated to Australia

Parent's Marriage

TATTERSON Edwin
WHITEHEAD Sarah
1849 St Mary's, Stockport

1851 Census

Castle Hall, Stalybridge
Edwin Tatterson 23 Journeyman stone mason
Sarah Tatterson 21
Ann Tatterson

Birth

TATTERSON John
Mother's Maiden Name WHITEHEAD
Birth Registered 1853 Dukinfield

Baptism

John Tatterson
Baptism Date: 25 Dec 1853
Baptism Place: Castle Hall, Cheshire, England
Residence Place: Castle Hall, Cheshire, England
Father: Edwin Tatterson
Mother: Sarah Tatterson

Death

TATTERSON John
Age 1
Death Registered 1855 Dukinfield

Burial

Buried on 22 May 1855
at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge
John Tatterson, age 18 months
of Grasscroft Street, Stalybridge
There is no headstone at Holy Trinity for this burial.

In 1852 John Tatterson's parents emigrated to Australia:
Edwin Tatterson, Age 30, Birth Date 1822
Departure Place Liverpool. Ship Wanata
Arrival Date 4 Oct 1852, Arrival Place Melbourne and Victoria, Australia

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251015884/john-tatterson>

**Sister
& Brother**

**Mary Ollerenshaw Tinker
Walter Tinker**

**Age 11 Weeks
Age 3 Weeks and 2 Days**

Parent's Marriage

TINKER William Ollerenshaw
ADSHEAD Esther
1854 Stayley, St Paul

William Ollerenshaw Tinker, a Butcher, of Stayley
Groom's father George Tinker, a Publican
Esther Adshead, a Weaver of Stayley
Bride's father's name John Adshead, a Farmer
Marriage date 04 Jun 1854
Marriage place St Paul's, Stalybridge
William Signed. Esther Made Her Mark.

Birth of Mary

TINKER Mary
Mother's Maiden Name ADSHEAD
Born 1855
Birth Certificate Dukinfield

Birth of Walter

TINKER Walter
Mother's Maiden Name ADSHEAD
Birth Registered 1857
Certificate Dukinfield

Death of Mary

TINKER Mary Ollerenshaw
Age 0
Died 1855
Death Certificate Dukinfield

Death of Walter

TINKER Walter
Age 0
Death Registered 1857
Certificate Dukinfield

Burial of Mary

Mary Ollerenshaw Tinker
of Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge
Died Age 11 Weeks
Buried 11 Sept 1855
Holy Trinity Stalybridge

Burial of Walter

Walter Tinker
of Brierley Street, Stalybridge
Age 3 Weeks and 2 Days
Buried 16 September 1857
Holy Trinity, Stalybridge

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251015885/mary-ollerenshaw-tinker>
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251015888/walter-tinker>

There is no headstone at Holy Trinity for the above burials.

Death of Father

TINKER William Ollerenshaw
Age 26
Death Registered 1859 Dukinfield

1861 Census

41 Walmsley Street, Stalybridge
Martha Platt 42 - Head - Butcher
Mary Bardsley 25 - Lodger - Cotton Weaver
Esther Tinker 28 - Lodger - a Widow - Cotton Weaver
- Born Hollingworth

Mother Remarried

TINKER Esther (nee Adshead)
LEECH Thomas
1864 Christ Church, Ashton under Lyne

Mary Whitehead – Age 17 Years

Parents Marriage

Name Ralph Whitehead

Marriage Date 11 Oct 1830

Marriage Place Stockport, Cheshire, England

Spouse Grace Woodhead

Baptism

Mary Whitehead

Christening Date: 12 Mar 1837

Christening Place: Stockport, Cheshire, England

Father: Ralph Whitehead

Mother: Grace Whitehead

1851 Census

Grasscroft Street, Castle Hall, Stalybridge

Ralph Whitehead	42	Head	Baker
Grace Whitehead	40	Wife	Baker
William Whitehead	22	Son	Baker
John Whitehead	10	Daughter	Baker
Mary Whitehead	14	Daughter	In this Census Mary has no given occupation
George Whitehead	12	Son	Scholar
Ralph Whitehead	6	Son	

Death

WHITEHEAD Mary

Age 17

Death Registered 1855

Certificate Dukinfield

Burial

Mary Whitehead, Age 17 years, of Grasscroft Street, Stalybridge

Buried 11 January 1855, Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge

There is no headstone at Holy Trinity Church for this burial.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251015883/mary-whitehead>

1861 Census

80 Grasscroft Street, Stalybridge

Ralph Whitehead	54	Head	Baker
Grace Whitehead	54	Wife	
Ralph Whitehead	16	Son	Baker's Son

1871 Census

80 Grasscroft Street, Castle Hall, Stalybridge

Ralph Whitehead	62	Head	Baker
Grace Whitehead	62	Wife	
George Whitehead	32	Son	Joiner
Ralph Whitehead	25	Son	Baker
Mary Whitehead	9	Daughter	Scholar

Death of Mother:

WHITEHEAD Grace, Age 67, Death Registered 1874, Certificate Dukinfield

Burial of Mother:

Grace Whitehead, of Dukinfield, Birth year 1807, Age 67,

Burial Date: 06 Jul 1874, Church: St Paul, Stalybridge, Denomination Anglican

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251043039/grace-whitehead>

Father Remarried:

WHITEHEAD Ralph married COOPE Hannah (nee Woodhead)

1874 Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, (Stalybridge)

Death of Father:

WHITEHEAD Ralph , Age 73 , Death Registered 1881, Certificate Dukinfield

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/253062683/ralph-whitehead>

The Whitehead family headstone,

that stood at Range 9 Grave 33, at St Paul's, until St Paul's churchyard was landscaped, read:

Ralph Whitehead, Baker of this Town, Who Departed This Life October 6th 1881, Aged 73 Years

Also of his wife Grace, the Beloved Wife of Ralph Whitehead, Baker of Stalybridge,

Who Departed This Life July 2nd 1874 in her 67th Year.

Also of Rebecca, the Beloved Wife of George Whitehead, of Stalybridge,

Who Died March 4th 1867, in her 27th Year.

Also the above George Whitehead, Who Died April 10th 1915, Aged 76 Years.

Also Maria his Wife, Who Died January 4th 1907, Aged 75 Years.

Also Edith, the Beloved Daughter of Joshua and Mary Bramhall, and Grand-Daughter of the

Above George Whitehead, Who Died May 21st 1885, Aged 8 Months

The Stained Glass Windows

William Robert Batchelor and his Second Wife Elizabeth

Very little is known about the early life of William Robert Batchelor. We do know that he was born in Slaugham, Sussex, and his mother was named Ann. William Robert was baptised on 20 May 1821. His father, also named William Robert Batchelor, a Publican, died in 1829.

On 19 January 1845 William Robert Batchelor, a Waiter, age 23, of Swan Street, Manchester, married Amelia Greenwood. They had two children: Amelia born 1845, and Sidney born 1846. William's wife Amelia died, age 30, in 1849, in Newton, Manchester. We do not know where she was buried.

The 1851 Census shows William's children, Amelia and Sidney, staying at the home of Joseph Barlow in Newton, Manchester. Joseph's daughter, Elizabeth, was 16 years old, and a Silk Winder.

"Stalybridge Pubs" by Rob Magee tells us that: "In December 1854 William Robert Batchelor took a ten-year lease on a larger corner house on Caroline Street for £75 per annum. Two years later he was granted a full licence and called his pub the "Wellington Inn". Mr Batchelor was landlord for 20 years, but he continued to own the pub until 1898 when Boddington's Brewery took over. The pub's original address was 59 Caroline Street, but by 1881 it was 63 Caroline Street, a row of 6 houses being built on part of the Lower Wharf section of the canal."

On 13 May 1858, William Robert Batchelor, a Widower, and a Spirit Dealer, age 37, married Elizabeth Barlow, age 25, at Manchester Cathedral. Their children were: Elizabeth born 1858, Ann born 1859, Jane born 1861, William born 1863, Alice born 1864, Joseph born 1866, Mary born 1868. Three of these children died young: Alice died in 1864, Joseph in 1866; Elizabeth, died age 10, in 1868. Alice, Joseph, and Elizabeth were all buried at St Paul's, Stalybridge.

The 1861 Census shows William Robert, his second wife, his two children from his first marriage, and his daughter Ann from his second marriage, living at 59 Caroline Street, Stalybridge. William was an Inn Keeper.

On 4 February 1863 William Robert Batchelor, a Publican, became a member of the Moira Lodge of the Stalybridge Freemasons. He was 40 years of age.

The Post Office Directory of 1865 lists William Robert Batchelor as living at the "Wellington", Caroline Street, Stalybridge.

The 1871 Census shows William Robert Batchelor, an Innkeeper, at 59 Caroline Street, Stalybridge. He is living with his second wife, Elizabeth, and five of their children.

Morris & Co's Directory & Gazetteer of Cheshire of 1874 lists William Robert Batchelor as living at the Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stalybridge.

By 1881 William Robert Batchelor was a retired publican, living at 169, Mottram Road, Stalybridge. By this stage he must have accumulated some wealth, because his adult daughters did not have any paid employment, although his son William was an apprentice chemist.

William Robert's daughter, Ann Batchelor, married Thomas Henry Mills, in 1881, at Holy Trinity Church. Thomas Henry Mills was the son Thomas and Ann Mills, and the brother of Annie, Ada Mary, and Emily Mills, who all have dedicated stained-glass windows, at Holy Trinity Church.

William Robert Batchelor was still living on Mottram Road in 1891, by this time his daughter Mary was a student at Manchester Art School.

William Robert Batchelor, of 175 Mottram Road, Stalybridge, died on 25 January 1893. He was 71 years of age and he left effects worth £3,308 13s 5d. William Robert was buried on 28 January 1893, in Range 8 Grave 44, in the old burial ground, at St Paul's Church, Stalybridge.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251428123/william-robert-batchelor>

Buried with William Robert are: his widow, Elizabeth, who died on 29 April 1897; and their children: Alice 1864, Joseph 1866, Elizabeth 1868, Mary 1934, and William 1945. Also buried in the family grave, is Ann Batchelor, who died in 1870, mother of William Robert.

Both William and Elizabeth's burials were Officiated by Rev Charles Sutcliffe of Holy Trinity.

Ann Batchelor
daughter of William Robert and Elizabeth Batchelor
married
Thomas Henry Mills
son of Thomas and Ann Mills
in 1881 at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge

William Robert and Elizabeth Batchelor
and
Thomas and Ann Mills
have dedicated stained-glass windows at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge

To The Glory of God
and In Loving Memory of
William Robert Batchelor



who died
January 25th 1893.
Also of Elizabeth
his Widow
who died April 29th 1897



This Window Was Dedicated By
Their Affectionate Children.



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"The foremost of our local mechanics and inventors, Mr. Edward Buckley, late of the firm of Messrs. Taylor, Lang and Co., is well worthy of notice in this volume. He was the son of Mr Radcliffe Buckley, a blacksmith, and was born in Brierley Street, Castle Hall, on the 13 April 1838. Mr Buckley obtained employment at Messrs Taylor, Lang and Co, at the Castle Iron Works. His series of improvements and labour-saving combinations, were the source of great profit for the firm. As a result he was elected to the board of directors in 1872. His wife pre-deceased him, Mr Buckley died at his residence on Cocker Hill on 15 May 1894, and was interred at St Paul's Church." Samuel Hill *Bygone Stalybridge* 1907.

