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Cover illustration: The Grimshaw family at The Shaws, Uppermill, ca. 1902. The figures are: Sam Grimshaw (son) d.o.b. 9 Oct 1884; John Grimshaw (father); Mary Grimshaw (daughter), and George Grimshaw (Sam's half-brother). (Lent by Albert Broadbent; see his letter on p.25.)

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The Bulletin aims 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 (or shorter contributions) from anyone considering preparing one. Articles need not be confined to subjects within Saddleworth's borders, but should have some connection with the district.

Please send items of historical interest to the Bulletin Editor, John Farrow, and items of current interest (e.g. forthcoming events) to the Newsletter editor, Jack Hindle.

The Society's Web site is at

<http://www.saddleworth-historical-society.org.uk>

This has full details of the Society's activities, publications, library and archives, and there is an e-mail facility. An index to Saddleworth place names, a reference map of Saddleworth, and a bibliography of Saddleworth publications are included, together with the Newsletter and the current issue of the Bulletin. There are links to other Saddleworth Web sites.

The Chairman's Report at the Annual General Meeting of the Saddleshworth Historical Society on Thursday 13th December 2001

My twelfth Report as Chairman gives me the opportunity both to outline the Society's activities over the year and to pay tribute to the work done by so many people. We continue to expand and to add new and exciting ventures.

Once again Stanley Broadbent continues to report on our series of lectures at the Museum which are often printed in the Oldham Chronicle.

The Save our Square campaign resulted in the Beer Garden Wall being removed, but was replaced by an over-large iron fence. However, a 6 foot northern section of this, adjacent to Uppermill Methodist Church, is to be removed to open up the Square to the villagers.

Another cause célèbre upon which the Society corresponded on your behalf was the Delph Lamp, which is to be replaced in a more suitable position to everyone's satisfaction.

The Saddleshworth Museum Festival of Beer & Brewing was held in September 2001, triggered by Stanley and ably assisted by Jack Hindle, Richard Hotchkis and Bill Hartley, displaying ten Real Ales. It is hoped to raise £900 towards Museum Funds, helped along by Ladies of the Museum providing refreshment. The Oldham, Rochdale & Bury Branch of CAMRA provided a guide on beer selection. Thanks are offered to Pat Bottomley for her first class typing assistance.

Elsie Broadbent, our Membership Society reports that the Society maintains its membership just above the 500 level with 23 new members from Morecambe and Scotland.

The overseas membership includes three from Australian and five from the United States.

One of the highlights of the year was a book published by Mrs. Betty Stone of Curtin, Australia, The story concerns her ancestors William Dale, Carrier of Strinesdale and Lees Lees of Stonebreaks, who emigrated to Australia in the 19th Century. The book entitled *Pioneers and Places*, will, no doubt, have extracts from the Saddeshworth saga published in future Bulletins by our Editor. [See p. 7 of this issue – Editor.]

The other highlight relates to the Kenworthys. *A Very English Family* has been written and published by Mollie Jenkins, the wife of David Jenkins the former Bishop of Durham, who gave the first lecture of the 2001 season at the Museum in October. It moves from Norman times through Northenden and Macclesfield to Saddeshworth and the various manor houses where they became the industrious Kenworthy Dynasty and the basis for Mollie Jenkins' impressive and well illustrated new book on the family.

In the context of this last new book it is well worth recording that our benefactress Mrs Esther Shaw Lawn from the U.S.A. is descended from William Shaw who married Sarah Kenworthy of Delph at St. Thomas's Church, Friarmere, in 1871, and emigrated to America with their two sons. We also would like to congratulate Mrs. Esther Shaw Lawn on her very special birthday this year.

Another birthday we have to commemorate is that of Mrs Charlotte Meadowcroft from Aylesbury, Bucks., who will be 100 in December, this year. Charlotte you will remember recorded her childhood years at Hey Top, Greenfield, evoking many happy

memories and visited her home village on Whit Friday, meeting many old friends.

