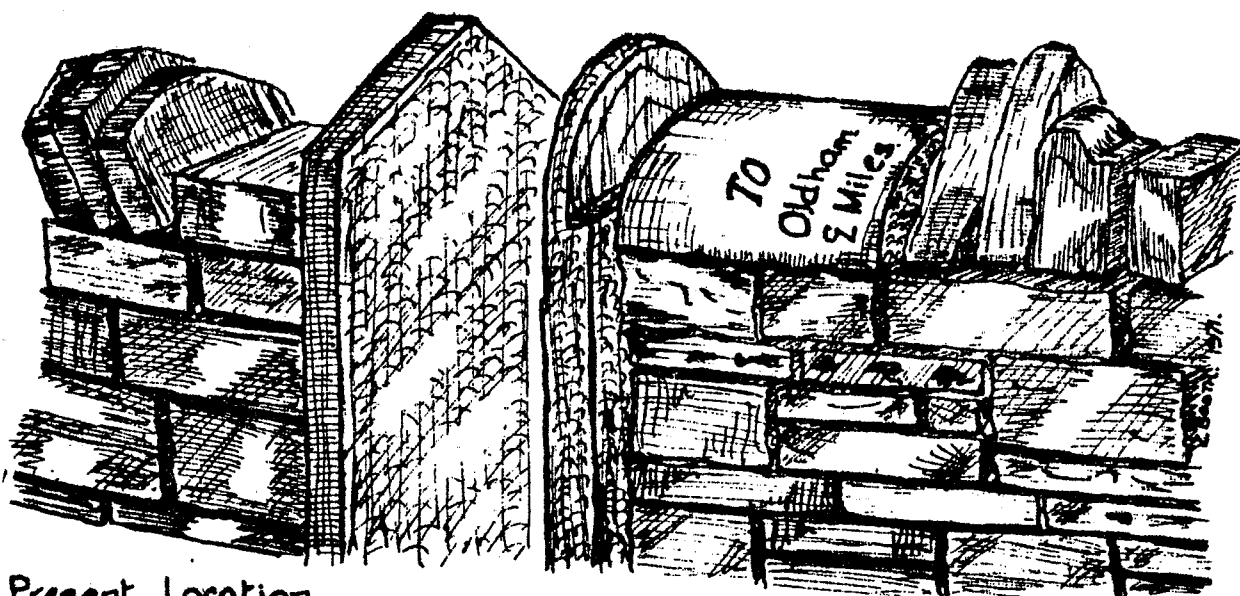
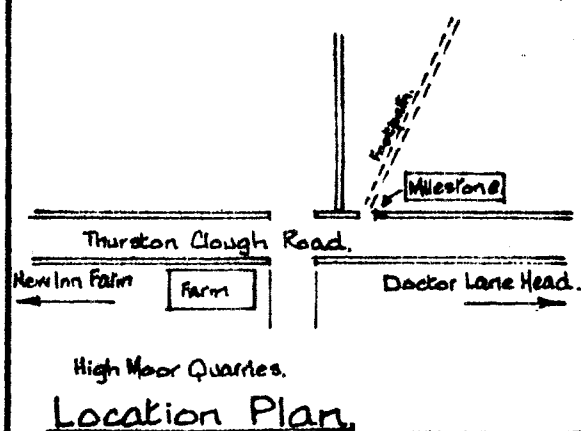
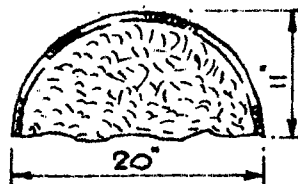
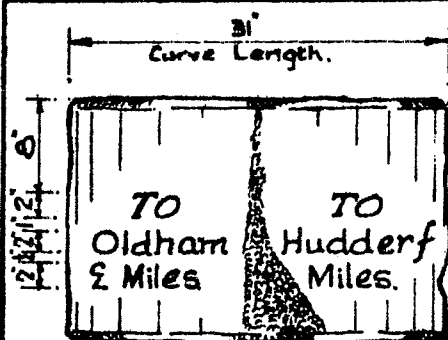


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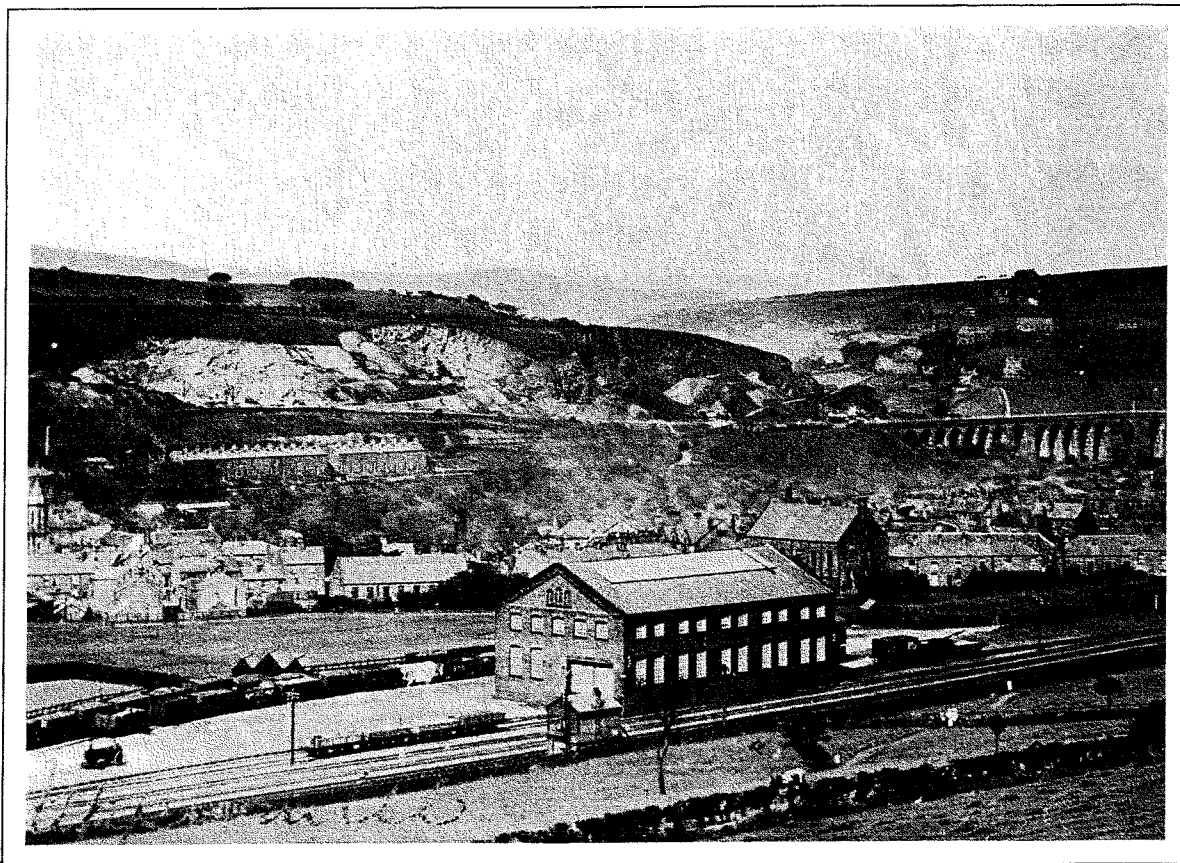
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FROM WORKHOUSE TO NEW WORLD

I started to read the item in Vol 27 No 3, "*Poverty and the Application of the Poor Law in Saddleworth 1780-1900*", with particular interest because I knew that a **Sevill** family had been in Runninghill Workhouse in 1841, but I was surprised then to find it specifically mentioned: **Betty Sevill**, charwoman, and her children **Cecil, John, Sarah Ann, Joseph** and **Mary**. Shortly after that census was taken, incidentally, **Betty** had another daughter, **Hannah**, actually born in the workhouse. Your readers may like to know that the history of that little group of people runs to the present day after taking a very significant turn: in the mid 1840s they became emigrants to Fulton County, Illinois, and they didn't go alone.

One might expect that if a woman were in the workhouse with her children and no sign of a husband she was perhaps a widow. Far from it. **Betty**, née **Rebecca Elizabeth Dunkerley**, was the second wife (the first having been **Sarah/Sally Whitehead**) of **George Sevill** whose whereabouts at the time of the census I can only guess at, but he was certainly far from dead.