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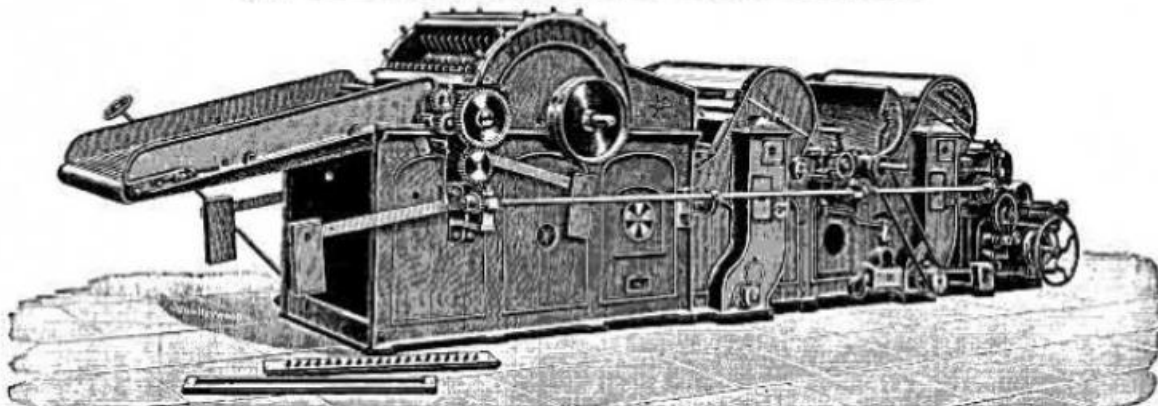
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Edward Buckley was baptised on 3 Jun 1838, at St Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne. His parents were Ratcliffe, a blacksmith, and Jane Buckley. Edward was educated at Thomas Avison's *People's School*, on Brierley Street, Stalybridge. In 1841 and 1851 the Buckley family were living on Brierley Street. In 1851 a group of Engineers and Iron Moulders were staying in the Buckley household. Could this have been the catalyst to Edward finding his calling as a mechanic?

In 1860 Edward Buckley married Betty Norton at St John's Church, Dukinfield. Between 1862 and 1869 Edward and Betty had five sons. One died as a child.

The 1861 Census shows Edward, a Mechanic, and Betty, living with her parents on High Street in Stalybridge. By 1871 Edward and Betty had their own home, at this time Edward was a Mechanic Machine Fitter. The 1881 Census shows that Edward was a Machine Fitter, and his son William Ratcliffe was a Mechanic's Apprentice.

By 1891 Edward and Betty were living at Rock House, on Cocker Hill, Stalybridge. Edward was also involved in local politics, attaining the position of a Conservative Town Councillor.

Betty died on 2 January 1894. Edward, who was only 56 years old, died on 15 May 1894, during his term of office, having spent his final months struggling to overcome the death of his wife.

Betty and Edward were buried in Range 32 Grave 41, at St Paul's Church, Stalybridge. The burials, on 5 January, & 18 May 1894, were both officiated by Rev C Sutcliffe of Holy Trinity.

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/232571425/edward-buckley>

Within Holy Trinity Church is a stained-glass window,
"Erected to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Edward and Betty Buckley
who died 1894, by their son William. October 1896."



Worsley Gill

Parent's Marriage: James Gill married Sarah Elizabeth Knott, in 1893, at Holy Trinity, Castle Hall. Worsley Gill, mother's maiden name Knott, was born on 20 July 1895, in Stalybridge.

Worsley Gill, son of James and Sarah Elizabeth Gill, was baptised on 25 August 1895, at Castle Hall. Worsley Gill was educated at Castle Hall School, and the Technical School, Stalybridge.

The 1901 Census shows James Gill, a Draper's Assistant, living with his wife Sarah Elizabeth, his children, Jenny and Worsley, his mother-in-law, and his sister-in-law, at 105 Spring Bank Street, Stalybridge.

The 1911 Census shows the Gill family living at 4 Stamford Street, Stalybridge.

James was a Draper and Milliner, and Worsley, age 15, was an Apprentice Draper.

Worsley Gill enlisted as Acting Bombardier, 296950, East Cheshire Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, on 25 October 1915.

He First Served in a Theatre of War in June 1916.

Worsley Died of wounds, on 21 September 1917, at No 4 General Hospital, Camiers, France.

He was unmarried. He was awarded the British War Medal, Victory Medal.

A War Gratuity of £8 10s 0d was paid to his parents.

Worsley is buried in Grave XXVI. C. 8. At Etaples Military Cemetery, France.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10893310/worsley-gill>

At this time James and Sarah Elizabeth Gill, were living at Oakleigh, Thompson Cross, Stalybridge, Cheshire.

The Personal Inscription they chose to be engraved upon Worsley's Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone says:

Our Only Son, Whose Life Holds No Memory To Regret

Worsley Gill is also Commemorated on the WW1 War Memorial, inside Holy Trinity Church. Acting Bomber W GILL is Commemorated of the WW1 War Memorial, Trinity Street, Stalybridge

Worsley Gill is the cousin of Private Frank Gartside who died of wounds on 12 December 1915 and is buried at St Paul's Stalybridge.

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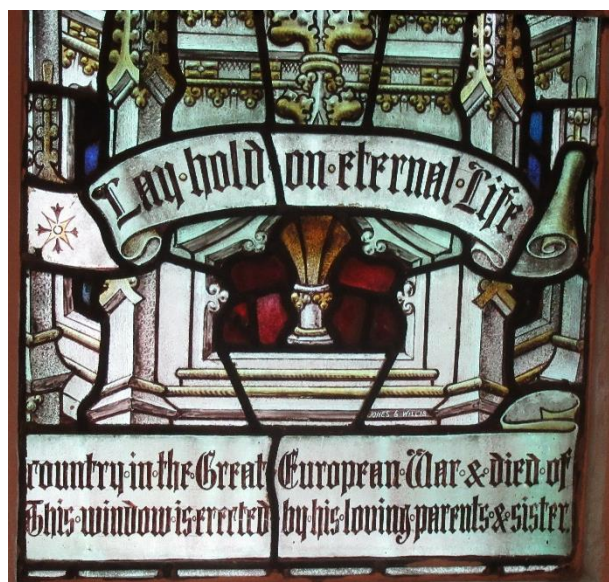
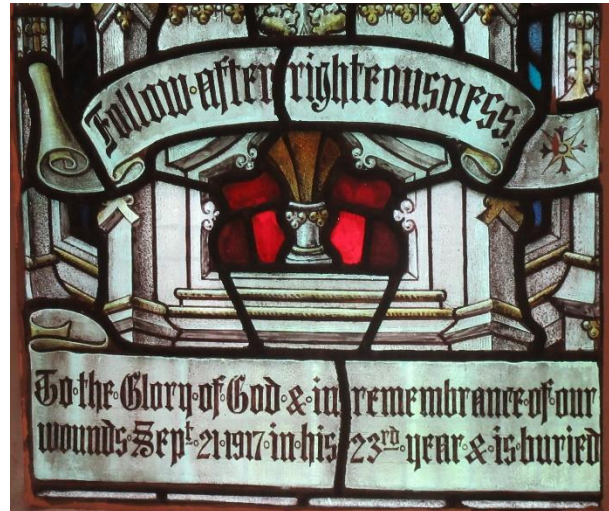
Worsley's father, James, was the brother of Frank's father, Benjamin.

Benjamin Gill's second wife, Elizabeth Ellen, has a memorial plaque inside Holy Trinity Church.

There is a stained-glass window,
in the side chapel,
of Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge,
with the following epitaph:

To the Glory of God
& in Remembrance
of our only son Worsley Gill
who Gave His Life
for his country
in the Great European War
& Died of Wounds
Sept 21, 1917,
in his 23rd year
& is buried in the
British Military Cemetery,
Etaples, France.

This window is erected
by his loving parents
and sister.



Annie, Ada Mary, and Emily Mills – Three Sisters

Three Sisters - Annie, Ada Mary, and Emily Mills.

All three were born in Stalybridge.

All three were baptised at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge.

All three became devoted workers at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge.

All three are named on a stained-glass window, inside Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge.

The stained-glass window was installed at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge, in 1937.

All three are named on a brass plaque, inside Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge.

The brass plaque says that the Oak Panelling was completed in AD 1937.

And Their Parents – Thomas and Ann Mills

Thomas and Ann Mills also have a dedication on a stained-glass window at Holy Trinity Church.

The parents of Annie, Ada Mary, and Emily, were Thomas Mills and Ann Shaw, who married in 1851, at St Mary's Church, Stockport. Between 1847 and 1872, Thomas and Ann had a large family, consisting of four sons and seven daughters. Five of these died as children.

Their three youngest daughters, to live until adulthood, were: Annie who was born in 1865, Ada Mary who was born 3 March 1868, and Emily who was born 22 September 1872.

The 1861 Census tells us that Thomas and Ann, and four of their children, were living at No 3 Acres Lane, Stalybridge, Thomas was a Grocer and tea dealer.

Daughter Annie was baptised at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall, on 22 October 1865.

Daughter Ada Mary was baptised at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall, on 24 May 1868.

By 1871 Thomas Mills was occupying both No 3 and No 5 Acres Lane with his grocery business. At this time Thomas and Ann Mills had five children.

Daughter Emily was baptised at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall, on 20 October 1872.

By 1881 Census shows Thomas Mills had become substantially more prosperous. He was living, with his wife, and family, at 9 Mottram Road, Stayley.

Thomas Mills was now a Corn Miller, and he was employing 4 men. His wife Ann now had help with running the household, they now employed a Domestic Servant.

In 1881 Annie, Ada Mary, and Emily's brother, Thomas Henry Mills, married Ann Batchelor at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge. Ann's parents were Robert William and Elizabeth Batchelor, who also have a stained-glass window, at Holy Trinity Church.

Thomas Mills, a Corn Miller, died 10 March 1887, he was 57 years of age. He left £23,121 10s, a small fortune. Thomas Mills of Stayley was buried in Range 5, Grave 33, on 14 March 1887, at St Paul's Church, Stalybridge. Rev Charles Sutcliffe of Holy Trinity Church Officiated.

The 1891 Census shows us that Annie, Ada Mary, and Emily Mills were living with their widowed mother, Ann, at The Moorlands, Stocks Lane, Stayley. All were "Living on their own means", which tells us that they had a private income, and that they did not need to be employed. And, of course, they had a General Domestic Servant.

Annie, Ada Mary, and Emily's mother, Ann Mills, was 67 years of age when she died on 3 November 1896. Ann Mills was buried with her husband, at St Paul's Church, Stalybridge on 6 November 1896. Rev Charles Sutcliffe of Holy Trinity Church Officiated.

A stained-glass window at Holy Trinity Church was dedicated to Thomas and Ann Mills by their affectionate children.

The 1901 Census show Ada Mary and Emily, living, on their own means, at 133 Stocks Lane, Stalybridge, with a General Domestic Servant.

Ada Mary was 38 years old when she died in 1907 at the Royal Asylum, Cheadle. Emily was 50 years old when she died in 1923 in Cheadle. Annie was 70 years old when she died in 1935 at the District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne. Annie left an estate worth £14,593 18s 2d. They were buried with their parents, and five other siblings who had died as children.

Annie, Ada Mary, and Emily's brother, Thomas Henry Mills, took over his father's Corn Milling business, and then became a Corn Dealer. When Thomas Henry Mills, of Oak House, Mottram Road, Stalybridge, died age 69 years, in 1926, he left an estate worth £88,874 12s 0d.

In 1937 a brass plaque was dedicated to Annie, Ada Mary, and Emily Mills, on the completion of the oak panelling behind the Holy Table at Holy Trinity Church.

In 1937 a stained-glass window, at Holy Trinity Church, was dedicated to the three sisters.

This link will take you to the Find A Grave Memorial for Thomas Mills, the father of Annie, Ada Mary, and Emily. From there further links will lead you to the Memorials for everyone else mentioned in this story: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251571307/thomas-mills>



To The Glory of God
and in Loving
Memory of Thomas
Mills



Who Died March
10th 1887. Also of
Ann his Widow who
died November 3rd
1896.



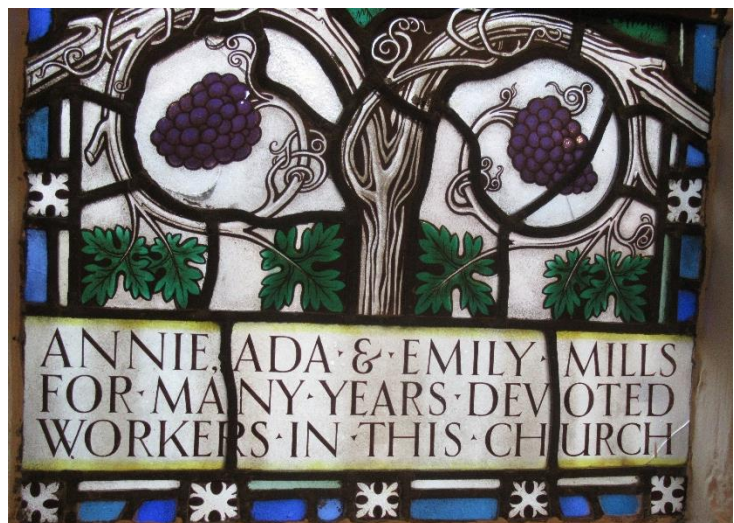
To The Glory of God
and in Affectionate
Remembrance of
Annie, Ada, & Emily
Mills For Many Years
Devoted Workers of
This Church and
Parish

This Oak Panelling
was completed AD
1937.