We have to record the sad death of Mrs Marjorie Hamnett of Thomas Street, Lees, who for many years with her late husband were very good members of the Archaeological Section, traversing Roman roads, ancient villas and especially Hadrian's Wall. Condolences have been expressed from the Society to her family.

During the year a continuous contact has been maintained with the membership, providing back copies of the *Bulletin* and photocopying various articles as required together with the usual administrative duties of the Membership Section.

John Farrow has reported that thanks to a generous supply of material from members and others, to whom the Society owes a great debt of gratitude, it has once again been possible to publish well-filled issues of the *Bulletin*. The objective is that an issue should typically contain between six and nine papers on a good range of topics, and totalling ten to twelve thousand words in all.

Clearly, this can only be achieved if members are forthcoming with their contributions. These may be of any length – long articles can always be split up, and even very short items can be highly illuminating. Not all articles have to be scholarly. Personal recollections from people who knew Saddleworth in years gone by are an invaluable source of social history. More than that, they give flesh to the *Bulletin*, articulating what many readers remember or have heard from others. The editor is always happy to discuss ideas for articles with anyone considering preparing one, and to offer practical help if required in translating ideas into words.

Increasingly, contributions are received as typed or word processed copy, which can be directly entered into the Editor's computer or scanned as text. Oldham Corporation's printing section continues to provide an excellent service in printing and binding each

issue of the *Bulletin*. Ian Lilley, the head of the section, has been most helpful in advising how the quality of the illustrations may be improved in future issues.

The format of the *Bulletin* has been very slightly altered for volume 31. The cover title has been given a more eye-catching layout, and the text on each page has been divided into two columns to make it more readable.

Allied to John's sterling work on our quarterly Bulletin in Jack Hindle's Newsletter. Jack is the Society's poet laureate and comedy writer - he suggests - tongue in cheek - that interesting though the goings on in Diggle and Dobcross may be, to avoid the Newsletter becoming too parochial, your Committee might consider sending the Newsletter Editor to spend a little time each year in Paris or Monte Carlo.

Jack is also our link with the Museum as Chairman of the hard-working, fund-raising 'Friends of Saddleworth Museum' including many Society members.

David Latimer, also with Civic Trust links, has surveyed Saddleworth's Milestones, Merestones and Parish Boundary markers, attempting to have them not only recorded but also maintained.

A new venture comes under the leadership of Jean Sanders of the Family History Group, which has long been an interest of members since the days of the Parish Registers group with Nick Higham and Canon Airne's involvement as archivist:

The inaugural meeting of the Family History Branch of Saddleworth Historical Society took place on February 19th 2001 with a group of ten interested members present. There had been great interest shown by many unable to attend because of distance but with many offers of help. Mike Buckley was in the chair.

It was agreed by the end of the meeting that the way forward at the moment was to transcribe any Saddleworth Registers not

already done by the Manchester and Lancashire F H S and to look at any projects by the same in order not to replicate effort.

Mike Buckley was keen to have an Internet group where ideas and help could be exchanged between members.

Members are now about 40 with 36 on the Internet group.

Cheryl Westlorton is correspondence secretary and keeping contact with non computerised members. She is also keeping a list of names and addresses.

Projects:-

Trevor Butterworth is listing Church records and where they are kept. This includes Microfilms, Microfiche and hard copies.

Delph Independents has been photocopied up to 1860. Richard Whitehead of Massachusetts is checking and making a computer copy up to 1800.

Burial Records: Trevor Butterworth and Mike Buckley:

1 Old Yard - This has been taken from both MB's plan and Higsons and transcription is now complete. MB has the mammoth task of checking the transcriptions as they come in.

2 Lower Yard - Photocopied from cards held at Saddleworth Church by Stanley Cowburn.

It is planned that both the Lower Yard and Old Yard will be published in A4 booklet form and sold.

Still ongoing: The Dobcross Congregational Register has now been photocopied and ready to be checked and a computer copy made.

The Rev. Frank Wroe of Ebenezer Chapel, Uppermill has been contacted and agreed to allow us to copy the registers and other

materials that has accumulated since the beginning of the Chapel.