George was the son of **Joseph Sevill** and **Martha**, and their line went back through **Isaac Sevill** of Thorpes (1736-1792) & **Elizabeth Dyson**, **Jacob Sevill** of Hordlo (- 1761) & **Elizabeth Wright**, to **Peter Sevill** of Strines (c1652-1728) & **Alice**, my own 5 x great grandparents. **George** had at least 12 siblings (**Robert, George, Daniel, Jesse, Benjamin, Anna, Lydia, James, Nancy, Abraham, Jeremiah, Thomas** and **Sarah**) and 9 of them, together with their families, made new lives for themselves in America. I have more than 400 of **Joseph** and **Martha's** descendants named, all but a handful in the USA.

The oldest of the clan, **Robert Saville** b May 1795, had been the first to go, probably in the late 1820s and certainly by the early 1830s. (Once in America they all used a **Saville** or **Savill** spelling though there is a hamlet on the Spoon River, Fulton County, referring to them but named **Seville**.) **Robert's** wife was **Ann** and I know of only 3 children, none of whom lived to create a new dynasty. They settled early on in Covington, Kentucky, but from there moved to Cincinnati where **Robert** was a mustard manufacturer. I have copies of 9 letters which he wrote between 1847 and 1853 to his sister **Nancy** in Fulton County, Illinois, of whom more anon. Those letters are no ode of joy to the wonders of the new life but rather are a dour account of sickness and death, the old enemy cholera being a continuing companion, interspersed with business dealings, a refusal of a loan to his brother-in-law, and a warning to keep liquor out of the house where it might tempt the children.

Next in family seniority was **George**, born in 1799, who, with **Betty**, from their workhouse launching pad established a significant clan in Fulton County, Illinois: I know of more than 150 of **George's** American descendants and am corresponding with a number of them as well as with descendants from other lines.

Edwin, one of **George's** sons from his marriage to **Sarah Whitehead**, had been apprenticed as a blacksmith to his Uncle **James Sevill** in England. In Illinois he married **Lucinda Lemon**, raised a family and not only worked as a blacksmith but also opened both a saw mill for lumber and a grist mill for grinding corn, oats and rye. He was apparently credited with having "made the first double-shovel plow ever used in Fulton County".

Cecil, **Edwin's** half-brother and the first-named child in the workhouse list, was married first in Oldham in 1856 to **Eliza Morton**, daughter of **John**. An American census shows his parents and siblings in Fulton County in 1850 but **Cecil** himself did not go out until 1857, after serving an apprenticeship as a shoemaker in England. Secondly, in America in 1861, **Cecil** married the delightfully named **Polly Silvernail** and they had eight children. He appears to have continued as a shoe-maker.

Another of **George and Betty's** children named in the workhouse list, **Sarah Ann**, married **James Dove** in Canton, Fulton County, in 1858 and in the early 1860s they crossed the plains in a mighty journey from Illinois to Nevada in a caravan of ox- and mule-drawn wagons. What price all those old wagon train Westerns on TV? Here are members of the extended **Saville** tribe who actually did it! They settled first in Carson City, later in Tuscarora. **James Dove** was born somewhere in Lancashire in about 1836 and spent part of the early 1850s in the British navy.

After **Robert** and **George** came brother **Daniel Saville**. He had married **Sarah Wood** in Mottram in Longdendale in 1824 and, as far as I can tell, they had just one child, a son **John**. They lived in Covington, Kentucky and may have gone later to Cincinnati with **Robert**. Next was brother **Jesse Saville** who had married **Mally Rhodes** at St Chad's, Saddleworth in 1825 and they had at least six children. After **Mally's** death, and before he emigrated, he married a **Jane**. **Jesse** and his family certainly settled in Fulton County in the mid 1840s but as yet I know little of him. Their brother **Benjamin** died in England in 1848.

Sister **Anna** married **James Whitehead** and had five children. She died in Illinois in 1857. She and her family went to America somewhat later than most of the others, being still in England in 1853. There is much yet to be discovered about their descendants. **Lydia** stayed in England and married a "stupify" (see below) **Joseph Wrigley**; they had a daughter **Nancy** in about 1831, **Betty** the following year and other children too since **Sarah** writes to America about "sister **Lydia** with her large famely".

James Saville was the blacksmith to whom his nephew **Edwin** had been apprenticed. With his wife **Maria** and three children he certainly settled in Fulton County but there is little information about them.

Nancy was married to **John Whitehead** (who might have been a brother of **James**, **Anna's** husband). They took at least eight children to Fulton County. An undated newspaper article sent to me from America is headed "Whitehead Homestead at Liverpool, Built 120 Years Ago, Still Braving Elements". This Liverpool was in Illinois of course. The article, by an Irene Merrill, is about a house owned by the **Whiteheads** for 120 years but it describes how **John and Nancy** landed at New Orleans, went up the Mississippi to the Illinois River and finally joined **Nancy's** brothers **George** and **Abraham** near Canton before settling in Liverpool, IL. **Nancy** died in 1857 and **John** then married **Winifred Wood**, who was probably a sister of **Daniel's** wife **Sarah**. **John** was said to be a carpenter who helped to build various houses and, strangely, a "plank road" to Canton. He later opened both a saw mill and a grist mill. He and his family also built and operated a river boat, which they named "The Lancaster". **John and Nancy's** son **John jnr** apparently enlisted as a drummer

boy in the Civil War, aged 17, but he survived both this and a spell as a proper soldier to prosper back in Fulton County.

Next below **Nancy** was **Abraham**. It is likely that he was married twice, first to **Anne** then to **Anne Addey**. They went to America with at least seven children. I have a copy of a letter (all 14 letters were most kindly sent to me by one of my American "cousins") which he wrote in April 1850 to an **Abel Arundale** who was also in America but seems to have come from the Lancashire/Yorkshire border area too since his familiarity with Stalybridge is implied. The letter moans about sickness and groans about leaving Illinois for Cincinnati, about unanswered letters to his brothers **James** and **Jeremiah**, but speaks of hoping to buy land in Fulton County for a return there. He writes, (spelling and punctuation verbatim), "I dont see that a working man as aney better chance here than he would have in som manufacturing town in england, wages are hier here than the are in england or in illinois and peoples expences are higher in the same praportion.....", and later, "how ever strange it may seem to you that we want to com back [to Fulton County] it would seem more strange if you and your famely were set down in the most crowded place in staleybrige which is no worse a place nor were I live...". "people work here is much same as the factrey sistem in england the have to be their at the ringing of the bell and work when the are there or stand out of the road and imployers here are as big tirents as the are any were". **Abraham** did later return to Fulton County, Illinois, and set himself up as a blacksmith and farmer. His son **Robert A Savill** established a business in 1872, aged 22, as a coal dealer and contractor and prospered greatly, "**Bob**" being regarded as a pillar of the community.

Abraham's brother **Jeremiah**, who had married **Hannah B Wood** in Ashton under Lyne in 1832, took nine children to America and was another who seems to have prospered there. He was an engineer and ran a foundry in Canton making, for example, coal tubs for mining.

Thomas died in infancy so of all of the children of **Joseph Seville** and **Martha** that leaves only **Sarah**. She stayed at home in Cranberryfield, Oldham, looking after her mother, and copies of four letters of hers as sent between 1849 and the 1850s to her sister **Nancy Whitehead** in Illinois notably reflect what seems to have been a family penchant for eschewing cheerfulness and preferring complaint and grumble, though she was also very prone to invoke the will of the Almighty in all things and to admonish her relatives for their neglect of mother **Martha**.

Was it sarcasm or jealousy in September 1849 which lay behind **Sarah's** words, "**Annis** and **Sarah Ann** have taken a new way of life I hope they may enjoy it with plesure and not with regret". In the same letter the admonition, "while you are providing for the body O forget not the soul but pray earnestly for the teaching of the holy spirit ...", and, "the Cholera is very bad in the towns here they are dieing every day it is of the Lords mercy that we are spared". Later, "sister **Annah** is not doing so well there children have but half worck so that it makes things go on badly".

The date of her last letter is unclear but it is addressed to her sister **Nancy** who died in 1857. In the previous August, year not stated, she had married one **Thomas Wild** and says, "we have had more than nine years courtship and so far of married life I have no reson to comeplain he has left off those bad practeses of drinking and gambleing and is willing to worck at his traid..." "Sister **Lydia** ... is in no better circumstances than she was when you

left home her children are all unhealthe and joe is as stupify as ever he was". **Joe Wrigley** was clearly not a favourite brother-in-law!

Is there an expert on the provision of education in the Saddleworth and Oldham areas in the early 1800s? It puzzles me that these folk, from a poor family, came to be reasonably literate so early. Though quite why they always seemed to write "the" for "they" is a mystery too.