To The Glory of God and in
Affectionate Remembrance of

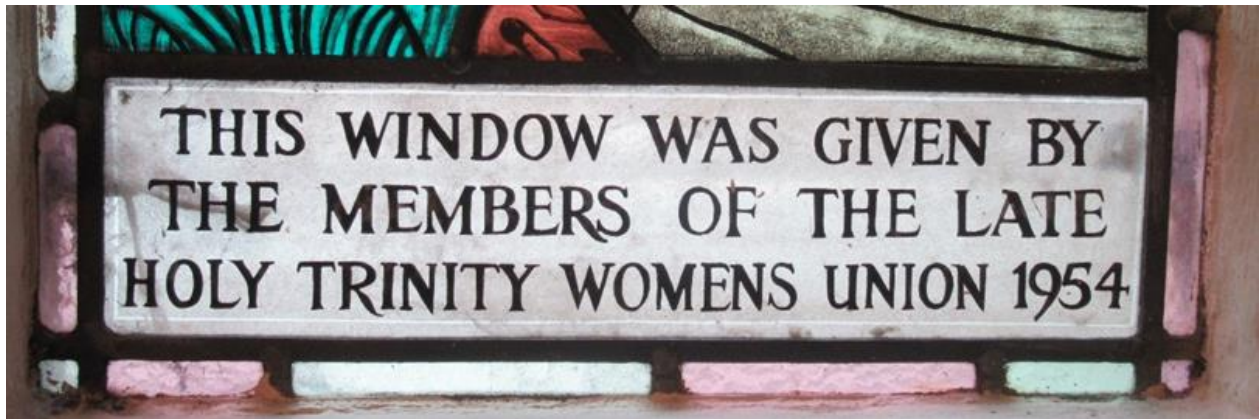


Annie, Ada & Emily Mills
For Many Years Devoted
Workers In This Church



And Parish
This Window was
Erected AD 1937





Above: the wording at the base of the **Holy Trinity Womens Union stained-glass window**.

The H Rose Memorial Plaque reads:

This Plaque was erected by the members of The Young Mens Bible Class in memory of Mr H Rose who was a teacher for over 50 years. Be Strong and of Good Courage.

Below: the wording on **The Jubilee plaque** reads:

To the Glory of God This Chapel, the Organ Chamber, and Vestry were erected to Commemorate the Jubilee of this Parish, October 1897. C Sutcliffe, Vicar.

Charles Sutcliffe, Vicar of Holy Trinity 1882-1918, please see Page 10.

John Henry Burgess, Warden, father of Harold Burgess Killed in Action 1918, please see Page 51.

Charles Frederick Mills, Warden, son of Thomas and Ann Mills, please see Page 33.



Memorial Plaques

Edward Turner Atkinson

Edward Turner Atkinson's birth was registered in 1841. Edward Turner Atkinson was the son of Henry John and Mary Atkinson who are buried at Holy Trinity Church. *(Please see Page 13)*.

Edward Turner Atkinson was Baptised on 28 February 1841 at St Paul's Church, Stalybridge. At the time his parents, Henry and Mary Atkinson, lived on Gas Street, Stalybridge.

In 1851 the Atkinson family were living on Ridgehill Lane, Stalybridge.

Henry J Atkinson was a Manager in a Cotton Mill, and Edward Turner was at school.

Edward's mother, Mary, died in 1854, and was buried at Holy Trinity, Stalybridge.

Edward's father remarried in 1856, and then moved away from Stalybridge.

On 6 January 1860, at the age of 19, Edward T Atkinson joined The First Muster Roll Of The Astley Rifle, at the Temperance Hall, Dukinfield, serving under Capt F D P Astley of Dukinfield.

The 1861 Census shows Edward Turner Atkinson, age 20, a Civil Engineer Apprentice, boarding at 11 Acres Lane, Stalybridge. He served his Apprenticeship with Mssrs Daniel Adamson, Dukinfield. Edward Turner Atkinson married Charlotte Stott in 1866 at Holy Trinity Church.

In 1868 Edward Turner was appointed as a Chief Draughtsman in B Goodfellow's works, Hyde.

The 1871 Census shows Edward Turner Atkinson, a Mechanical Engineer, and Charlotte, and their son Fred, living on Boardman Street, Hyde.

By 1878 Edward Turner Atkinson was the leading outside Engineer and Commercial Development Officer with B Goodfellow's of Hyde.

In 1877 his father died, and was buried with his first wife, Mary, at Holy Trinity Church.

By 1881 Census Edward Turner Atkinson, an Engineer & Millwright, and Charlotte, were living, with their six children, at 100 Wakefield Road, Stalybridge.

By 1889 Edward Turner Atkinson had become the Mechanical Engineer to London County Council.

In 1890 Edward Turner Atkinson became a Members of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

The 1891 Census shows Edward Turner, a Mechanical Engineer, Charlotte, and their seven children living at Exchange Road, Deptford, London. The Atkinson family were still living on Exchange Road, in Deptford, in 1901. Edward Turner Atkinson died in 1903, age 62 years.

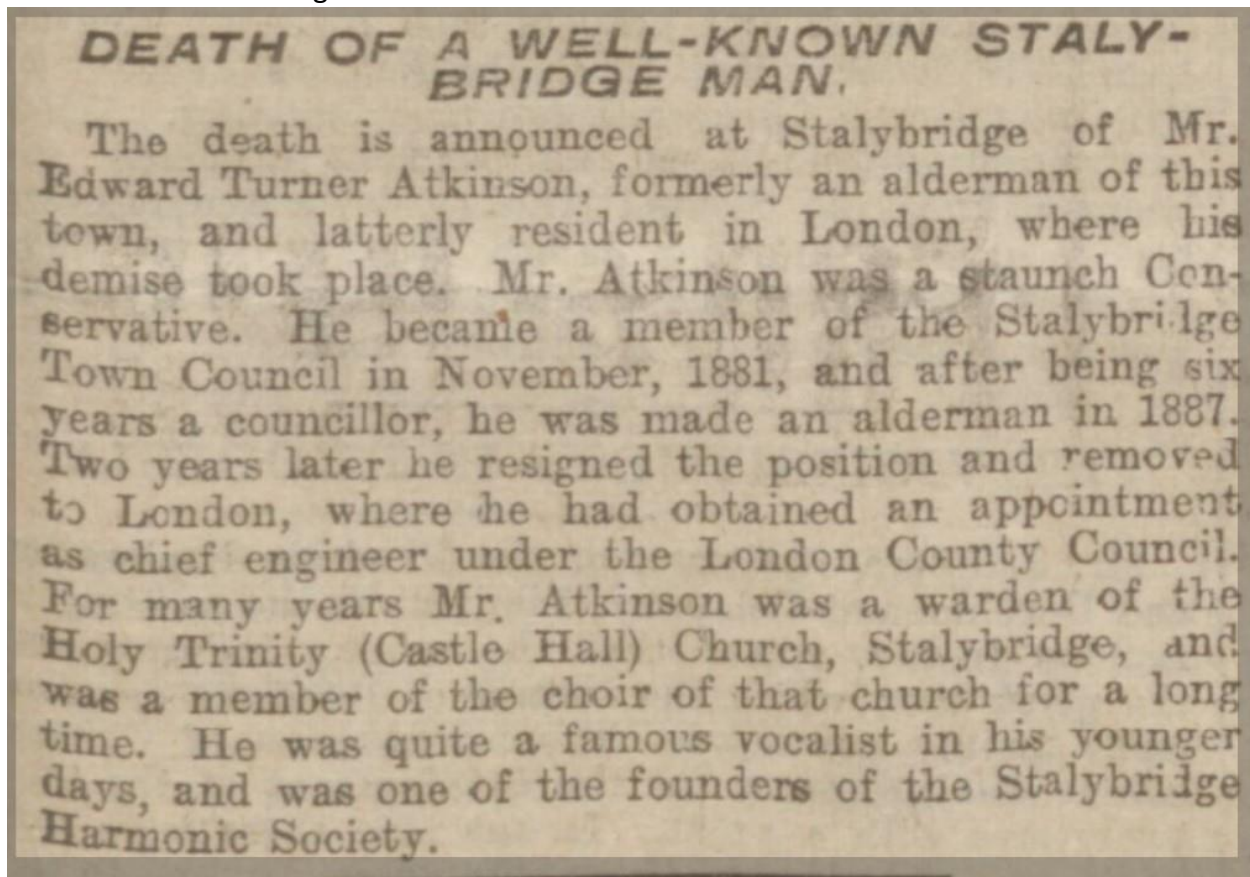
Edward Turner Atkinson was buried at St Michael's Church, Mottram in Longdendale.

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Inside Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge, is a brass memorial plaque that reads:

In Affectionate Remembrance of
Edward Turner Atkinson
Mechanical Engineer to the London County Council
Who Departed This Life After A Long & Painful Illness
December 19th, 1903, Aged 62 Years
He was for many years Choir Master of this Church
Superintendent of the Sunday School
and Alderman of this Borough
Earth's Work Well Done
At Rest. Amen.

The Manchester Evening News 21 December 1903:



NB: Edward Turner Atkinson could not have been one of the founders of the Stalybridge Harmonic Society. He was only a child, age 3 years, when the society was formed, about 1844.

Private James Cox

James' parents, Paul Cox and Ann Ward, married on 29 October 1873, in Glossop, Derbyshire. Over the following twenty years Paul and Ann Ward had nine children.

James Cox, mother's maiden name Ward, was born in 1880, in Delph, Saddleworth, Yorkshire.

James Cox, was 2 years of age, when he was baptised, on 25 July 1883, at St Thomas' Church, Friarmere, Delph, Saddleworth, Yorkshire. His father, Paul Cox, was a labourer, and the Cox family lived at Beswicks, in Saddleworth, Yorkshire.

The 1881 and 1891 Census show the Cox family living in Beswicks, Delph, Saddleworth.

On 26 February 1900 James Cox, who had been born in Yorkshire, enlisted in the 2nd Volunteer Service Company, of the 2nd Battalion, the Cheshire Regiment, and he served, as Private 7463, in South Africa during the Second Anglo Boer War.

On 31 March 1901, when the Census was taken, the Cox family were living at 5 Primrose Terrace in Stalybridge. "James Cox, Son, age 20" was written on the Census form, along with his parents and siblings' entries, and then James' details were crossed through, as he was abroad.

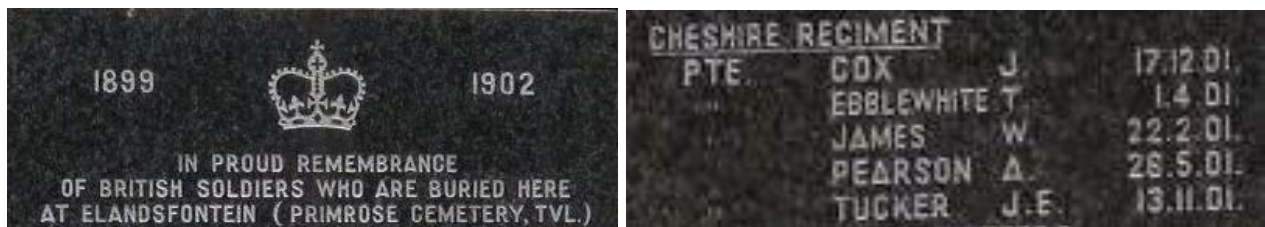
During 1901, James' Battalion was holding a post, on the line south of Johannesburg, when the enemy attacked fiercely. The attack was very gallantly driven off.

During that year the Battalion furnished the infantry of columns, under Sir H Rawlinson, Colonel E C Williams, Colonel Hickie, and other commanders, and did much arduous but useful work in the South-West Transvaal.

Private James Cox, of the Cheshire Regiment, died of disease at Elandsfontein, Johannesburg, South Africa, on 17 December 1901.