The link with Michael Buckley's valuable work on the Web as Internet Site Manager has become apparent over the year. As Chairman of the Saddleworth Civic Trust he also maintains a useful connection with many joint members. He has brought Dobcross Residents Association's Millennium Project to our attention and shall be collaborating with the finances to produce a Dobcross Village History.

As Secretary Neil Barrow's main task is to prepare the Lecture Programme. We are fortunate in still being able to attract a good range of speakers who, I hope members find interesting.

Local Museums that members might want to visit provided speakers: The Pump House People's in Manchester and the Underground Stockport, two small local Museums both unique in their own way.

Local topics like Thomas Steele VC or the Collinge cotton spinners still attract people like Matthew Richardson and John Goodchild who are willing to share their interests and researches with us. We are fortunate to have writers of substantial works, George Ingle and Brian Law to present at the Bernard Barnes Memorial Lecture talks which reflect Bernard's interests.

It is pleasing that our members are a major source of speakers: Freda Millet during the last session and during this season providing half of the lectures. We have already heard Mollie Jenkins on the Kenworthys and look forward to Eunice Bingley and Mike Buckley.

We thank all our lecturers for their efforts and sharing their enthusiasms with us.

This year he has also been involved in the production of Local Interest Trail No. 10, along with David Gartside and Julian Hunt, covering the Diggle area. When the newly refurbished Uppermill Square was finished

Neil gave an outline of its history at the grand opening ceremony on 12th July.

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Dorothy Latimer has been looking after our finances with her usual diligence and offers account which illustrate great care and attention. She has been concerned about Third Party Public Liability and has brought an insurance fully up to date. Along with David Dorothy is involved in Museum organisation and we have discussed problems of the Computer age with special reference to our archives. Plans are being laid for upgrading our systems in the near future.

Wilf Theakstone and Maurice Dennett, our archivists, continually receive material which needs recording and also allowing access to members within secure boundaries. It is hoped that future computerisation will ease their burden for both Society and Museum. The partnership which exists between Wilf and Maurice was further enhanced by the Curator Matthew Richardson's involvement. We regret his departure but wish him and his wife a happy future among the Vikings in the Isle of Man. We hope to have a similar working partnership with Matthew's successor Kirsty Mairs. Christine Bowman has agreed to work with us on a projected 'Local History Week' from Saturday, 4th May to Sunday, 12th May, 2002. We have a number of activities planned involving all aspects of the Society's work.

Bryan Jackson makes the job of Publications Officer seem effortless but it involves a considerable amount of time and patience. He keeps a check on our stock of books, maps, plans and trails dispersed throughout the committee, and persuades various outlets to put them on their shelves. The results of all this are quietly subsumed within our statement of accounts. He will soon have

another title for his list when the Saddleworth Villages Book to celebrate the next Festival of the Arts is finally produced by the many committee members now busy writing their section.

This year's summer excursion, organised by Audrey Carr, enjoyed excellent weather and the historic setting of Caernarfon, then the magnificent scenery of Holyhead along with an P.S.P.B.A. Sea bird Centre near the South Stack lighthouse. We were grateful to Dorothy Latimer for 'dreaming-up' support.

In August a seminar was called at Manchester University when Peter Hinton, Director of the Institute of Field Archaeologists and George Lambrick, Director of the Council for British Archaeology, spoke on the Government's signing to the Valletta Convention which aimed to license excavation. The meeting was chaired by John Walker, Director of the University of Manchester Archaeological Unit. Discussion centred on any differences between amateur, academic and professional approaches. Further to this the government changed its mind and an 'All party Archaeology Group' was formed in July to collect views on all issues concerning public involvement in archaeology. The Group's Chairman is Professor Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn and its Secretary : Lord Redesdale.

On 8th November your chairman was invited to join a panel which was to judge entries for Civic Trust Awards in the Oldham area for 2001. The results are due in the New Year.