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Alan Saville

FROM THE DAIRY OF GEORGE SHAW

Maurice Dennet has unearthed this fragment from the formative years of one of the best known figures in Saddleworth last century.

"1830 (aged 19) Sunday, September 26th. I, accompanied by another young traveller, J. Smith, went to view Brougham Hall, the residence of the celebrated Henry Brougham, Esq., MP for Yorkshire. It is a small place, when viewed near, but most beautifully situated in one of the finest districts of England. It is about a mile and a half from Penrith, and two or three hundred yards from the North Mail Road.

The house is of antique erection, though rather modernised by the late possessor. It is built of rough, unsquared stones, without being dressed and battlemented. The modern windows the present proprietor is having pulled out, and replacing them with old-fashioned ones with mullions and round heads. The place is undergoing considerable repairs, and when finished will present the appearance of a fine, castellated mansion to the road.

There is an old chapel attached to it. The entrance into the grounds is very romantic. It is at the head of an avenue, and consists of a deep archway with a flanking turret, the whole covered with ivy. There is no window or outlet to be seen, except one small place strongly grated with iron. The doors are folding and are made of oak deeply panelled, with a knocker of massive dimension and huge size.

The avenue before mentioned leads from the Hall to the ruins of Brougham Castle down by the side of the river. These are extensive and of great strength". (Then follows a lengthy and detailed description of the castle. After spending time in and upon the ruins, Shaw continues: "We dined at 4 o' clock (he does not say where -- somewhere in Penrith) and when we left at 8 o' clock we had had a bottle of wine each and we walked along the Appleby Road until we got to the castle again. It was rather dark, but we wandered around the ruins again, banging our heads against heaps of rubbish and stone, and eventually finding ourselves in the water of the moat. We missed the road and could not find it for a long time. We returned to Brougham Hall; while we stood beside the huge portal, examining its appearance, and I admiring the fine effect produced by a light which shone from the small grated window which I above mentioned, through the ivy, my companion seized the huge knocker and gave two or three tremendous raps, until the old castle and woods echoed again.

I took my heels and he followed! We had no sooner got down upon the turnpike road, safe from all pursuit, than my companion picked up a stick and struck a passing man across the face with it. He began to vociferate murder to the utmost of his power, and ran towards the next houses. I again took to my heels, closely followed by my Smith, who caught hold of my coat laps and pulled me upon my backside in the road and fell over me himself. I got up and ran until I got clear away.

1833 (aged 23) Wrote a description of Brougham Hall for my Aunt and, and took it to her with my sketches of Brougham Hall."

THE AINSWORTH FAMILY – LINKS WITH SADDLEWORTH?

Introduction

My* great great grandmother Sarah Alice Ainsworth, born in 1816 was the eldest daughter of Edward Ainsworth and Marianne Lees. She married Frederick Law in Rochdale in 1838. Edward was one of the sons of Jesse Ainsworth and Sarah Kelsall. Another Edward, brother of Sarah, will also be mentioned later. I have information about other family members but this is recording specifically family links with Saddleworth.

A while ago I was given a copy of some notes about the Ainsworths written in 1913. This followed some other information about the family contained in a large family tree showing descent from an Amor Ainsworth. It included some dates which I believe will have come from the printed copies of the Saddleworth Registers. I found copies in the Manchester Central Library and the dates on the tree largely agree with those in the Registers. The family notes, while not providing dates, did provide a link with Saddleworth relating to – another! – Edward Ainsworth.

Amor Ainsworth – From the top

Amor Ainsworth is placed at the top of the tree but with no dates.

His son Edward Ainsworth, yeoman of Calf Hey, and born 1666 married Martha Gartside 22nd October 1724 and died 8th June 1730. The source is given as the Saddleworth Register.

The Register shows Edward Ainsworth, yeoman, and Martha Gartside, spinster, (of Saddleworth being married on the above date. However, I could not find a birth date for Edward though there are three burial dates for an Edward Ains(yn)worth. 'Old Edward Aynsworth, Clothier' was buried on 8th June 1730 while Edward Ainsworth, yeoman, (of Calf-Hey was buried on 3rd August 1731. Less than a year later on 10th March 1732 Edward, Son of Edwd. Ainsworth Junior, (of) Calf-Hey was buried.

Among a bound copy of Will transcriptions in Rochdale Library there is one made by Edward Ainsworth on 7th December 1726. This Edward Ainsworth was 'of Church Stile within Castleton, yeoman'. He leaves money to his wife Martha (40 Shillings a year during her life); to his daughter Susannah, wife of Harry Andrew (5 Shillings); to his daughter Anne Bottomley, wife of Isaac Bottomley (40 pounds and the further sum of 17 pounds and 12 shillings to be paid four years after his (Edward's) death; to Edmund, Susannah, Elizabeth and John, sons and daughters of his daughter Susannah and her husband Harry Andrew (20 pounds amongst them when they are 21 years old). He leaves the remainder of his estate to Edward, his son.

The Will was proved on 25th September 1731 by Isaac Bottomley, one of two named executors. The other was Edward Ainsworth who has died.

I have not yet found this Edward's baptism/birth – nor of course his father's.

Of the three Edward burials, on the face of it the last can be discounted as being either of the Edwards (father or son) named in this Will. He would have been alive in 1731 when the Will was proved. Of the remaining two, was Old Edward Aynsworth the father and Edward, yeoman of Calf-Hey, the son or vice versa? Both died after the Will was made (1726) and before the Will was proved (1731). Logically, Old Edward Aynsworth, clothier, was the father and Edward, yeoman of Calf-Hey, the son. But can one equate Old Edward Aynsworth,

clothier, buried in 1730 with the Edward described as 'of Church Stile within Castleton, yeoman' who made a 1726 Will.

From the Register, Edward's wife, Martha Ainsworth, (of) Calf-Hey, spinster was buried in Saddleworth on 10th November 1737. But why spinster and not widow? A year earlier on 24th April 1736 Anna Ainsworth, of Calf-Hey, widow was buried. Was this Isaac Bottomley's wife Anne having reverted to her maiden name?

Fifteen years earlier on 25th April 1722 Susanna, wife of Edward Aynsworth, clothier, (of) Running-hill, was buried. The description of Edward seems to fit the 'old' one who died in 1730. The description doesn't fit the Will writer in 1726 and in any case the Will writer's wife was Martha!

My family member who supplied the tree noted that Edward Ainsworth, yeoman of Calf-hey, married twice. He married Esther Winterbottom and secondly Martha Gartside. Esther (wife of) Edward Ainsworth was buried at Saddleworth on 6th February 1693.

A marriage is recorded at Saddleworth between Edward Ainsworth and Esther Winterbotham on 13th August 1673. A baptism of Ann (daughter) of Edward Ainsworth on 1st June 1678 ties in with a marriage of an Ann Ainsworth to Isaac Bottomley in May 1702. Susannah (daughter) of Edward Ainsworth was baptised on 8th June 1681.

Some analysis:

At this stage I find it difficult to accept that Edward's father was Amor as shown on the family tree. As a working theory I think Edward, yeoman of Calf-hey married Esther Winterbottom in 1673. She died in 1693 and their children were those named in the Will. It follows that Edward of Calf-hey became Edward of Church Stile by 1726 when he made his Will. Martha Gartside was his second wife. If we suppose he was 20 in 1673 when he married Esther he would have been 71 when he married Martha. In the same Register a burial took place of Martha, daughter of Ruth Broadbent, spinster, by John Gartside, clothier, (of) Grasscroft. On 18th March 1676 Martha (daughter) of John Gartside was baptised. Are these the same as if so Edward married a 48 year old Martha. A Martha Ainsworth (of) Calf-hey, spinster was buried on 10th November 1737. Could she be a child of Edward and Martha? Unlikely, but...!!

The remaining questions then are how this Edward was related (if at all) to:

1. Old Edward Ainsworth, Clothier of Running-hill and his wife, Susanna. She was buried on 25th April 1722.
2. Edward Ainsworth, son of Edward Ainsworth, junior, of Calf-hey who died on 10th March 1732. Maybe I have misread the date and this is the son who inherited the balance of his father's estate and the brother of Susannah, Anne, etc.