He is buried at Primrose Cemetery, Primrose, Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng, South Africa. *The Images below are of the Memorial Plaque in the cemetery.*

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/245836783/j-cox>



James is commemorated on the Cheshire Regiment, Boer War Memorial, in Chester Cathedral, St Werburgh Street, Chester. <https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/239963/>

By 1911 the Cox family were living at 29 Knowle Street, Stalybridge.

Upon the wall inside Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge, is a brass plaque that reads:

“4th V.B. Cheshire Regt
To the Glory of God
And in Memory of Private James Cox of the
2nd Volunteer Company, 2nd Batt: The Cheshire Regt,
Who, Whilst on Active Service in South Africa,
Died of Enteric Fever at Elandsfontein, Transvaal.
Dec 17th 1901, Aged 21.

This Tablet was erected by the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men,
of the Stalybridge Detachment of the 4th Volunteer Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment.
Fear God. Honour The King.”



The brother of James Cox is Sapper Charles Arthur Cox, who died of wounds in 1918, and is named on the Holy Trinity WW1 War Memorial. Please see Page 52 for further details.

Ellen Dickin, nee Mason, and her Family

Rev Horace Hansard Barber succeeded the Rev Charles Sutcliffe at Holy Trinity Church in 1918. At the time it was said that Rev Horace Hansard Barber suffered from indifferent health, but he remained the Vicar at Holy Trinity until 1931. Rev Horace Hansard Barber then became the Vicar at Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.

Near the Altar Table in Holy Trinity Church is a brass Plaque with the following engraving on it:

The Holy Table and Communion Rail
Were Given By
Ellen Dickin
In Memory of Her Parents
John Britton Mason, Who Died on 4th July 1926
Mary Ann Mason, Who Died on 24th May 1923
And Her Sister Alice Shore Mason, Who Died on 19th October 1926
For Many Years Worshippers In This Church
April 1927

John Britton Mason, mother's maiden name Britton, was born in 1860, near Preston in Lancashire.

John Britton Mason married Mary Ann Shore in 1886 in Rochdale.

They had two children: Alice Shore Mason born in Castleton, Rochdale, in 1887; and Ellen Shore Mason born in 1890 in Heywood, Rochdale.

The 1891 Census shows John Britton Mason, a Grocer's Assistant, with his wife, and two daughters, living at 358 Manchester Road, Castleton, Rochdale.

The 1901 Census shows John Britton Mason, a Co-operative Society Manager, with his wife, and two daughters, living at 4 Wakefield Road, Stalybridge.

By 1911 Census the Mason family were living at 3 West Street Stalybridge.

Ellen Shore Mason married Alfred Dickin in 1913 at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.

In 1921 John Britton, Mary Ann, and Alice Shore Mason were still living at 3 West Street, Stalybridge. In 1921, and in 1939, Alfred and Ellen Shore Dikin were living in Wolverhampton.

Mary Ann Mason was 61 years of age when she died in 1923 in Ashton-under-Lyne.

John Britton Mason was 65 years of age when he died in 1926 in Stalybridge.

Alice Shore Mason died in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, in 1926.

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Elizabeth Ellen Gill

Elizabeth Ellen Lyons was born on 18 October 1868, in Liverpool. She was baptised on 3 November 1868, at St Peter's Church, Liverpool.

Her father, Robert Lyons, had been born in Stalybridge, and her mother, Jane Sidebottom, had been born in Ashton-under-Lyne. Robert and Jane had married at St Paul's, Stalybridge, in 1857.

The 1871 Census shows Robert, a Greengrocer, living with his wife, Jane, and their children, in Liverpool. Jane Lyons died, age 45 years, in 1878, in Liverpool.

The 1881 Census shows the Lyons family split into two households. Father Robert, and three children were living in Liverpool. And Elizabeth Ellen and her eldest sister, Mary, were living in Stalybridge. Mary Lyons married Albert Oates in 1883, at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge.

The 1891 Census shows three of the Lyons siblings, including Elizabeth Ellen, living in Dukinfield, whilst Robert Lyons was living with his, now married, daughter, Jane, in Liverpool.

The 1901 and 1911 Census shows Elizabeth Ellen Lyons living with her married sister, Mary, in Stalybridge, whilst her father Robert was an Inmate at the Walton on the Hill, Workhouse. Robert died in 1912.

On 30 March 1917, Elizabeth Ellen Lyons, of 113 Mottram Road, Stalybridge, became a British Red Cross Nurse, at one of the Military Hospitals in Doncaster. She served in that capacity until 30 April 1918.

(There were four auxiliary military hospitals in Doncaster during WW1: Hooton Pagnal, Loversal Hall, Normanby Park, and St. George's Home.)

On 10 May 1919 Elizabeth Ellen Lyons was enrolled as a Midwife, having passed the Examination set by the Central Midwives Board.

48837	†LYONS, Elizabeth Ellen	113 Mottram Road, Stalybridge	1919, May 10	C.M.B. Examination
4336	†LYONS, Ellen			

The prefix † to a Midwife's name indicates that she had notified her intention to practice.

In 1924 Elizabeth Ellen Lyons married Ben Gill, at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.

48837.	†GILL, Elizabeth Ellen	11, Arundel Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.	1919 May 10	C.M.B. Examination.
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Elizabeth Ellen and Ben were only married for a few short years.

Elizabeth Ellen Gill, of 11 Arundel Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, died on 23 March 1931, age 62 years.

The marble memorial inside Holy Trinity, and the Will for Elizabeth Ellen, confirm the date of death. Elizabeth Ellen Gill was buried in the New Yard, Range 14 Grave 2, at St Paul's Church, Stalybridge. The memorial inscription upon the headstone included the words:

"Remembered for her Benevolence and Work Given Unselfishly to Others."

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251372991/elizabeth-ellen-gill>



Elizabeth Ellen's husband, Ben, was uncle to Worsley Gill (1895-1917) who has a stained-glass window at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge. Worsley Gill was the son of James Gill; James was the brother of Ben.

George William Middleton

George William Middleton, Mother's Maiden Name Lees, was born on 6 October 1872, in Stalybridge.

His parents, Martin Middleton and Alice Lees, had married in 1871.

George William Middleton was Baptised on 24 November 1872, at the Wesleyan Methodist, Caroline Street, Stalybridge.

The 1881 Census shows Martin Middleton, as a Master Clogger Employing 4 Men at 7 Stanley Square, Stalybridge. He was living with his wife Alice, son George William, and younger sons Henry, and Harold.

The 1891 Census shows Martin Middleton, as a Boot Maker, at the Clog Shop, Stanley Square, Stalybridge. Sons George William and Henry were Boot & Clogger's Apprentice's.

George William Middleton married Annie Maria Wood on 18 October 1898, at the Wesleyan Methodist, Caroline Street, Stalybridge. They did not have any children. The Marriage Certificate shows that George William was now a Master Boot and Shoe Maker at 7 Stanley Square.

By 1901 George William Middleton was a Boot Maker, living with his wife Annie Maria at 113 Stamford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The 1911 Census shows George William Middleton as a Boot Maker (Dealer), living with Annie Maria, at 127 Stamford Square, Ashton-under-Lyne.

By 1921 George William had become a self-employed Music Teacher, and was living with Annie Maria, at 27 Stamford Square, Ashton-under-Lyne.

George William Middleton, of 47 Stamford Street, Stalybridge, was only 58 years old when he died on 4 August 1931. He was buried in a new grave, Range 1A Grave 86, at St Paul's Church, Stalybridge. Annie Maria Middleton, was 74 years old, when she was buried with him in 1943.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251804989/george-william-middleton>

Their headstone, which was removed in 1999, when St Paul's churchyard was landscaped, included the following epitaph:

“For Over 12 Years the Devoted Organist and Choirmaster of Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge.”



Inside Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge, is a Brass Plaque engraved:

To The Glory of God
The Oak Panelling Behind
The Holy Table Was Given
By Annie M Middleton In
Loving Memory Of Her Dear Husband
George William Middleton
Organist & Choirmaster
Of This Church
March 1919 to August 1931.
He Was A Faithful Servant Of The Master

George Stenton

George Stenton was Baptised on 17 January 1849, in Doncaster, Yorkshire. His father was Joseph Stenton and his mother was Mary (nee Hutchinson)

The 1851 Census shows the Stenton family living at Hall Gate in Doncaster. Joseph was a Butcher, and was living with his wife Mary, and their four children. George was just 2 years of age. There were also two servants in the household.

The 1861 Census shows the Stenton family living at 5 Hall Gate, Doncaster. Joseph was a Farmer of 35 acres. George, who was 12 years of age, was a Scholar.

At some point George moved to Stalybridge, and became connected with Holy Trinity Church. Some years later, he became an assistant to a Mr Baildon, of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

On 23 April 1870 the Ashton-under-Lyne Reporter printed an article on how a select tea party had been held at the Castle Hall Schools, and, after the tea party, Mr George Stenton, a teacher in the Sunday School, was presented with a handsome Russia leather dressing case, as a testimonial, as a token of the personal esteem of his fellow teachers, and the appreciation with which his services in the school were regarded. The presentation was made by Rev T Floyd.

Saturday 23 April 1870 is the day that George Stenton died of injuries, following a gunpowder explosion in Mr Baildon's ironmonger's shop, in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

On Saturday 30 April 1870 the Ashton-under-Lyne Reporter printed an article describing the awful accident that resulted in the fearful death of George Stenton. He had left Stalybridge to fulfil an engagement with a Mr Baildon, an ironmonger, of Newcastle-under-Lyme. This gentleman kept a large quantity of gunpowder in the store at the rear of his premises. On Thursday 21 April 1870 George Stenton had occasion to go into the warehouse to fetch some gunpowder. As he entered the warehouse a terrible explosion occurred. The warehouse was shattered to ruins, and an adjoining house was blown down. George Stenton was frightfully injured and buried in the debris. He was conveyed to the Infirmary, but died from his injuries on the Saturday 23 April 1870. At the Inquest it was found that a Mr Mellard kept a larger quantity of powder than is allowed by law on his adjoining premises. He was Fined £20. The funeral of George Stenton was attended by five of his fellow teachers from Castle Hall, and by Rev Thomas Floyd of Holy Trinity Church. The bell of Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge, was tolled during the day in respect of his memory.

George Stenton is buried with his parents and two of his sisters at Hyde Park Cemetery, Doncaster.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/235554700/george-stenton>

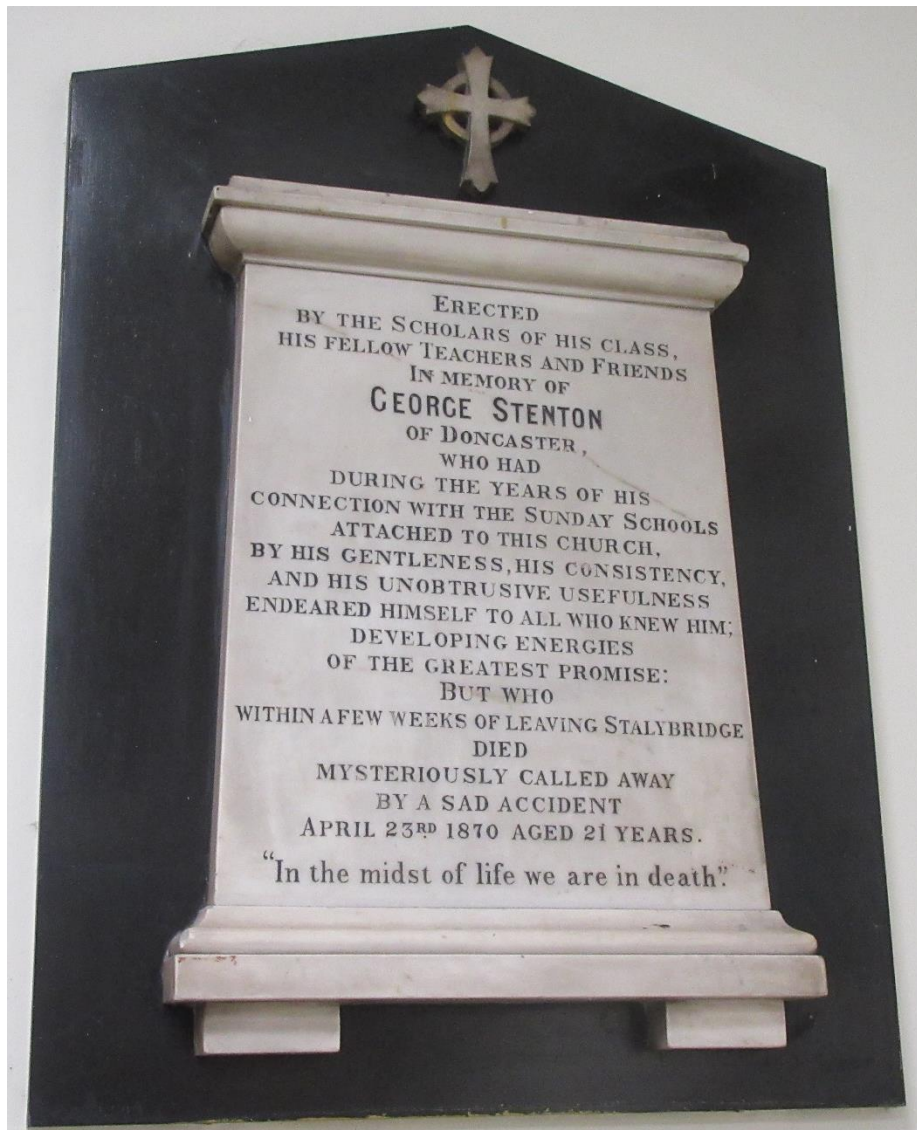
The Monumental Inscription Upon the Family Grave Reads:

*In affectionate remembrance of
Anne the beloved daughter of Joseph & Mary Stenton
who died April 23rd 1856 aged 19 years.
Also George their beloved son who died April 13rd 1870 aged 21 years.*

*In affectionate remembrance of Mary
the beloved wife of Joseph Stenton who died October 17th 1860 aged 48 years.
Also the above named Joseph Stenton who died April 13th 1875 aged 84 years.*

*In affectionate remembrance of
Louisa their beloved daughter who died May 22nd 1883 aged 44 years.*

Within Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge, is a Marble Plaque dedicated to George Stanton:



Family Connections

Atkinson Family

Henry John Atkinson was a Manager in a Cotton Mill.

Both he, and his wife Mary, are buried at Holy Trinity, and their headstone still exists, it can be found on the north side of the tower at Holy Trinity.

Inside Holy Trinity church is a memorial plaque to their son, Edward Turner Atkinson, who was a Mechanical Engineer, Choir Master, Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Alderman of the Borough.

Please Pages 13 and 38.

Baker Family

Inside Holy Trinity Church is a memorial plaque for "*Jane, wife of Daniel Baker. 1852*".

The son of Jane and Daniel, also named Daniel Baker, died in 1853.

He is buried, alone, in the raised tomb on the south side of the Holy Trinity tower.

Daniel Baker senior was a Surgeon and General Practitioner in the Castle Hall area.

Please see Pages 15 and 16.

Burgess Family

The Jubilee Brass Plaque inside Holy Trinity Church lists James Henry Burgess as one of the Church Wardens. His son is 2nd Lieutenant Harold Burgess Killed in Action on 27 October 1917.

Please see Pages 37 and 51.

Batchelor and Mills Families

Inside Holy Trinity Church is a stained-glass window dedicated to William Robert Batchelor and his second wife Elizabeth. William Robert Batchelor was the landlord of the "Wellington Inn".

His daughter, Ann Batchelor, married Thomas Henry Mills, in 1881, at Holy Trinity Church.

Thomas Henry Mills was the son Thomas and Ann Mills, and the brother of Annie, Ada Mary, and Emily Mills, who all have dedicated stained-glass windows, at Holy Trinity Church.

Please see Pages 26 and 33.

Mills Family

The Jubilee Brass Plaque inside Holy Trinity Church lists Charles Frederick Mills as one of the Church Wardens. He is the son of Thomas and Ann Mills, who have a stained-glass window dedicated to them, at Holy Trinity Church.

Please see Pages 33 and 37.

The Holy Trinity WW1 War Memorial



EDWIN ANDREW Not Commemorated on the Stalybridge War Memorial.
Commemorated: Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.

Private **HARRY BALL** Sherwood Foresters

Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Believed to be the son of John Fergus Ball (died 1884) and Eliza (nee Smith) who had married at Holy Trinity Church in 1867. For some years the Ball family lived at 58 Vaudry Street, Stalybridge. The family headstone at St Paul's Church read "Also Private Harry Ball Killed In Action In France Oct 9th 1918 In His 40th Year", however this date is not confirmed by CWGC.

Private **JAMES BREARLEY** 10923, Cheshire Regiment, Age 32.

First Served in a Theatre of War: 26 January 1915.

Died of Wounds: 27 April 1915. Buried: Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, France.

Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.

James Brearley married Frances Moseley, 1902, Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.

In 1911 James and Frances lived at 59, Walmsley Street, Stalybridge.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56253947/james-brearley>

Private **ALLEN BROOKS** 11036, Cheshire Regt, Age 34. *Step-brother of James Henry Brooks.*

First Served in a Theatre of War: 18 December 1914.

Died of Wounds: 17 June 1915. Buried: Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.

Allen Brooks Baptised 28 January 1882, at Castle Hall. Parents Bracebridge & Sarah (M 1880).

Allen Brooks Married Harriet Lee, 1906, at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.

For photograph, please see Page 53. Awarded: 1914 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56327934/allen-brooks>

Private **JAMES HENRY BROOKS** 14287, Cheshire Regiment, Age 57.

First Served in Theatre of War: 11 January 1915. *Served as Brooks, Birth Surname is Fitzgerald*

Killed in Action: 05 June 1916. Buried: Faubourg D'amiens Cemetery, Arras, France.

Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.

Born: Holy Trinity, Stalybridge. Son of John Healey Fitzgerald & Elizabeth Wood (M 1889).

Elizabeth Wood married Bracebridge Brooks, 1891, Castle Hall. *Allen Brooks is his step-brother.*

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56710945/james-henry-brooks>

Second Lieutenant **HAROLD BURGESS** Northumberland Fusiliers, Age 24.

Killed in Action: 27 October 1918. Buried: Tezze British Cemetery, Italy.

Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.

Son of James Henry and Elizabeth Burgess (nee Gill), of 70 Mottram Road, Stalybridge.

The Holy Trinity Jubilee Plaque, Page 37, shows J H Burgess as one of the Church Wardens.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21624012/harold-burgess>

Sapper **CHARLES ARTHUR COX** 169995, Royal Engineers, Age 28.
Died of Wounds: 17 October 1918. Buried: Bucquoy Road Cemetery, France.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Son of Paul Cox and Ann (nee Ward); husband of Emma Cox, of 16 St Paul's Street, Stalybridge.
Charles Arthur Cox married Emma Harrop, in 1914, at Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
Charles Arthur Cox is the brother of James Cox, who died of fever in the South African war in 1901, see brass plaque inside Holy Trinity Church, erected by 4th Volunteer Bn, Cheshire Regt.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56582901/charles-arthur-cox> See Page 40

Private **FRANK CROFT** 1388, Cheshire Regiment, Age 19.
First Served in Theatre of War: 10 November 1914.
Died of Wounds: 07 January 1915. Buried: Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, France.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Son of Christopher Croft and Mary Ann (nee Fish), of 3 Compton Street, Stalybridge, Cheshire.
Awarded: 1914 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56254595/frank-croft>

JESSE DAVIES

Commemorated: Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Could this be J Davies of the Lancashire Fusiliers who is Commemorated on the Stalybridge War Memorial? Could this be Private J Davies 70949, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, who died in 1919 and is buried in Cologne Southern Cemetery in Germany? The Secondary Unit of this Private J Davies was 1st/7th Bn Cheshire Regiment.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12746713/j-davies>

Major **EDWARD JOHN ELLIOTT** Royal Army Medical Corp, Age 37.
Killed in Action: 23 May 1918. Buried: Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, France.
George Watson's College: Student of Medicine, 1899-1904; RAMC: Lieutenant July 1906; Captain July 1910; Adjutant; Major. No. 10 Stationary Hospital. France 1914. Dispatches: January 1916. Killed at St Omer on 23 May 1918. *No Known Connection with Stalybridge.*
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
For photograph, please see Page 53.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56601521/edward-john-elliott>

Private **FREDERICK WILLIAM EMMETT** 9280, 55398, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Age 20.
Died of Wounds: 21 January 1917. Buried: Bard Cottage Cemetery, Belgium.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church; Cardiff Book Remembrance.
Attended Castle Hall Day and Sunday Schools. Elder brother, Tom, of the 6th Cheshire Regt was wounded in 1915. Sons of Thomas Emmett and Mary Ellen (nee Wild), 6 Trinity St, Stalybridge.
For photograph, please see Page 53.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/11556366/frederick-william-emmett>



Above: Private Allen Brooks
Below: Private Frederick Wm Emmett



Above: Lance Corporal Frederick Hall
Below: Major Edward John Elliot



Private **JOSEPH EVANS** 3584, Manchester Regiment, Age 32.
First Served in Theatre of War: 14 July 1915, Balkans.
Killed in Action: 29 September 1916. Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial, France.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Parents: Anthony Evans and Mary Ann (nee Shirt), 11 Acres Lane, Stalybridge.
Joseph Evans Married Ann Bolton 2 September 1911, New St George, Stalybridge.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12398335/joseph-evans>

Private **FRANK GARTSIDE** 12228, Lancashire Fusiliers, Age 43.
First Served in Theatre of War: 19 September 1915. *For Family Relationship, Please See Page 61*
Died in the 2nd Western General Hospital in Rusholme, Manchester, 12 December 1915.
Buried: Range 45 Grave 61 **St. Paul's Churchyard**, Stalybridge, now on Special Memorial; also
Commemorated on Stalybridge War Memorial; and the Holy Trinity Church War Memorial.
Original Headstone Commemorated Frank Gartside "Who Died On Active Service".
Frank Gartside married Ada Bamford in 1897 at Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge. One son.
Buried in the same grave as Frank is his widow Ada (1948) and her 2nd husband J F Platt (1933).
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/153698634/frank-gartside>

Acting Bombardier **WORSLEY GILL** 296950, Royal Garrison Artillery, Age 22.
First Served in Theatre of War: June 1916. Buried: Etaples Military Cemetery, France.
Died: at the No 4 General Hospital, Camries, France, 21 September 1917.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Inside Holy Trinity Church there is a stained-glass window dedicated to him. *Please See Page 31.*
Only son of James Gill & Sarah Elizabeth (nee Knott), of Oakleigh, Thompson Cross, Stalybridge.,
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10893310/worsley-gill>

Sergeant **JOSEPH RUPERT GRAYSON** 2567, West Riding Regiment, Age 32.
Enlisted 5 Aug 1914 Huddersfield. Embarked for France 13 April 1915.
Killed in Action: 23 August 1915. Commemorated: Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres Belgium.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Son of John & Ellen Grayson; husband of Martha Grayson, of 6, Kenworthy Street, Stalybridge.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12049147/joseph-rupert-grayson>

Private **BENJAMIN GREGORY** 103345, Royal Army Medical Corps, Age 26.
To Mesopotamia 10 June 1918. Died of Cholera: 18 Sep 1918, Bagdad.
Died in 23rd Stationery Hospital, Bagdad. Commemorated: Baghdad War Cemetery, Iraq.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Son of Mary Jane Ollerenshaw (formerly Gregory, nee Jolliffe), 1 Whiteheads Yard, Stalybridge.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12965779/benjamin-gregory>

Private **JOHN HADFIELD** 33054, Manchester Regiment, Age 25.
Killed in Action: 01 April 1918. Commemorated: Pozieres Memorial, France.
John Hadfield is Commemorated on the Holy Trinity Church WW1 War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Parents: Joseph Hadfield & Mary Jane Bain married in 1882 Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
By 1921 Joseph and Mary Jane had moved to Oldham.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/16074966/john-hadfield>

Private **FRANK HAGUE** 1429, Cheshire Regiment, Age 20.
First Served in a Theatre of War: 10 November 1914.
Killed in Action: 13 November 1916. Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial, France.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Parent's Eli Hague and Annie Elizabeth Mason married 1890 at Castle Hall.
Frank Hague baptised 1897 at Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
Son of Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Hirst (formerly Hague), of 55, Kenworthy St, Stalybridge, Cheshire.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12436402/frank-hague>