There are many unsung heroes who make life easier for the rest of us during the year - John Cordingley who sets out the gallery at lectures, those who provide refreshments afterwards or have given votes of thanks, those who collate and distribute Bulletins, in fact all whose help makes the Society the success it continues to be. I extend the compliments of the season to all our members.

Election of Officers

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Saddleworth Historical Society

Receipts And Payments Account Y/E 31-10-2001

Receipts		Payments	
Membership fees	3699	Lecture Programme/fees	249
Bulletin Sales	205	Bulletin costs	1471
Publication Sales	2102	Publication Costs	472
Donations	379	Web site cost	59
Refreshments	23	Refreshments	—
Social Trip	408	Social Trip	401
Bank Interest	2154	Affiliation fee-- Museum	1100
Post	30	" fees- other	103
Miscellaneous	47	General postage	94
		Stationery	114
		Photocopying	232
		Insurance	262
		Miscellaneous	66
		Sub total	4623
		Cash gain in year	4424
	<u>9047</u>		<u>9047</u>

Income & Expenditure Account Y/E 31-10-2001

after adjustments for debtors, creditors, transfers to stock and assets

Income		Expenditure	
Publication Sales	2066	Opening Stock	12076
Publication purchases	472	less closing stock	(11604)
		cost price of publication sales	944
Membership fees	3699	Lecture programmes & fees	279
Donations	363	Bulletin costs net of sales	1266
Refreshments/trip	30	Affiliation fees	1203
		Web site	59
		Post, stationery, photocopying	326
		Insurance	262
		Stock write-off	1294
Bank interest after tfr. to B.Barnes' a/c	2104	Surplus for year	2629
	<u>8262</u>		<u>8262</u>

Balance Sheet at 31-10-2001

Accumulated fund		Assets	
Balance b/f	39346	Equipment b/f	1988
Surplus for year	2629	Purchased this year	— 1988
Balance c/f	41975	Depreciation b/f	1988
		„ this year	— (1988)
		Net assets	nil
Creditors	57	Debtors	158
Bernard Barnes Fund		Stock of Publications at cost	16016
Balance b/f 1173		Stock write-off(cumulative)	(5706)
Notional interest 50	1223		
	<u>43255</u>	Bank - Current a/c	2740
		Premium Plus a/c	30047 32787
			<u>43255</u>

The Dale Story (Part I)

Betty Stone

*Mrs Stone, of Curtin, Canberra, Australia, has recently published her book **Pioneers and places**, in which she traces the history of her ancestors the Dale and Lees families, both originally from Saddleworth. Her maternal great grandfathers William Dale and Lees Lees both emigrated to Australia in the 1850s. Both settled in Warrnambool on the coast of Victoria, 160 miles west of Melbourne.*

This edited extract from Mrs Stone's book is printed with her permission. A continuation, telling the story of William Dale's emigration to Australia, will be published in a forthcoming issue of the Bulletin, as will the story of the Lees family.

William Dale, aged twenty-four years, left his native Yorkshire in July 1852. He was amongst the many thousands who, in this year, boarded sailing ships to cross the oceans to Australia in search of gold riches in the new colony of Victoria.

William, son of William and Hannah Dale, was born on 8 July 1828 at Back o' th' Low farm Strinesdale in the parish of Saddleworth.

Early history of the Dale family: Joshua and Mary Dale

The name of Dale has been in existence for many centuries; as early as 1273 one Richard de la Dale was recorded in English manorial rolls.¹ From the sixteenth century onwards the name of Dale appears frequently in parish

registers of both Yorkshire and Lancashire. The first traceable record of our Dale ancestry in the Saddleworth area appears in 1734.

The marriage by licence of Joshua Dale and Mary Seville on 17 September 1734, was recorded in the parish register of St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne. In the register, Joshua Dale was recorded as an inhabitant of Oldham, and Mary resided in Saddleworth. The fact that they were married by licence in a church outside both their own parishes is particularly significant. Marriage by banns was the usual procedure. However, marriage by licence was permissible to those who chose to avoid the prolonged banns process and could afford to pay for a licence. The licence² for Joshua and Mary's marriage was issued on 16 September 1734, one day before their marriage.