Amor Ainsworth and Ellen/Helen Clegg

The Rochdale, St Chad's provides a wedding on 12th October 1747 between Hamer Ainsworth and Ellen Clegg. The same Register provides baptisms of children to Amor and Ellin in one case and to Amor and Ellin in another. My tree describes Ellen Clegg being of Butterworth. Being Particular Baptists they are buried at Ogden in Butterworth. My reading of the memorial shows that Amor died in 1798 in the 76th year of his age. Assume that he was born in 1722.

The tree shows him as the son of Edward and Susannah Ainsworth.

Charles Beswicke and Esther Ainsworth

The notes written in 1913 were a biography of the writer's Ainsworth family. The writer refers in some detail to her mother, aunts and uncles. These were the children of Edward and Marianne Lees. Her aunt Sarah is the same Sarah who was my* great great grandmother. She begins by talking about her great grandfather Jesse, who married Sarah Kelsall. With particular reference to a sister of Jesse she mentions Esther Ainsworth. She records the marriage entry dated 6th November 1745 which she takes from the Saddleworth Register. Esther is described as of Hill-top. Near Delph has been added by the biographer, I think. Hill-top is marked but not named on the 1:50,000 OS Map at SJ978074.

Edward Ainsworth

One final sad note but again linking the Ainsworths to Saddleworth relates to Edward Ainsworth. Edward was the biographer's uncle and sister of my great great grandmother Sarah. Esther Beswick, nee Ainsworth, was the great aunt of both of them.

The following report appeared in the "Oldham Evening Chronicle" of Thursday 23rd October 1890.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A TRAVELLER

A commercial traveller from an oil firm in Oldham, papers on whom bore the name of Edward Ainsworth, was found dead at 11.10 on Monday forenoon at Saddleworth. Robert Platt, coachman to Dr Roberts, discovered the man lying on the footpath near to Greenash, about halfway between Delph and Denshaw. He was apparently lifeless, and he ran for P.C. Woodward, who resided near, at Slackcote, and that officer had the body conveyed to the "Swan Inn", Delph. The deceased appeared to be about 60 years of age.

On the following Saturday the "Oldham Chronicle" recorded the death of Edward of 160, Crossbank St, Oldham very suddenly at Delph in his 60th year. Elsewhere in the same edition the report of the inquest, held on the Wednesday stated that the jury returned a verdict of death by natural causes.

The biographer stated that Edward was on his way to dine with his sister, Eliza who was the mother of the biographer. Eliza's husband was Abraham Henthorne Stott. They too presumably lived in Saddleworth.

*Finally

I have used the word "my" throughout. However the relationship is to my wife, born Susan Reynolds. Her mother was born Winifred Law. If whoever reads this has any additional knowledge, clues or comments that may resolve any queries or correct any errors, the author would be extremely grateful to hear from them.

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MILESTONES, MERESTONES AND OTHERS

On behalf of the S.H.S., David Latimer is compiling a list of inscribed stones of historic interest in Saddleworth. Here he explains the task and appeals for your help.

According to W.B. Crump (1949, p. 46) the appearance of milestones or guide stoops on our roads is due to an act of 1698 ordering justices to erect guide posts at cross-roads. Consequently the West Riding justices in 1700 ordered "stoops to be set up in Crosse Highways" inscribed with "the name of the next market town to which each of the highways leede". Later orders (1735) decreed that distances were to be stated. Later still, from 1840 the familiar cast iron markers with raised letters and bolted to a stone backing were set up along turnpike roads. (Barnes 1981, p. 25). These markers should state the name of the Turnpike Trust, the Township in which it stands and the distance to the nearest significant point in each direction.

A survey of these was done in 1989 by David Gartside and recently updated. Twenty three have been accounted for which appears to be the lot; a few are broken, some are partly covered by the raising of the road surface and ALL are in urgent need of preservation as our neighbours in Ripponden have done.

However there are a number of other markers around Saddleworth in the form of inscribed stones and I find these and the hunt for them much more interesting. There are the older Turnpike milestones, boundary stones marking the divisions between Saddleworth and surrounding areas, merestones marking the boundaries of the four meres and other stones showing the boundaries of some other properties. It is these that are of particular interest and the Society has been asked by the Parish Council to list them for their records. The Society in turn are asking you, our members, to keep an eye open on your summer walks for any marked stones that you may come across. You should note the inscription and position (with grid reference if possible) and tell either me or Jim Carr.

In order to make the hunt more difficult but more interesting you should NOT include the ones listed below:

Beware, they may not be where they should be! Some of those listed have been moved from their original position while others have been used as wall tops. A recent exciting discovery is that of an old milestone on the building site at Buckley New Mill which, with the co-operation of the builders, has been re-erected near the access bridge. Also some stones may have had their inscriptions effaced during the 1939-45 War in order to deny the enemy knowledge of their whereabouts!

The oldest milestone that is in situ is that on the modern A62 where the route coincides with that of the first Turnpike, the Wakefield-Austerlands road (c. 1759). The fifteenth and last (from Huddersfield) is at the base of the Austerlands chimney, having been recovered from use as a gate post (See SHS Bulletin Vol. 1 No. 3). A later stone is on the route where the second Turnpike bypassed Delph about 1797. This is North West of New Delph on the right-hand side of the road a little way above the cricket ground. This stone, the twelfth, has an interesting addition, it reads Huddersfield 12m 1135 yards. The additional yardage was added, I would like to suggest, to make up the difference between the Statute mileage in use when the new 12 mile marker was put in place further up the road and the "customary" miles still in use when the stone was first put in place. A customary mile was longer and varied from district to district. An earlier stone (1750?) known as the Waymark, can be seen in Saddleworth Museum. A list of known stones is shown on the next page – there are probably more!

INSCRIBED STONES OF HISTORIC INTEREST IN EXISTENCE AS AT APRIL 1998 WITHIN SADDLEWORTH

MILESTONES. Grid References (G R) are approximate.

Huddersfield 15m - Manchester 9m. GR 958057 A62 Bottom of Thorpe Lane ,at base of chimney. See Saddleworth Historical Society Bulletin (SHS) Vol 1 No 3. c1759

Huddersfield 12m 1135 yds. Manchester 12m GR992082 A62 East verge above cricket field. c1797

Huddersfield ? Oldham 3m GR 975064 In use as coping stone on wall Thurston Clough Rd. East of Doctor Lane, side of stile to footpath to A62 . c1759 . See S.H.S. Bulletin vol. 1 No.2

Newhouses 1&1/4m. (effaced) 4m GR 975038 A6050 Roadside on gable wall of house btm. of Poplar Ave. ,Quick. c177? .

xxxxxxfield-(effaced) GR 997060 A670 Old stone re-erected by builders near the access bridge to building site at Buckley New Mill, Uppermill.

The "Waymark" Approx. original position GR 002091. A triangular stone inscribed on each side a) Marsden 4m Huddersfield 11m b) Oldham 7m To Manchester 15m c) To Ashton 8m P1750 ? Stockport 16m .The stone when in situ. stood on a stone pillar(which remains to be discovered) .The stone is on display in Saddleworth Museum with a story attached.

The 19th. century cast iron Turnpike mile markers are the subject of a separate list.

BOUNDARY STONES.

Sadd/ Mossley GR976037 On A6050 at Quick . Letters effaced.

ditto GR977037 On A670 at Quick . ditto.

Sadd. U.D. /Springhead U.D. GR9740415 On A6050 nr. "The Grange" gateposts.

Sadd./Ashton (old parish boundary) In private garden Thornley Lane Grotton. See S.H.S. Bulletin Vol. 27 No.2.

Sadd./Ashton (old parish boundary) N.W. Corner of Austerlands Cricket Ground, Thorpe Lane.

MERESTONES & MISC. INCISED STONES.

Merestone GR988075 Opposite Bell Inn ,Delph. Marking Lordsmere & Shawmere boundaries.

Merestone GR9915046 Greenfield end of Shaw Hall Bank Rd. Marking the "Lower Division of Shaw Mere".

Stone at Wade Lock A670 Marked "U.L.B."

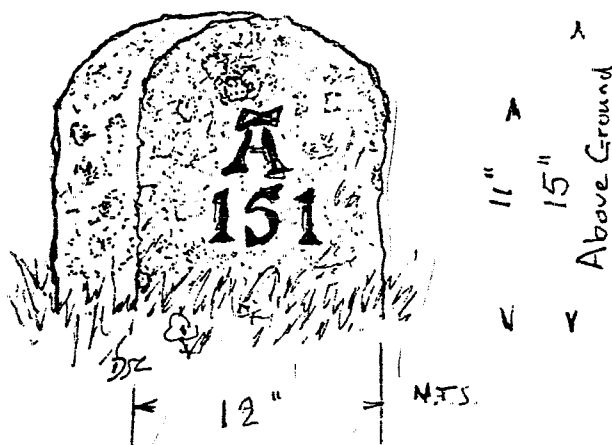
ditto S.of viaduct Uppermill on A670.