Lance Corporal **FREDERICK HALL** 15933, South Lancashire Regiment, Age 26.
First Served in Theatre of War: 6 September 1916. *For photograph, please see Page 53.*
Killed in Action: 02 November 1917. Commemorated: Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Born: Holy Trinity, Stalybridge. Baptised: St Paul's, Stalybridge. Wife, Ethel, 4 Back, Avon Street.
Frederick Hall married Ethel Kay in 1912 at Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/11941108/frederick-hall>

Private **FRANK HALTON** 76508, Cheshire Regiment, Age 34.
Killed in Action: 14 October 1918. Buried: Hooge Crater Cemetery, Belgium.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Frank Halton married Ethel Lawton, 1907, Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
Wife: Mrs. E. Halton, of 77, Lindsay St., Stalybridge. Two children.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12533918/frank-halton>

Fusilier **FRANK HAMER** 5177, Lancashire Fusiliers, Age 22. Baptised on 24 Feb 1895, HT, CH, S/B
First Served in a Theatre of War: France and Flanders: 24 August 1915.
Killed in Action: 16 April 1917. Commemorated: Arras Memorial, France; Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge; & on parent's headstone at St Paul's.
Son of Betsy and James Cheney Hamer, a Retired Police Sergeant, of Warrington Street.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/124725112/frank-hamer>

Corporal **HARRY HARROP** 7390, King's Shropshire Light Infantry, Age 28.
First Served in Theatre of War: 10 September 1914.
Killed in Action: 23 October 1914. Buried: Ration Farm Military Cemetery, France.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Parents Orlando Harrop and Hannah Bradbury married in 1881 at Holy Trinity Church.
Harry Harrop was baptised on 2 May 1886 at Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12729412/harry-harrop>

Lance Corporal **SAMUEL HIGGINBOTTOM** 10918, Cheshire Regiment, Age 31.
First Served in a Theatre of War: France and Flanders: 13 April 1915.
Killed in Action: 18 January 1916. Buried: Citadel New Military Cemetery, France.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Samuel Higginbottom married Maria Wagstaff in 1910 at Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56394347/samuel-higginbottom>

Fusilier **JAMES HOWARTH** 5220, Lancashire Fusiliers, Age 37.
First Served in a Theatre of War: France and Flanders: 15 July 1915.
Killed in Action: 12 August 1916. Buried: Delville Wood Cemetery, France.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
James Howarth married Elizabeth Ann Winterbottom 1908 Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56585316/james-howarth>

Private **JARVIS INGHAM** 49668, Cheshire Regiment, Age 30.
BEF: 8.9.1916. Killed in Action: 04 April 1918. Commemorated: Pozieres Memorial, France.
Commemorated: Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
Mother Annie Elizabeth Swann married twice at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge:
firstly, to James Siddeley in 1876 (he died 1879); and secondly, to Walter Ingham 1882.
Jarvis Ingham, & his brother John, both were baptised at Holy Trinity Church, 5 December 1894.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/16069899/jarvis-ingham>

Private **JOSHUA INGHAM** Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Age 24.
BEF: 23 May 1917. Killed in Action: 01 July 1918. Buried: Mesnil Communal Cemetery, France.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church; Cardiff Book of Remembrance
Parents John Tom Ingham and Sarah Cottrell married in 1888 at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall.
Joshua Ingham was baptised on 18 July 1894, at Castle Hall. His father died in 1915.
The Ingham family lived at 57 Forester Street, in 1901 and 1911. Later moved to 66 Kay Street.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56797954/joshua-ingham>

Private **SYDNEY KINDER** 41967, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Age 19.
Killed in Action: 16 August 1917. Commemorated: Tyne Cot Memorial Belgium,
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Sydney Kinder Baptism Date 25 May 1898, St Paul's, Stalybridge.
Son of James and Mary Jane Kinder, of 94, Mottram Road, Stalybridge.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/11949332/sydney-kinder>

Private **LEONARD LEE** 12030, Cheshire Regiment, Age 25.
BEF: 14 July 1915. Killed in Action: 01 October 1915. Commemorated: Loos Memorial, France.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Leonard Lee baptism Date 1 Sep 1889 Castle Hall.
Son of George and Alice Lee, of 16, Astley Stret, Stalybridge.
Husband of Mary Lee nee Campbell, of 24, Vaudry Street, Stalybridge (married 1913).
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/15349242/leonard-lee>

Gunner **FRED LEECH** 39035, Royal Field Artillery, Age 24
Died of Wounds: 21 April 1918. Buried: Wimereux Communal Cemetery, France.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Son of Henry Leech and Agnes Parker who married in 1885 at St John's, Godley.
Fred Leech married Marie/Maria Rhodes in 1913 at St Luke's Dukinfield.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56079712/fred-leech>

Private **EVAN HALL LEES** 45529, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Age 30.
Died of Disease: 17 November 1917. Buried: Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension, France.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church; Cardiff Book of Remembrance
Lived in the Castle Hall area of Stalybridge all of his life.
Father Evan Hall Lees died 1900, Mother Mary Elizabeth (nee Banton) died 1902.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56532750/evan-hall-lees>

Private **JOHN LEIGH** 1308, 265155, Cheshire Regiment, Age 26.
First Served in Theatre of War: 26 January 1915.
Died of Wounds: 27 September 1917. Buried: Godewaersvelde British Cemetery, France.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Parents Joseph Leigh and Elizabeth Ann Ridgeway married at St Stephen, Audenshaw, 1871.
John Leigh lived in the Castle Hall area of Stalybridge all of his life.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56501617/john-leigh>

Private **JOSHUA MATHER** 11531, Cheshire Regiment, Age 34.
Died of Wounds: 17 February 1915. Buried: Ramparts Cemetery, Belgium.
Commemorated: Chapel Hill Memorial, Dukinfield; Holy Trinity Church Memorial, Stalybridge.
Previously Served in South Africa, with 4th Cheshire Volunteers, Medals and Clasps.
Also awarded, for his service during WW1, the 1914-1915 Star, British War, & Victory Medals.
Birth Place: Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, Cheshire.
Married: Maria Chappell, on 1 May 1904, at Christ Church, Dukinfield, by Rev Sutcliffe.
Daughter: Theresa baptised on 28 Jan 1907 by Rev Sutcliffe (of Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge).
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12329902/joshua-mather>

Private **JOSHUA MOORHOUSE** 11168, Cheshire Regiment, Age 32.
First Served in Theatre of War: 6 March 1915. *MRI Card states that his name is Joshua.*
Killed in Action: 08 May 1915. Commemorated: Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Please note: "CWGC" and "Soldiers Died" both have his Christian name as Josiah. It was Joshua.
The evidence is his 1902 Attestation. He served in South Africa (March until August 1902).
Birth Place: Holy Trinity, Stalybridge. Husband of Lily Moorhouse, of 83 Forester St, Stalybridge.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12041688/joshua-moorhouse>

Pte **WILLIAM NEWTON** 238728, Hereford Regiment, Secondary Unit Shropshire LI, Age 36.
Killed in Action: 01 Apr 1918. Commemorated: Pozieres Memorial, France.
Commemorated twice on Stalybridge War Memorial, firstly as a Private in the Hereford Regt;
and secondly as a Private in the Shropshire Light Infantry; & Holy Trinity Church War Memorial.
William Newton is the son of Joseph and Theresa; William Newton Born: 9 December 1881;
Baptised: 29 January 1882, Place: Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.
William Newton married Clara Emma Ousey in 1904 at St James', Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs.
In 1911 William and Clara Emma lived at 17 Victoria Street, Ridge Hill Lanes, Stalybridge.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/16072050/william-newton>

Private **JOSEPH SHAW** 4369, 266685 Cheshire Regiment, Age 32.
Died of Wounds: 13 August 1917, in the Attingham Park Military Hospital, in Shrewsbury.
Buried Range 32 Grave 90 **St. Paul's Churchyard, Stalybridge**, now Commemorated on the Special Memorial; Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church Memorial.
Son of William Shaw and Emma Jane (nee Hodgson), who married in 1884, in Ashton-u-Lyne.
Joseph Shaw married Clara Rigby, 1916, Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge. No Children.
Clara Shaw, & her sister Ada Rigby, are shown living together at 80 Kenworthy St, Stalybridge, in the 1921 Census, & the 1939 Register. Joseph is buried with Clara, and her Rigby grandparents.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/154179548/joseph-shaw>

Private **GEORGE ALFRED "Alf" SIDEBOTTOM** 201530, King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, Killed in Action: 20 September 1917. Age 22. Commemorated: Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial, & Holy Trinity Church War Memorial.
Born: 1894, Stalybridge. In 1901 and 1911 lived Brierley Street, Stalybridge. (Brother Below)
Enlistment Place: Blackpool. Married: Jane Ellen Benfold, 3 May 1916, St Andrew's, Wigan.
Son of George and Sarah Sidebottom, of 76, Albert Road, Blackpool (who are buried at St Paul's, Stalybridge); husband of Jane Ellen Sidebottom, of 42 Mort Street, Springfield, Wigan.

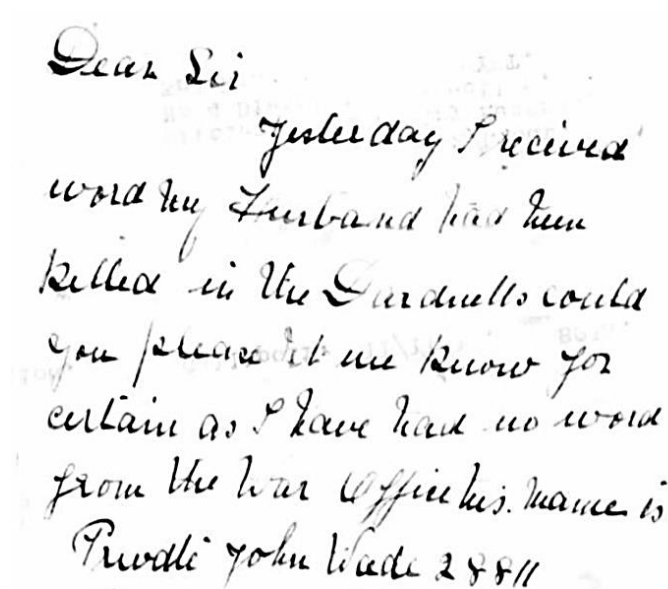
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/11959908/george-alfred-sidebottom> **BROTHERS**
Driver **FRANK SIDEBOTTOM** 80334, Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery, Age 22.
Died of Wounds: 5 April 1918, whilst a German Prisoner of War (shot in breast & abdomen).
Buried: Niederzwehren Cemetery, Germany. Commemorated: Holy Trinity Church WM.
Born: 1896, Stalybridge. In 1901 and 1911 lived Brierley Street, Stalybridge. Single man.
Enlistment Place: Ashton-under-Lyne. First Served in France 16 May 1915. Awarded 1915 Star.
Both Frank and his brother George Alfred "Alf", above, were commemorated on their parents, George and Sarah Sidebottom, headstone at St Paul's, Stalybridge (Removed in 1999).
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18402069/frank-sidebottom>

Corporal **GEORGE SWIFT** 26622, Canadian Expeditionary Force, Age 23.
Died of Wounds: 6 Jun 1916. Buried: Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial, & Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge, & on mother Emma's headstone at St Paul's, S/B, & in the Peace Tower in Ottawa, Canada.
The 1911 Census shows the Swift family living at 81 Brierley Street, Stalybridge.
On 31 July 1914, George's sister, Ann White, arrived in Quebec.
George signed Attestation papers on 22 September 1914 in Valcartier, Quebec.
Read them online here: <https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=pdf&app=CEF&id=B9465-S056>
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12072214/george-swift>

Private **WILLIAM SWIFT** 36401, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, formerly Cheshire Regt, Age 20.
Killed in Action: 27 September 1918. Commemorated: Vis-En-Artois Memorial, France.
Stalybridge War Memorial, Cheshire Regiment; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Parents John Swift and Isabella Booth, married in 1888, at Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
In 1911 the Swift family were living at 71 Forester Street, Stalybridge.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56672374/william-swift>

Private **JOHN WADE** 28811, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Age: 37.
Killed in Action: 11 November 1915. Buried: Green Hill Cemetery, Turkey (including Gallipoli).
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity Church; Cardiff Book of Remembrance
John Wade is also Commemorated on the Chapel Hill War Memorial, Dukinfield.
John Wade married Nancy Ann Parker in 1902 at Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
Both of their daughters were baptised at Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
When John Wade enlisted, he was living at 25 Riverside, Tame Valley, Dukinfield, Cheshire.
Later Nancy Ann Wade lived at 7 Merton Street, Copley, Stalybridge.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56415149/john-wade>

A heartfelt plea from Nancy Ann Wade asking for confirmation of her husband's death.