This document, witnessed by Margaret Bolton and Adam Bankes, was signed and sealed by Joshua Dale and guarantor John Bredbury with their respective marks in lieu of written signatures. The fact that such a large surety of one hundred pounds of 'good and lawful money' was imposed in the licence suggests that Dale and Bredbury were both men of some financial means. The bishops used their authority and knowledge to determine the value of charges according to a parishioner's ability to pay.³

In the licence Mary was described as a widow, and Joshua Dale's occupation was that of a 'Carrier'. The guarantor of Joshua's marriage licence, John Bredbury, an innkeeper in Manchester, is evidence of the importance of an association which perhaps began as a result of

Joshua's occupational travels between trading centres.

One year after Joshua and Mary Dale had set up home on a small farm in Strinesdale their first child, a son whom they named Joseph, was born. Almost five years later, Mary gave birth to twins named Martha and William. The baptisms of the three children were recorded in the St. Chad, Saddleworth parish register:

17 Sept. 1735 Joseph son of Josuha [*sic*]
Dale yeoman and Mary his wife de Strines

3 Apr. 1740 William and Martha [*twins*] son
and daughter of Joshua Dale Carrier and
Mary his wife de Strines.

Although no burial was recorded in St. Chad parish register, it appears that William, one of the twins, died in infancy, as his name was not included in any subsequent documents. (The fact that Joshua Dale was recorded as a yeoman in his son Joseph's baptism register meant that he owned a freehold farm.)

Five years later, when the birth of the twins was recorded, Joshua was again referred to as a carrier, an occupation he combined with his farming pursuits. The first occurrence of the name of Joshua and Mary Dale's farm Back o' th' Loe appears in a St. Chad parish register in 1772. This name was repeated in Joseph Dale's Will dated 1807, and also in two nineteenth century maps. By great good fortune, the name and farmstead still exist today.

Joshua's carrying venture provided an important source of income for the Dale family for many years as the business eventually spanned four generations of Dales in Saddleworth.

On the 28 December 1761 Joshua Dale died. Three weeks prior to his death on 2 December 1761 Joshua Dale made his Will in the presence of John Garlick and John Seville. Joshua signed and sealed this document with his mark which was a more elaborate symbol than an ordinary

cross mark. It is the mark he used 27 years earlier to sign his marriage licence.

The Will read:

In the name of God Amen. I Joshua Dale of Strines in the Parrish of Saddleworth and County of York Carrier being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament In manner and form following that is to say First I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses b[ein]g paid and discharged by my executors heerein after named First I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Mary Dale one house and roomes belonging it and Forty Shillings each year during her natural life to be paid of my estate yearly. Also I do give and bequeath to my son Joseph Dale all my estate to him and his sons for ever yielding and paying hearin such legeces as are heerein mentioned with all my hay and cattle. Also I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Dale Ten pounds to be paid of my estate in six months time after my decease. Also I do give and bequeath unto my wife Mary Dale all my household goods during her life and to my daughter Martha Dale after her decease and if the leases be unpaid at shuch time as mensoned the[y] are to keepe in poss[ess]ion till all be paid and discharged. Lastly I do make and contracts my wife Mary Dale and Martha Dale joint executors of this my last Will and Testament. Dated the Second of Decembe in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundered and sixty one. Sealed published and declared by the above named Joshua Dale for his last will and Testament in the presence of us John Garlick John Seville Joshua Dale (His mark and Seall).⁴

Five years after Joshua's death, Mary and her daughter Martha took the usual executor's oath before John Heginbottom, the vicar of the Church of St. Chad. Joshua's personal estate was administered on 15 January 1767. Valued

at below forty pounds and probably calculated from an inventory of various items such as household goods and tools of trade, it is however, of little assistance in assessing Joshua's financial standing. His land, homes and cattle mentioned in his Will would have been excluded from the inventory.⁵

Joseph and Hannah Dale

On 23 May 1763, two years after his father's death, Joseph Dale, aged 28 years, married Hannah Shaw, spinster of Mottram Parish, at St. Chad's Parish Church, Saddleworth.