Stone (lettering unclear, thought to be an estate boundary marker. On A62 set in side of field gate at N. end of lay-by near Star Inn.

There are very likely lots more boundary stones, merestones and other inscribed stones waiting to be recorded, please let us know if you spot any.

D.S. Latimer

Telephone No. 0161 633 3205



Letter 'A' is 4" sq

Numerals Approx 3" high

Thickness of Stone 5"

View is of West side
East side has single 'S'

Boundary Stone, Thornley Lane, Grotton

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS AT DELPH INDEPENDENT CHAPEL – PART VI*

(*Part V appeared in Vol. 27, No. 2, pp 8-13)

189 – Jn^o KENWORTHY died July 8th 1850 aged 23 years. Esther Martha KENWORTHY Slackcote died July 27th 1855 aged 21 years.

190 – Joseph MILLS died July 1st 1905 aged 77 years. Also Clara Jane, eldest daughter of Joseph and Hannah MILLS died April 23rd 1860 aged 1 year. Also Elizabeth Anne their daughter died October 11th 1891 aged 26 years. Also Hannah his wife died June 30th 1914 aged 85 years.

191 – Joseph WHITEHEAD of Ashton-under-Lyne, formerly of Delph, Saddleworth, died December 5th 1885 aged 68 years. Also Martha his daughter died January 9th 1853 aged 4 years. Also Arthur his son died March 10th 1855 aged 1 year. Also Hannah, relict of the above Joseph WHITEHEAD died June 19th 1901 aged 80 years.

192 – Ben WRIGLEY of Hey Barn who died January 6th 1858 aged 43 years. Also Alice his wife who died September 20th 1886 aged 70 years. Also William their son who died July 25th 1863 aged 18 years. Also their three children, James, Beth and Isaac who died in infancy. Also Edward BOOTH husband of Alice BOOTH, daughter of the above Alice WRIGLEY who died April 17th 1939 aged 76 years. Also Alice wife of the above Edward BOOTH who died May 2nd aged 83 years.

193 – Esther wife of Ralph BUCKLEY of Wood Lane, Dobcross, late of Gatehead who died September 3rd 1892 in her 80th year. Also the aforesaid Ralph BUCKLEY who died March 30th 1894 in his 77th year.

194 – John son of Iddo and Mary Jane BOOTH of Dobcross who died July 29th 1889 in his 17th year. Also Walker their son who died May 27th 1892 in his 11th year. Also the above Mary Jane BOOTH who died November 21st 1897 in her 52nd year. Also the above Iddo BOOTH who died March 29th 1931 in his 90th year.

195 – Samuel Swann MATLEY OF Delph died September 15th 1883 aged 37 years. Also Ann his wife, died May 7th 1894 aged 45 years.

196 – Esther Martha wife of Samuel WOOD of Delph, died October 21st 1879 aged 37 years. Also the above Samuel WOOD died August 18th 1891 aged 50 years. Also Walter Winterbottom WOOD son of the above died October 18th 1947 aged 78 years. Also John WHITEHEAD died March 4th 1955 aged 83 years. Also Sarah Ann, his wife died September 20th 1957 aged 83 years.

197 – Betsy daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth JAGGER of Hill Top, Delph, born October 16th 1862, died February 20th 1865. Also Hirst their son, born November 14th 1857 died August 31st 1877. Also Albert their son, born April 20th 1876, died October 3rd 1877. Also Albert Hirst their son, born December 4th 1888, killed in action in France October 9th 1917. Also the above named Abraham JAGGER born October 30th 1833 died September 14th 1921. Also the above named Elizabeth JAGGER born October 17th 1834, died December 5th 1924. Also Lillie their daughter died May 31st 1941 in her 72nd year. Also George HINCHLIFFE their son-in-law who died January 8th 1922 aged 65 years. Also Ann wife of the above George HINCHLIFFE who died May 27th 1940 aged 79 years. Also Susannah eldest daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth JAGGER born January 23rd 1859, died March 12th 1929. Also Mary their daughter died June 27th 1942 in her 76th year.

198 – Charley beloved son of Ned and Mary Ann WHITEHEAD of Mossley (late of Delph) who died December 19th 1878 aged 4 years. Also the above Ned WHITEHEAD who died June 8th 1920 aged 74 years. Also Mary Ann, wife of Ned WHITEHEAD who died June 14th 1928 aged 85 years.

199 – Thomas HALL of Dale, who died February 20th 1890 in the 80th year of his age. Also Esther HALL sister of the above who died November 25th 1894 in the 79th year of her age. Also Charles son of the above Esther HALL who died October 9th 1918 in the 70th year of his age. Also Mary his widow who died March 2nd 1929 in the 77th year of her age.

200 – Clarence son of James William and Jane MATTLEY of Delph, who died July 22nd 1870 aged 15 weeks. Also Charles Hedley their son who died May 11th 1872 aged 5 months. Also Amy their daughter who died August 29th 1876 aged 14 months. Also Samuel Rufus their son who died November 19th 1884 aged 4 months. Also the above James William MATTLEY who died January 22nd 1904 aged 59 years. Also the above Jane MATTLEY who died November 3rd 1919 aged 75 years. Also the above Hedley Winterbottom MATTLEY son of the above who died October 28th 1957 aged 76 years.

201 – William Henry HALL of Grove Cottage, New Delph who died December 30th 1871 aged 29 years. Also Julia Annie his daughter, who died May 7th 1871 aged 2 years. Also Thirza his wife who died July 3rd 1924 aged 82 years. Also William Harold their son who died October 6th 1926 aged 55 years.

202 – John MELLOR, Hawthorn Place, New Delph, born January 25th 1819, died October 14th 1905.

203 – Julia Ann, wife of John WHITEHEAD of Stoneswood, Delph, who died February 4th 1897 aged 66 years. Also Ann, second wife of the above John WHITEHEAD who died March 12th 1919 aged 79 years. Also the above John WHITEHEAD who died January 28th 1922 aged 85 years.

204 – Charles WHITEHEAD of West View Delph, who died December 18th 1890 in his 61st year. Also Esther Ann his wife who died December 1st 1906 in her 77th year. Also Ada their daughter (and wife of Reed GARTSIDE) who died August 17th 1894 in her 25th year (and was interred at St Thomas Church Heights). Also Dicken their son who died April 16th 1914 in his 59th year and was interred at Heywood Cemetery. Also Samuel Winterbottom their son who died October 17th 1920 in his 54th year. Also Clara Jane their daughter and wife of Walter TURNER who died February 13th 1923 in her 59th year. Also Mary Ann their daughter who died June 8th 1924 in her 67th year.

205 – Joseph HEAP of Cotemans who died June 14th 1886 in his 59th year. Also Agnes HEAP relict of the above who died November 9th 1900 in her 71st year. Also Joe HEAP who died February 28th 1905 in his 37th year.

206 – Samuel MALLALIEU of Ladcastle, Dobcross who died August 18th 1915 aged 54 years. Also Leonard Son of Samuel and Emma MALLALIEU who died October 25th 1895 aged 2 years. Also David their son who died September 21st 1898 aged 11 months. Also Emma wife of the above Samuel MALLALIEU who died July 17th 1944 in her 84th year.

207 – Joseph Travies MILLS of Southport, formerly of Delph, born December 23rd 1841, died October 14th 1884. Also Martha wife of the above, born January 15th 1832, died July 7th 1896.

208 – William Henthorn, son of Esther and William GARTSIDE of New Farm, Strineside, who died April 18th 1927 in his 27th year. Also the above named William GARTSIDE who died August 14th 1928 in his 68th year.

209 – Adam MALLALIEU J.P. eldest son of David and Emma MALLALIEU died March 10th 1938 aged 81 years. A man who loved and served his fellow men. Clara Anne wife of Adam MALLLIEU J.P. of Ladcastle, Dobcross, born April 25th 1857 died December 21st 1904. David MALLALIEU of Shady Grove, Delph born February 2nd 1830, died November 2nd 1894. Also Emma Mundy, beloved wife of the above, born October 2nd 1830, died May 11th 1890. Also Esther Hannah their beloved daughter born March 13th 1865, died May 11th 1873. Also Walter their beloved son who was run over by a railway engine at Delph station March 24th 1877. Born February 13th 1867, died March 26th 1877.