Dear Sir
Yesterday I received
word my husband has been
killed in the Dardanelles could
you please let me know for
certain as I have had no word
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Private **THOMAS WAINE** 126507, Machine Gun Corps, Age 32.
Killed in Action: 22 October 1918. Commemorated: Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.
Commemorated: on the Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Castle Hall, Stalybridge;
and on the Earlestown War Memorial, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire.
Son of Mr Walter and Mrs Martha Ann Waine, of 4, Hassal Street, Stalybridge;
husband of Mrs A L R. Waine, of 52 King Street, Earlestown, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire.
Parents Walter Waine and Martha Ann Gill married in 1877 at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall.
Thomas Wain was baptised on 1 December 1886, at Castle Hall, Cheshire.
In 1901 the Waine family lived at 51 Walmsley Street, Stalybridge, Cheshire.
Thomas Waine married Annie Lillian Rigby Clayton, on 26 January 1913, at St John, Earlestown.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12000965/thomas-waine>

Please see next page for his brother Walter Waine.

Private **WALTER WAINE** 46822, Machine Gun Corps (formerly Cheshire Regiment), Age 26.
Killed in Action: 29 September 1916. Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial, France;
Stalybridge War Memorial, Cheshire Regiment; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Son of Mr Walter and Mrs Martha Ann Waine, of 4, Hassal Street, Stalybridge.
Parents Walter Waine and Martha Ann Gill married in 1877 at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall.
In 1911 the Waine family lived at 51 Walmsley Street, Stalybridge, Cheshire.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12374114/walter-waine>

Private **CHARLIE WILLIAMSON** 27262, South Lancashire Regiment, Age 26.
Charlie Williamson First Served with the British Expeditionary Force on 29 August 1916.
He went Missing at Grandecourt, on 21 October 1916, and later was Presumed to be Dead.
Killed in Action: 21 October 1916. Commemorated: Thiepval Memorial, France.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial, & Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
Son of Joel Williamson and Emma Cook who married on 21 January 1877, at St Paul's, Staley.
When Charlie attended Hob Hill Infants School in 1895 the family lived at 4 Ogden Street, S/B.
By 1901 the Williamson family were living at 51 Knowl Street, Stalybridge.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12378090/charlie-williamson>

Private **GEORGE WOODHEAD** 57311, Sherwood Foresters, Age 36.
Killed in Action: 29 October 1917. Buried: Artillery Wood Cemetery, Belgium.
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial, & Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
George Woodhead was baptised on 7 May 1881, at Christ Church, Stalybridge. His parents were
John Woodhead and Mary (nee Cox). In 1891 the Woodhead family lived on Stamford Street,
Stalybridge. George became a professional artiste, and in 1901 was in Kington, in Herefordshire.
In 1903 George Woodhead married Martha Ashton, at Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
By 1911 George, a Theatrical Manager, Martha, and first son Norman, were living in Whitstable,
Kent. In 1921 second son, Leslie, was unable to attend school due to paralyse. The third son,
Raymond, who became a music teacher, was born after his father had died.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56464788/george-woodhead>

Private **ARTHUR WRIGHT** Cheshire Regiment
Commemorated: Stalybridge War Memorial, & Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.

Buried in a Commonwealth War Grave at St Paul's, Stalybridge

Private **FRANK GARTSIDE** 12228, Lancashire Fusiliers, Age 43.
Private **JOSEPH SHAW** 4369, 266685 Cheshire Regiment, Age 32.

Commemorated on a Family Headstone at St Paul's, Stalybridge

Private **HARRY BALL** Sherwood Foresters
Fusilier **FRANK HAMER** 5177, Lancashire Fusiliers
Private **GEORGE ALFRED "AIF" SIDEBOTTOM** 201530, King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment
Driver **FRANK SIDEBOTTOM** 80334, Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery,
Corporal **GEORGE SWIFT** 26622, Canadian Expeditionary Force

Military Connections

Brooks Family

Allen Brooks, who Died of Wounds in 1915 in France, and James Henry Brooks who was Killed in Action in 1916 in France, were step-brothers. Allen's mother married Bracebridge Brooks in 1880; James Henry's mother married Bracebridge in 1891. James Henry adopted the surname of Brooks; his birth surname was Fitzgerald. The names of Allen Brooks and James Henry Brooks appear next to each other on the Holy Trinity WW1 War Memorial. Please see Page 51.

Burgess Family

The Jubilee Brass Plaque inside Holy Trinity Church lists James Henry Burgess as one of the Church Wardens. His son was 2nd Lieutenant Harold Burgess Killed in Action in Italy in 1917. Please see Pages 37 and 51.

Cox Family

James Cox, who Died of Fever in the South African war in 1901, and has a memorial brass plaque, inside Holy Trinity Church, that was erected by 4th Volunteer Battalion, Cheshire Regt, is the brother of Charles Arthur Cox who Died of Wounds in a Military Hospital in France in 1918, and is Commemorated on the Holy Trinity WW1 Memorial. Please see Pages 40 and 52.

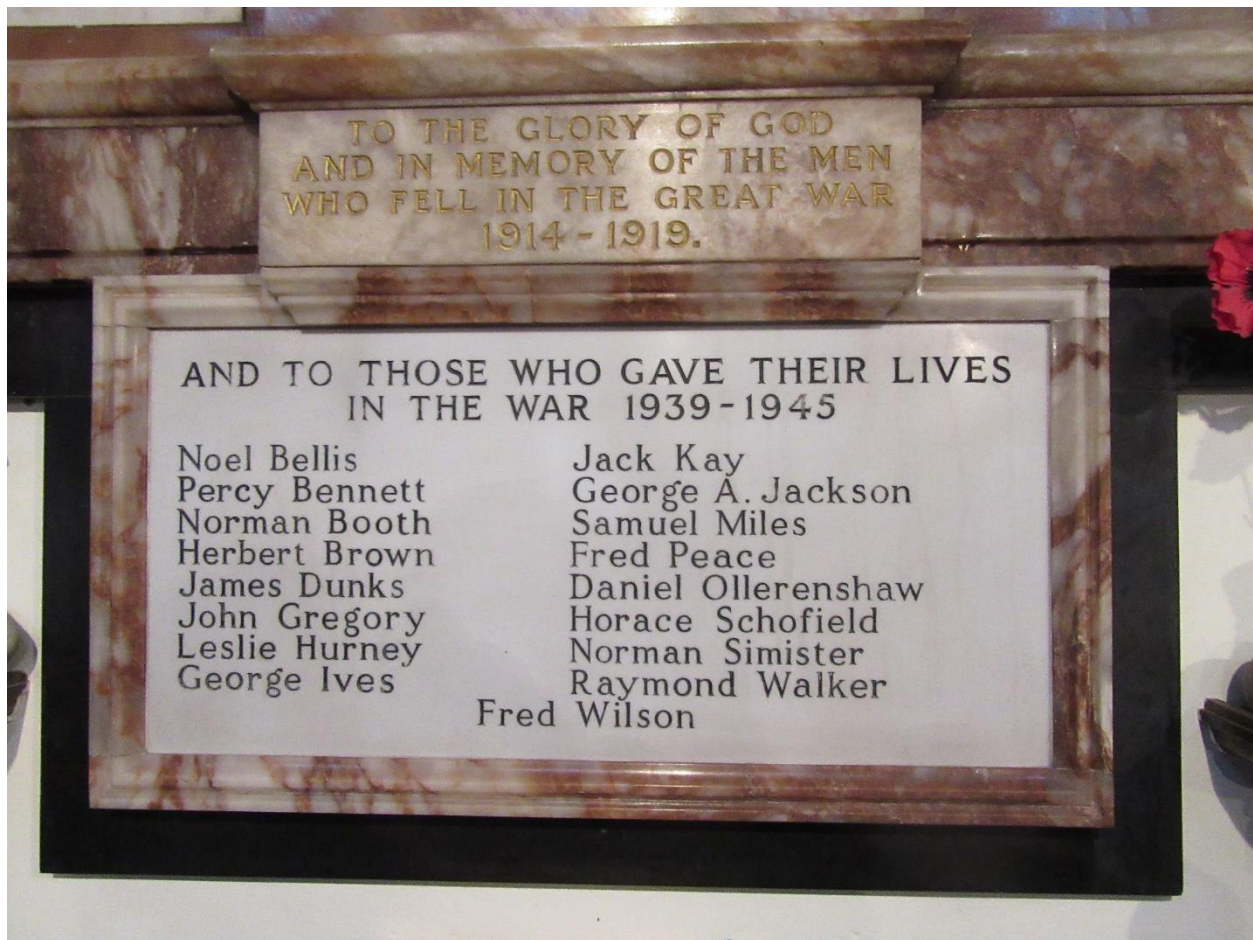
Gartside Family

Private Frank Gartside died in a Military Hospital in Rusholme, Manchester, in 1915. Private Frank Gartside is Commemorated on the Holy Trinity WW1 War Memorial, and is buried at St Paul's, Stalybridge. Frank Gartside married Ada Bamford at 1897 at Holy Trinity Church, Frank's sister was Elizabeth the first wife of Ben Gill. Elizabeth and Ben married at Holy Trinity Church in 1889. Ben Gill was the brother-in-law of Private Frank Gartside. Please see Page 54.

Gill Family

Worsley Gill has a stained-glass window dedicated to him in Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge. Worsley Gill was the son of James Gill and Sarah Elizabeth Knott who had married in 1893 at Holy Trinity Church. James Gill was the brother of Ben Gill. Ben Gill was the uncle of Worsley Gill. Ben Gill's second marriage was in 1924, to Elizabeth Ellen Lyons, at Holy Trinity Church. Elizabeth Ellen Gill has a marble memorial plaque at Holy Trinity Church. The names of Worsley Gill and Frank Gartside appear next to each other on the Holy Trinity WW1 War Memorial. Please see Pages 31.

The Holy Trinity WW2 War Memorial



Buried at St Paul's Church, Stalybridge

Samuel George Miles Fred Peace Horace Schofield

Buried in Other Cemeteries

George Albert Jackson John Kay Norman Simister
Raymond Walker

Buried at Sea – Commemorated on Special Memorials

Noel Bellis James Dunks Patrick Leslie Harney
George Ives Daniel Ollerenshaw

Burial Place Unknown – Commemorated on Special Memorials

Percy Bennett Norman Booth Herbert Brown
John Gregory Fred Wilson

Commemorated on the Holy Trinity WW2 War Memorial

Fireman and Trimmer **NOEL BELLIS** Merchant Navy, Age 29 years.

1912: born 30 October, North Wales. Son of William and Helen.

1921: living with parents, Astley Street, Dukinfield.

1938: father died, buried Dukinfield Cemetery.

1939: a Boiler Fireman, living with widowed mother, Grenville Street, Dukinfield.

At 02.54 hours on 14 January 1942, U-boat 43 sank his ship, the S S Empire Surf (Sunderland).

Tower Hill Memorial, London; Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity War Memorial.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/15221210/noel-bellis>

Captain **PERCY BENNETT**, 299523, Royal Engineers, Age 30 years.

1916: born 26 January, Stalybridge. Son of Harry and Lily (nee King).

1921: living with maternal grandparents, and parents, Canal Street, Stalybridge.

1937: married Nellie Shackley, at St Paul's, Stalybridge.

1939: an Aircraft Inspector, living with wife and children, Brushes estate, Stalybridge.

Date of Death: 18 March 1946 (the war had ended on 2 September 1945).

Suez War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt; Stalybridge War Memorial, Holy Trinity War Memorial.

The Memorial Inscription upon his CWGC headstone reads:

Without Farewell You Fell Asleep

Leaving Only Memories For Us To Keep

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21613655/percy-bennett>

Private **NORMAN BOOTH**, 3532054, 1/9th Bn. Manchester Regiment, Age 19 years.

1920: born, Stalybridge. Son of Walter and Amelia (nee Cottrell). Mother died the same year.

1921: living with aunt and uncle, Grasscroft Street, Stalybridge.