210 – James Hervey KERSHAW of the Bank, Dobcross, Saddleworth, who died 27th September 1883 aged 59 years. Also Ethel, daughter of James Hervey and Jane Ellen KERSHAW of Dobcross, born 13th February 1876, died 18th December 1876. Removed here 2nd October 1883. Also Jane Ellen wife of James Hervey KERSHAW who died April 18th 1892 aged 50 years. Also Gertrude elder daughter of James Hervey and Jane Ellen KERSHAW and wife of Francis Leigh ALSOP who died on her 44th birthday, 12th June 1917, and was interred in the Maitland Cemetery, Capetown, South Africa. Also Arthur, youngest son of James Hervey and Jane Ellen KERSHAW who died 29th October 1929 aged 59 years and was interred in the Cemetery at Reigate, Surrey. Also Catherine, wife of Herbert KERSHAW who died at Reigate February 3rd 1934 aged 69 years and was cremated at West Norwood Cemetery.

211 – James DENTON of New Barn, Delph, who died January 14th 1884 aged 64 years. Also Mary his wife who died February 10th 1901 aged 71 years. Also Hannah their daughter who died October 26th 1906 aged 56 years.

212 -- Frederick RAYNER formerly of Delph who died December 14th 1871 at the Vatch near Stroud Gloucestershire in the 72nd year of his age and is interred at Slad Church near Stroud. Also Nancy relict of the above who died at Delph March 4th 1889 in the 88th year of her age. Also two children Caroline and Thomas who died in infancy and are at Springhead Independent Chapel.

213 – Nathan HINCHLIFFE of Delph who died June 9th 1888 aged 58 years. Also Sarah his wife who died September 30th 1895 aged 64 years. Also Sally AISABLE their granddaughter, and wife of Tom HIRST who died March 6th 1897 aged 21 years. Also Maria their daughter (and wife of James DYSON) born April 24th 1856, died December 25th 1905.

214 – Frederick Howarth, son of George and Mary HINCHLIFFE of Delph, who died July 27th 1889 in his 7th year. Also the above George HINCHLIFFE who died March 19th 1930 aged 77 years. Also Mary his wife who died August 10th 1931 aged 81 years. Also W----- -
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215 – Ambrose CLARKE of Gatehead, Delph, who died June 14th 1886 in his 51st year. Also Hannah his relict who died July 9th 1902 in her 70th year. Also Mary Eliza their daughter and wife of John F. BILKEY who died June 27th 1913 aged 40.

216 – Parker HOWARD OF Woodhouse Mill Delph who died June 26th 1879 in the 58th year of his age. Also Dora, daughter of the above Parker and Mary HOWARD who died May 5th 1880 in the 20th year of her age. Also William Parker their son who died January 30th 1885 aged 17 years. Also Mary widow of the said Parker HOWARD who died August 10th 1902 in the 81st year of her age.

217 – Ann TAYLOR, mother of Mrs Ann HANSON of New Delph who died 17th May 1880 in her 58th year. Also Elizabeth HANSON of Mossley, who died May 5th 1890 in her 82nd year. Also George her son who died May 6th 1889 in his 52nd year.

218 – Isaac BENTLEY of West View Slackcote, who died February 15th 1880 in the 72nd year of his age. Also Mary Rebecca, his daughter who died January 22nd 1887 in the 43rd year of her age. Also Lucy, relict of the above Isaac BENTLEY who died June 18th 1898 in the 82nd year of her age. Also Sarah Esther, daughter of the above who died April 18th 1917 aged 71 years. Also Jane Alice their daughter who died September 9th 1921 aged 68 years.

219 – Abraham HARDY of Dobcross who died April 6th 1891 in his 53rd year. Also Elizabeth his wife who died August 5th 1905 in her 65th year.

220 – Alfred GLOSSOP of New Delph who died December 17th 1887 in the 33rd year of his age. Also Edward GLOSSOP of New Delph who died November 21st 1900 in the 75th year of his age.

221 – James HALL of Springhead, Lees, who died April 19th 1892 in his 65th year. Also Esther Mary his wife who died September 21st 1892 in her 61st year.

222 – Sam BRIERLEY of Wharmton, Dobcross died 18th June 1943 aged 65 years. Also Alice Jane his wife died May 8th 1961 aged 85 years.

223 – Sydney HARDY died February 26th 1929 aged 38 years. Also Ethel his beloved wife died January 16th 1962 aged 68. Also Joan their daughter died February 22nd 1924 aged 1 day.

224 – RHODES.

225 – Eric. The workpeople Slackcote Mill

226 – Abraham HENTHORN of Woothered Hill died 27th March 1878 aged 52 years. Also Betty his wife died November 11th 1913 aged 81 years. Also Martha their daughter died April 23rd 1928 aged 71 years. Also Eliza SECKER daughter of the above Abraham and Betty HENTHORN WHO DIED June 27th 1929 in her 70th year. Also Frank HAIRSINE grandson of the above Eliza SECKER who died June 7th 1935 aged 18 years. Also Betty, beloved wife of Arthur HAIRSINE who died November 26th 1960 aged 67 years.

227 – Herbert Broadbent HALL, dear little son of Wright Broadbent and Emma HALL of Stoneswood, Delph born August 29th 1930 died August 16th 1934. Also Emma dearly beloved wife of Wright Broadbent HALL died November 10th 1941 aged 52 years. Also Wright Broadbent HALL died April 11th 1951 aged 58 years.

228 – Joseph Carter RHODES died April 5th 1934 aged 57 years. Also Ann Mary his wife died July 16th 1949 aged 81 years.

229 – Henry Wood SMITH of Stoneswood, Delph born April 2nd 1872, died April 9th 1932. Also Sarah Ann dear wife of the above died April 29th 1960 aged 89 years.

230 – George Henry SHORE died September 2nd 1938 aged 76 years. Also Ann his wife died February 7th 1940 aged 75 years. Also Alice their daughter died January 2nd 1965 aged 69 years. Also Henry Eric their son, died June 5th 1967 aged 61 years.

231 – Our dear Mother Sophia JONES who died March 15th 1915 aged 84 years. Also Amelia Sophia, her daughter, wife of Samuel DUCKWORTH died July 16th 1936 aged 74 years.

232 – Jesse PICKUP of Delph born November 9th 1854, died June 4th 1933. Also Emma his wife born September 15th 1856, died August 8th 1938.

233 – Mary beloved wife of George ROBERTS died December 25th 1922 aged 74 years. Also the above George ROBERTS died February 8th aged 82 years. Norman Cuthbert, beloved husband of Edith HUDSON who died July 10th 1923 aged 38 years. Also the above Edith HUSON who died January 1st 1971 aged 8 years.

234 – Ben ASHLEY died February 27th 1945 aged 65 years. Also Esther his wife died September 28th 1965 aged 80 years. Also Joan Adelaide their daughter died June 9th 1925 aged 1 year.

235 – Myra daughter of Frank and Alice KENWORTHY died February 25th 1927 aged 23 years. Also the above Alice KENWORTHY died November 13th 1939 aged 66 years. Also the above Frank KENWORTHY died August 18th 1953 aged 75 years.

236 – James FIELDING died June 14th 1929 aged 85 years. Also Betty his beloved wife died May 10th 1929 aged 74 years.

237 – HUNT

238 – Emily beloved wife of Ben GARTSIDE of Hill View, Delph, who died October 3rd 1915 in her 68th year. Also the above Ben GARTSIDE who died August 16th 1922 in his 77th year. Also Betty their daughter who died January 3rd 1936 in her 56th year. Also Maria their daughter who died December 14th 1955 in her 81st year.

239 – Jane PILLING who died June 15th 1916.

240 – George BRISTOW who died October 15th 1916 aged 68 with deepest sympathy from his fellow workmen of Lumb Mill, Delph.

241 – Jane Ann beloved wife of Joe WATSON of Stoneswood, Delph, who died May 14th 1919 aged 52 years. Also the above Joe WATSON who died November 12th 1919 aged 60 years.

242 – Jean daughter of John Alfred and Edith Ann REDFERN who died January 19th aged 16 months.

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HOWARD LAMBERT

LETTERS

Dear Mr Fox,

Primary Schools Performance Results.

I was delighted to see that out of eighty-four schools Greenfield's St Mary's C of E came out top of the list in the Oldham area.

My mother came from Roughtown to Greenfield in 1921 although she already lived in Uppermill.