1922: father married Hilda Ripplingham.

1939: father and Hilda living at Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. They both died in 1969.

Dunkirk Memorial, France; Ashton-under-Lyne War Memorial, Holy Trinity War Memorial.

**There is a Memorial Inscription to Norman upon his father's headstone,
in Dukinfield Cemetery**

Treasured Memories of NORMAN,

The Dearly Loved and Only Son of Harry and Hilda

Who Gave His Life For His Country

At Vimy Ridge 27-28 May 1940,

Aged 19 Years

His Duty Nobly Done

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/17068044/norman-booth>

Private **HERBERT BROWN**, 4614304, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Age 28.
1917: born 8 June, Stalybridge. Son of Harold and Ann (nee Travis).
1921: living with his great-grandmother Elizabeth Shaw Shuttleworth,
and his father Harold, on Grasscroft Street, Stalybridge.
Attended Holy Trinity School Stalybridge,
was a member of Stalybridge Swimming Club.
Employed by Joseph Adamson, in Hyde.
1941: married Edith Shaw at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall, Stalybridge,
three days before he left for overseas.
Their home was at Boundary Close, Black Rock, Mossley.
1942: taken as a Japanese Prisoner of War.
1945: died as a Prisoner of War, 29 June. Buried Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia.
Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity War Memorial; St George's War Memorial, Mossley.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/20344038/herbert-brown>

Ordinary Signalman **JAMES DUNKS**, SN: LT/JX 424171, Royal Naval Patrol Service, Age 19.
1925: born 18 January, Stalybridge. Son of Henry and Esther (nee Holland).
1939: a Warehouseman Draper, living with parents at Chapel Walk, Stalybridge.
1944: 24 June: H.M. Motor Minesweeper 8 (J508),
Royal Naval Patrol Service,
MMS I class
Home Port: Sheerness Dockyard
The ship struck a mine, and was lost off the Normandy Coast.
Lowestoft Naval Memorial; Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity War Memorial
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/13829131/james-dunks>

JOHN GREGORY

Not Commemorated on the Stalybridge War Memorial.
Commemorated: Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.

Stoker 1st Class **PATRICK LESLIE HARNEY**, P/KX 79147, Royal Navy, Age 32 years. Buried at Sea.
1908: born 22 March, Limerick. Son of George and Fanny Harney.
1928: signed on for 12 years. First Ship, Victory II.
1931: Absent Voters List, home address, Grasscroft Street, Stalybridge.
1932: married Olive Lee, at Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
1939: wife living on Vaudrey Street, Stalybridge.
On 29 July 1940, whilst aboard HMS Liverpool, died of Bomb Injuries due to enemy action.
Portsmouth Naval Memorial; Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity War Memorial.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56695336/patrick-leslie-harney>

Driver **GEORGE IVES**, T/270164, Royal Army Service Corps, Age 34 years.
1910: born 5 June, Mossley. Son of George and Clara (nee Dyson).
1911: living with parents on Caroline Street, Stalybridge.
1921: living with parents on Mount Street, Stalybridge.
1939: an Assistant Fishmonger, living with parents on Darnton Road, Stalybridge.
1941: married Florrie Ball, at Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
Died at sea on 24 June 1944 whilst being transported as a Japanese Prisoner of War. The ship he was being transported on was torpedoed by US Submarine Tang. 560 POW's died.
Singapore Memorial; Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity War Memorial.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56220787/george-ives>

Gunner **GEORGE ALBERT JACKSON**, 4129804, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Age 24 years.
1918: born 19 December, Stalybridge. Son of Ernest and Eliza (nee Redfearn).
1921: living with parents on Oxford Street, Stalybridge.
1939: working as a Butcher, living with parents on Oxford Street, Stalybridge.
Died in Battle 17 January 1943. In May 1943, the war in North Africa came to an end in Tunisia.
Buried Beja War Cemetery, Tunisia; Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity War Memorial.
The Memorial Inscription upon his CWGC headstone reads:
In His Golden Youth He Took His Place, A Man Amongst The Brave
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56146036/george-albert-jackson>

Able Seaman **JOHN KAY**, D/JX254395, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Whaddon, Age 28.
1913: born 3 October, Stalybridge. Son of George and Emily (nee Darby).
1918: father, George, Killed in Action.
1937: John Kay married May Peace, at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.
1939: John and May living on Park Road, Dukinfield. John working as a warehouseman.
Killed on 29 January 1942. Buried: Douglas Bank Cemetery, Dunfermline, Fyfe, Scotland;
Chapel Hill War Memorial, Dukinfield; Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Stalybridge.
The Memorial Inscription upon his CWGC headstone reads:
Too Dearly Loved To Be Forgotten By His Sorrowing Wife And Baby
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/115010964/john-kay>

Bombardier **SAMUEL GEORGE MILES**, 3783278, Royal Artillery 63 Anti-Tank Regt, Age 32.
1911: born 8 February, Staffordshire. Son of Samuel and Catharine (nee Plant).
1911 and 1921: living with parents in Tipton, Staffordshire.
1932: death of father registered in Ashton-under-Lyne. Father buried at St Paul's, R21, G94.
1939: Samuel was working as a Leather Cloth Finisher - Rescue Works, living with mother,
Living at 10 Forester Street, Stalybridge. Also in the household was Vera Meredith.
1940: married Vera Meredith at Holy Trinity, Stalybridge. No Children. (Vera = F Vickers 1947)
Died 31 July 1943 in Hamel Hampstead. Buried with parents at St Paul's. (Mother died 1945.)
Buried St. Paul's Churchyard, Stalybridge, New yard. Range 21. Grave 94. Family Headstone
Commemorated S G Miles who "Died On Active Service", Removed 1999. Now Commemorated
on the Special Memorial at St Paul's; Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity War Memorial.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/153896511/samuel-george-miles>

Able Seaman **DANIEL OLLERENSHAW**, D/JX 156176, Royal Navy H M Submarine P. 615., Age 22.
1918: born, Stalybridge. Son of Fred and Gwendoline (nee Morris).
1921: living with parents at Princess Place, Stalybridge.
1939: parents living on Astley Street, Stalybridge.
1943: died on 18 April, his submarine, H M Submarine P 615, hit and sunk by a torpedo from German U-Boat U-123, about 100 nautical miles south-west of Freetown.
Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 79, Column 3; Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity WM.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/13301287/daniel-ollerenshaw>

Leading Aircraftman **FRED PEACE**, 1458970, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, Age 34.
1909: 17 May, born, Stalybridge.
1909: 23 June, baptised at Castle Hall. Son of James William and Margaret (nee McCall).
1911: living with parents on Walmsley Street, Stalybridge.
1921: living with widowed mother on Baker Street, Stalybridge.
1931: on the Electoral Register at Baker Street, Stalybridge.
1937: married Constance Allen, at St Paul's, Stalybridge. No Children.
1939: a Store Keeper (Silk Hosiery), staying at North Circular Road, Edmonton, Middlesex.
1939: wife Constance (a Silk Winder), and her sister, Florence, living at Groby Street, S/B.
Fred Peace served with 106 Squadron, Bomber Command, Metheringham, Lincolnshire.
Died 25 November 1943, in hospital, in Hendon. Home address: 19 Baker Street, Stalybridge.
Buried St. Paul's Churchyard, Stalybridge, New yard. Range 47. Grave 63.
Buried with: his father James William (died 1920) and mother Margaret (died 1951); and his brother Tom (died 1915, age 12 years); and his brother-in-law Frederick Catlow (died 1941).
Family Headstone Removed 1999 when St Paul's churchyard was landscaped.
Now Commemorated on the Special Memorial at St Paul's;
Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity War Memorial.
There is a Memorial to those lost from 106 Squadron in Holy Trinity Church, Martin, Lincs.
1945: Constance Peace (nee Allen) married William Smith Johnson, at St Paul's, Stalybridge.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/154010252/fred-peace>

Driver **HORACE SCHOFIELD**, 1945300, Royal Engineers 22 Bomb Disposal Coy. Age 35.
1896: parents, William Schofield and Sarah Jane Ashmore, married at Holy Trinity, Castle Hall.
1913: Horace was born on 11 March, in Stalybridge.
1921: living with parents on Walmsley Street, Stalybridge.
1936: married Annie Hirst at New St George's, Stalybridge. Daughters: Jean and Pauline.
1939: a Slaughterman, living with wife and daughter, on Walmsley Street, Stalybridge.
Died 22 January 1944 in Colchester. Home address 73 Walmsley Street, Stalybridge.
Buried St. Paul's Churchyard, Stalybridge, in the New yard. Range 15. Grave 29.
Buried with: his father, William (died 24 April 1933) and mother Sarah Jane (died 1940), brother Fred (died 1923), and sister Eleese (died 27 April 1933). CWGC Headstone Removed.
Now Commemorated on the Special Memorial at St Paul's; Holy Trinity War Memorial.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/154036118/horace-schofield>

Flying Officer **NORMAN SIMISTER**, 146612, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Age 32.
1912: born 1 April. Stalybridge. Son of Herbert Claude and Ethel (nee Wildgoose).
1921: living with parents on Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge.
1923: mother died.
1926: father married Annie Lees.
1939: working as a Baker, living at Booth Street, Denton.
1942: Norman married Nora Ratcliffe. They lived at Cheetham Hill Road, Dukinfield.
1943: As an Air Gunner was Awarded the **Distinguished Flying Medal**.

Granted a Commission as a Pilot Officer.

On 8 May 1944, aboard Halifax (v LI280 NF-O), 138 Sqdn, Bomber Command, were:
W/Cdr W McRussell DFC and Bar; F/s G Cable DFM; F/O D Brown DFC; F/O B P McGonagle DFC;
F/O J A Armour DFC DFM; F/O A F Bryce; F/O N Simister DFM. During Operation Citronelle,
heading for France, their plane was shot down, by German night-fighter Me410A, and crashed.
All the crew were killed, all are buried in Le Mans West Cemetery, France.

All the crew are commemorated in the Book of Remembrance in St Peter's Church, Tempsford,
Bedfordshire; and on the Special Forces Roll of Honour.

Commemorated: N Simister, Chapel Hill War Memorial, Dukinfield; Holy Trinity War Memorial.

The Memorial Inscription upon his CWGC headstone reads:

Greater Love Hath No Man Than This He Gave His Life That We Might Live

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56193445/norman-simister>

Marine **RAYMOND WALKER**, PLY/X 103183, No. 47 R.M. Commando, Royal Marines, Age 23.
1912: parents, Samuel Walker & Amelia Swift married at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall, S/B.
1921: Raymond Walker born 7 December, Stalybridge.
1921: living with widowed mother at Kay Street, Stalybridge.
1928: mother Amelia married Percy Bamford.
1939: a Fibre Drafter in the Brush Trade,
living with mother Amelia, and Percy,
on Brierley Street.

Died 07 June 1944, Operation Overlord, Normandy, France. "Battle for Port-en-Bessin".

In total there were 116 casualties, 48 killed or drowned, and 70 wounded.

Buried Bayeux War Cemetery, France; Stalybridge War Memorial; Holy Trinity War Memorial.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56278157/raymond-walker>

FRED WILSON

Not Commemorated on the Stalybridge War Memorial.

Commemorated: Holy Trinity Church War Memorial, Castle Hall, Stalybridge.

Stalybridge Harmonic Society



The first vicar at Holy Trinity was Rev Thomas Floyd (1820-1875), he was one of the chief supporters of the Stalybridge Harmonic Society in its early days, and allowed the society, formed about 1844, to practice in the Castle Hall schoolroom, & later in the Castle Hall school. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251377986/thomas-floyd> Please see Page 6.

Above: Stalybridge Harmonic Society, outside the “Girls” entrance to Castle Hall School. The conductor at the front is Samuel Garlick (1816-1885), the first conductor of the society. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/252799898/samuel-garlick>
Samuel’s son, John Garlic (1847-1913), was the conductor of The Wellington Street Drum & Flute Band for 32 Years.

Edward Turner Atkinson (1841-1903), quite a famous vocalist in his younger days, was Choir Master of Holy Trinity Church for many years. Please see Page 38. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/251648729/edward-turner-atkinson>

James Williamson (1836-1913), was the President of the Stalybridge Harmonic Society, and was a singer in the Choir at St Paul’s Church, Stalybridge. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/253723935/james-williamson>