Teachers at the time were Mr Jagger (Head), Mrs Smith and Marion Longbottom. Annie Broadbent joined them. She stayed for several years before moving to Uppermill St Chad's C of E school on Lee Street.

Vicars at the time were Mr Potts at Greenfield and Mr Hudson at Uppermill, i.e. Saddleworth Church.

Caretaker at Lee Street was Mr Carter assisted by his daughter Ann.

Heads at Lee Street I can remember were in order Messrs Bullough, Bell, Battersby and Joe Parker who stayed until he retired.

Teachers when my mother joined Lee Street were Miss Meanock, Mrs Marshall and Miss Allot.

Yours Sincerely

Albert Broadbent

To The Saddleworth Historical Society,
Ref.: Co-op Buildings, 36 Mossley Road, Grasscroft

The Co-op closed its doors as a shop in 1967.

My mother, Mrs Joan Hobbs, believed she could sustain a general grocers on the site and rented the building from the Co-op as it closed in 1967.

The rental included the shop, number 36, the first floor above the shop and the attic and cellar which ran over numbers 38 and 40.

My father, Len Hobbs, decided to use the upper floors as a drawing office, as he had recently gone self-employed.

The first floor had been used as a grain store by the Co-op. Bags of flour, rice, etc. were winched off the horse and cart or wagon from inside the archway and the sacks were emptied into chutes. The sales person filled a bag by hand from the bottom of the chute in the shop below.

My earliest memory in 1967 was to help re-floor the rotten floorboards eaten away by woodworm where the flour had been stored. The attic had originally been used by the Grasscroft mission; in 1967 we emptied the large room of over 50 pews which were given to

the Saddleworth Cricket Club. There was also a very old snooker table located in the end, or reading, room.

A lasting memory is of painting over the boards which held the hymn numbers. However, we all painted around the sign written on the wall in large ornate letters which read:

“GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH”

My mother stopped using the downstairs as a shop in the 1970's and as we had purchased the whole building, 36, 38 and 40, from the Co-op, my business, as I had now joined my father, extended downwards into the shop.

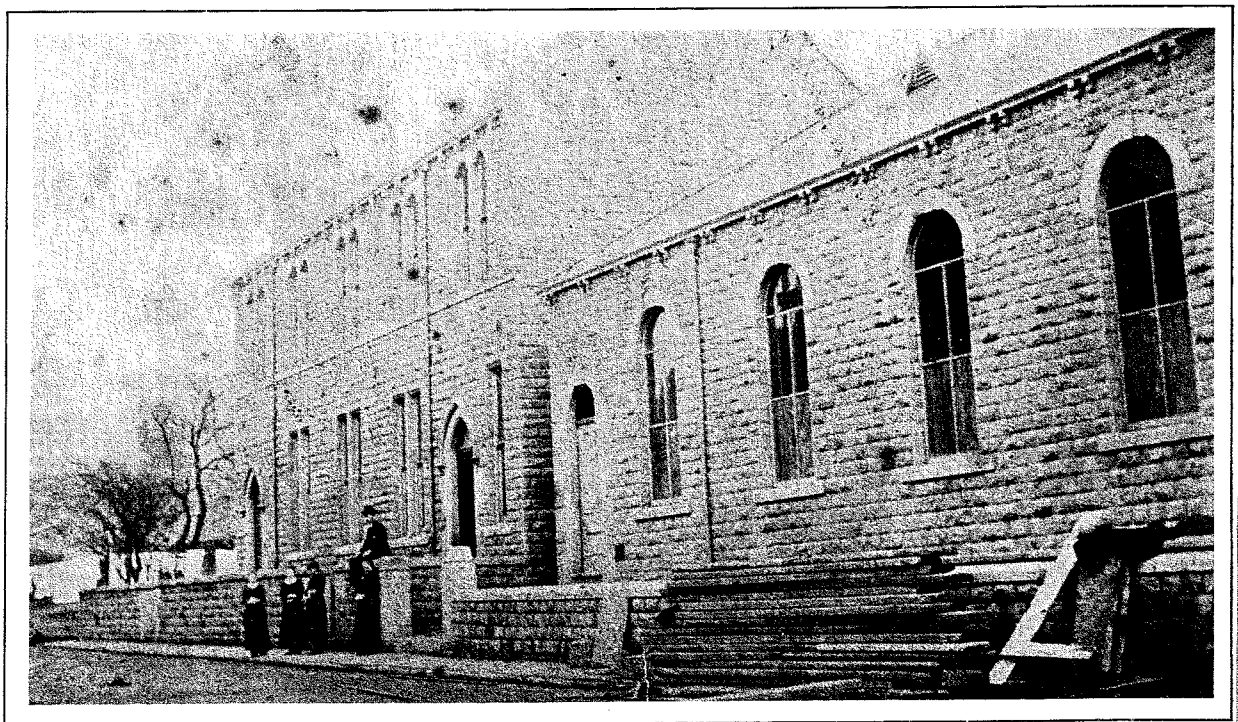
The building had outgrown its usage as it was not suited for the Engineering Company we were growing into.

In 1983 we moved the company to our present site near Holmfirth, where we have 4 or 5 times the square footage of Grasscroft and 40 employees. The Co-op building was sold in 1983 to Entwistle Plumbers who transformed the whole site into homes and flats.

I would imagine somewhere in the attic space over one of the flats is still written:

“GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH”

Graham K. Hobbs



ST CHAD'S SCHOOL

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Contributions

The "Bulletin's" aim is to reflect and encourage interest in all aspects of the history of Saddleworth. It relies on a regular supply of articles, letters, short reviews, etc from members and others. Fresh material is required constantly and should be sent to the Editor, who will be happy to discuss ideas for articles with anyone considering preparing one. Articles need not be confined to subjects within Saddleworth's borders, but preferably should have some connection with the district.

The summer "Bulletin" is due for Publication on the 31st July 1998. All material to the editor by the 15th July please.



Saddleworth Historical Society

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Pamphlets

ADDRESS TO THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF MEN IN SADDLEWORTH

By Daniel Nield

Shewing the necessity of supporting the Plan laid down for augmenting the Price of Labour in the Woollen Manufactory:

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£0.75

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SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER SPRING 1998

"In the Pennine dales in Springtime,
Oh, who would not be there.
When the thrush is in the hedgerow
And the lark's in the air."

Ammon Wrigley

The lecture on the Victorian Photographic Portrait Studio by Audrey Linkman was spent in the company of some commanding figures such as Charles Darwin, John Ruskin and Angela Burdett-Coutts, the richest woman in Victorian England. Miss Linkman's questioning style kept the audience on its toes and, we hope, we shall have the pleasure of her company on some other occasion.

Another March lecture was Saddleworth Banks and Bankers, by Neil Barrow, who directed us through two Dobcross banks, a bankruptcy, an amalgamation with the County Bank in Delph, finally becoming the National Westminster, of which we are familiar.

The April lecture was a capital Bernard Barnes Memorial presentation by Stephen Caunce, who told the story concerning the family of Joshua Taylor, who lived at Red House, now a Museum, where Mr Caunce was curator, in Gomersal, in the parish of Birstall; a type of community very similar to Saddleworth. Joshua Taylor was temporarily bankrupted, but being a Yorkshireman throughout and a New Connection Methodist, he survived and repaid all his debts. His descendants left for the genteel life of the South of England, having flourished in Yorkshire's heavy woollen industry, to which this talk was dedicated.

Summer Coach Trip. Chester

The Summer Coach Trip is on Saturday, 11th July 1998, details of which appeared in the last bulletin and you are reminded to book early.

Autumn Coach Trip. Saturday 26th September 1998

An Autumn coach trip is proposed to Hull and the spectacular Humber Bridge. Hull was created by Edward I at the end of the 13th century, and is home to the Magnificent Seven Museums, situated in the heart of the city. Foremost of these is the exciting award winning Ferens Art Gallery in Queen Victoria Square, which boasts an impressive collection of Dutch and European Old Masters together with works by Henry Moore and David Hockney. The Maritime Museum is also in Queen Victoria Square and the Wiberforce House Museum, the 17th century birthplace of William Wilberforce, is on High Street, where also reside Streetlife, Hull's Museum of Transport and the Hull and East Riding Museum, tracing the geology, archaeology and natural history of the area together with some stunning Roman mosaics.

The Humber Bridge is the world's largest single span suspension bridge, 1410 metres from tower to tower. It is a notable tourist attraction against the Hessle foreshore and was opened in 1981 by Queen Elizabeth II.

The price will be £5.50. Coach will depart from the Saddleworth Museum car park at 9.00 a.m., with the usual pick-up points; we will leave Hull at 5.00 p.m. Booking slip to be returned to Mrs W. Murray (telephone no. 01457 874493) as soon as possible, or forward details in your own letter of application.

Internet - Web-site design

The Society is looking to the future and is going on the Internet, having launched a competition for a Web-site design, which has a £100 prize and is open to all Saddleworth students under the age of 18 years. Entries should be notified to Mike Buckley (telephone no. 01457 877718), who will also handle any queries. The winner will be announced on the 31st July 1998. Contestants may use photographs and the design of six pages is required: A home page and five secondary pages, concerned with news, publications, e-mail to the Society, archives and membership application.

The home page should contain the Society logo or some other form of graphics, have room for about 100 words of text and contain five icons or buttons which, when clicked on, will lead to five secondary pages. Up to 20 words of text will be associated with each icon or button.

This competition is open to pupils at Saddleworth School, Oldham College, Oldham 6th Form College and the Hulme Grammar Schools.

Milestones, Merestones and Others

The Society has been asked by the Parish Council to submit a record of milestones and other inscribed stones in Saddleworth and you are invited to help. See the article "Milestone, Merestones and Others" in this bulletin for further information.

Monumental Inscriptions

We are informed by Howard Lambert, our member from Chesham, Bucks., that having completed his work in Delph, he has recorded the monumental inscriptions for St. Anne's Church, Lydgate for the period 1788-1900 which he will eventually be publishing in the Bulletin.

He has also visited the Public Record Office at Kew, examining Soldiers' Discharge Documents (1748-1854). His aim is to extract from these quarter of a million records as many Saddleworth men as he can find; there are a fair amount of Buckleys, Lees and Whiteheads and the results should prove interesting to us all.

Archaeology Section

Meetings of the above section will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Cross Keys Inn, Uppermill, commencing at 8.00 p.m., with a varied and interesting programme. Your contact is Jim Carr, (telephone no. 01457 873612).

Subscriptions 1998

A reminder for members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for this year is enclosed and we shall be pleased to receive remittances as soon as possible. Very many thanks for your continued support.

Family Membership.....	£12.00
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MEMBERSHIP SECTION

A welcome is extended to the following new members who have joined the Society since the publication of the last Bulletin.

Mr. J.S. Schofield, Blackburn
Mrs. Stella Hardy, Delph
Mrs. Doreen Hudson, Springhead

Mr. Brian Howarth, Oldham
Mr. & Mrs. R Filak, Delph
Mr William H. Buckley, London

Mr William H. Buckley, of 18 Radnor Walk, London SW3 4BN, is the great, great, great grandson of Edmund Buckley of Banks and New Delph (1768-1839), who was a descendent of William Buckley of Thame, who died in 1602. If any member has any family connection, would they care to correspond with Mr. Buckley, as he is most interested to know of any information about the Buckley family in general.

One of our new members, Mrs. Joan Smith, 100 Longfellow Crescent, Sholver, Oldham OL1 4QP, requires help tracing her grandfather, George Frederick Burke, who was killed in Ypres, Belgium on the 20th December 1915. He is mentioned in K.W. Mitchinson's book, "Saddleworth 1914-1919", on page 54; the entry being rather gruesome. His marriage, to Emma Littlewood, at the age of 25, took place at St. Chad's Church in 1912, place of residence, Uppermill, father was Robert, an engineer in a woollen mill, living at Moorgate, Uppermill. Although Mrs. Smith knows of his marriage and death, she cannot find his birth date and place of birth. If anyone can furnish any knowledge regarding George Frederick Burke, will they please contact Mrs. Smith.

Obituaries

The sudden death of Mr. Edward Mellor Sykes at the age of 64 years, whilst away on business in Indonesia, is to be deeply regretted as he had many friends in Saddleworth and will be sorely missed.

The recent death of Mrs. Frances Jackson, one of our long standing members, is a sad loss of a most respected person, who was dedicated to public service. Her artistic creativity will always be remembered as will her popular "Birds of Saddleworth" book.

We send our most sincere condolences to their families.

Forthcoming Events at Saddleworth Museum

Coffee Mornings	the second Wednesday of each month
Textile Working Days	Sundays (12.00 - 4.30 p.m.) 28th June 2nd August 20th September Wednesdays (2.00 - 4.30 p.m.) 27th May
Vintage Vehicle Gala, King George V field	Sunday 14th June
Flea Market, Civic Hall, Uppermill	Sunday 5th July
Lace Week	17th - 21st August

Forthcoming Events at Saddleworth Museum(continued)

Changing Exhibitions

Villages of Saddleworth ----- Dobcross	until 31st August
Aerial Views of Castleshaw and Piethorne	5th September - January 1999

Art Exhibitions

Saddleworth Group of Artists	30th May - 21st June
Edna Lumb Exhibition	4th - 26th July
Terry Kerman Exhibition	1st - 30th August
Saddleworth Open Exhibition	12th September - 4th October

Coach Trip to Chesterfield

Visiting Youlgreave, Tideswell and some
Well-dressing villages.
Monday 22nd June 1998
Telephone Mrs T. Hindle, 01457 874200

Huddersfield Canal Society

The Canal Society will be holding their Annual Festival on Saturday and Sunday 25th-26th July on the King George V field in Uppermill.

Saddleworth Civic Trust Lecture Programme 1998/99

A rejuvenated Civic Trust Committee are offering a new lecture programme for members and non members to be held at the Saddleworth Museum, High Street, Uppermill, at 7.30 p.m. as follows :-

Civic Trust Activities in the North West. Kathy Fishwick. Thursday 10th September

The Saddleworth Landscape. Michael Buckley. Thursday 26th November

The Re-instatement of the Stanedge Tunnel for canal usage. Alan Turner of Ove Arup & Partners, consulting engineers
Thursday 11th March 1999

Saddleworth W.E.A.

The following courses will commence in mid September 1998 :-

Mondays ---- Armchair Historical Walks through Saddleworth Tutor: Mike Fox

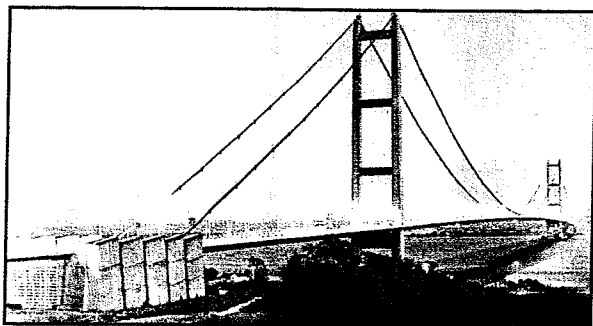
Tuesdays ----History & Interpretation of Maps Tutors: Alan Petford and David Uttley

Thursdays --- History of Railways and Canals Tutor: Ian Moss

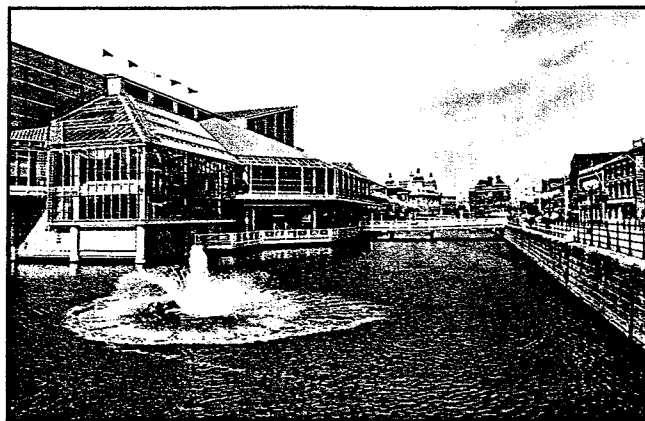
The course brochure will be included in the next Bulletin.

For further details telephone Mrs. D. Latimer 0161 633 3205

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SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 1998

9.00 a.m. at the Museum Car Park, Uppermill

A visit to the Maritime City of Kingston upon Hull, the destination with a difference! A wonderful combination of old and new, from cobbled streets of the Old Town to Princes Quay Shopping Centre, proudly sparkling above the waters of a former dock. The Marina forms an elegant focal point and is just minutes walk away from the city's fine selection of museums, shops and attractions. Discover Hull on foot by following the famous Fish Pavement Trail or Maritime Heritage Trail.

Price of coach £5.50 Booking slip or letter of application to be forwarded to Mrs. W. Murray as soon as possible.

Pick up points quarter of an hour before 9.00 a.m.
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