St. Chad, the venue of Hannah's baptism on 1 November 1741, was also the church where her parents, George Shaw and Mary Dyson were married on 3 January 1740. These ceremonies, and also Joseph's baptism and his subsequent marriage to Hannah Shaw were all officiated by John Heginbottom.

After their marriage Joseph took his bride to live at the family farm Back o' th' Low which he had inherited from his father Joshua. However, as stated in his Will, Joshua bequeathed to his wife Mary 'one house and roomes belonging it'. This house would be the small original building whilst the 'roomes' refer to the weaving rooms which adjoined it. The reference to the 'roomes' in Joshua's will is significant as it suggests that prior to Joshua's death in 1761, Mary and her daughter Martha were engaged in the hand production of woollen cloth. Certainly, one year after Joseph and Hannah's marriage, textile production was well in progress at the farmstead as from the year 1764 Joseph was recorded as a 'Clothier' in the St. Chad baptismal registers for his children. This home industry was in addition to Joseph's carrier business and his farming pursuits.

Hannah and Joseph's family numbered seven children. All except the two youngest were baptized at St. Chad's parish church by the vicar, John Heginbottom, and registered as

children of 'Joseph Dale Clothier and Hannah his wife Strines.'

Mary, 30 July 1764

Joshua, December 1765

Joseph, October 1767 died 1769

Alice, 1769 died 1769

Joseph, September 1770

Alice, February 1771 died 1772

Alice, 1774

When three of these children died in infancy, the names were again chosen for subsequent children. In August 1769, probably due to some form of virulent disease, a son Joseph aged one year and ten months and a daughter Alice aged six months, both died within a period of four days. In 1772 another daughter named Alice died, aged one year.

An even greater tragedy befell Joseph when his wife Hannah died on 21 December 1774. Aged only thirty-three years, it is probable that Hannah died during childbirth leaving an infant daughter, the third baby girl to be named Alice. This daughter, whose baptism is unknown, survived and was later included as a beneficiary of her father's will. After Hannah's death, Joseph was left with four children: Mary aged ten years, Joshua aged nine years, Joseph aged four years and the infant Alice. Added to Joseph's loss was the fact that a few months previously his mother, Mary Dale, died in March 1774. The burial services of both his wife Hannah and his mother were performed at the church of St. Chad in Saddleworth. There were six Dale burials recorded in the register of St. Chad during a period of thirteen years:

28 December 1761 Joshua Dale Strines

9 August 1769 Joseph s.of Joseph & Hannah Dale Strines

13 August 1769 Alice d. of Joseph & Hannah his wife Strines

14 July 1772 Alice Dau. of Jos Dale Clothier & Hannah his wife Back o'th Loe 1 year old

17 March 1774 Mary Dale Widow

21 Dec 1774 Hannah wife of Joseph Dale Strines

Twelve years after Hannah's death, Joseph, fifty-one years of age, remarried. His marriage to Mally Whitworth took place at the Church of St. Chad Saddleworth on 13 August 1786.

No information has been discovered regarding Mally Whitworth except that the parish register described her abode as 'Back o' th' Low' at the time of her marriage to Joseph Dale. It is likely that following Hannah's death Mally acted as housekeeper at the Dale farm and cared for the children. No record exists of children born to Mally and Joseph, and as Mally is not included in Joseph's will, this suggests she predeceased her husband. Later, however, Joseph's two remaining sons, Joshua and Joseph, both produced large families and in recognition of their surrogate mother, each gave the name Mally to one of their daughters.

The four surviving children of Joseph (the Elder) and Hannah Dale continued to reside in the Strinesdale area.

Joshua Dale

In January 1794, thirteen years prior to his father's death, Joshua (baptized December 1765) the elder son of Joseph and Hannah Dale married Ann Lees at St. Chad's parish Church, Saddleworth. Records have been found for eight children born to Joshua and Ann Dale. Hannah, Ann, Joseph, Abel, James, Mally, William and Elizabeth were all baptized at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Hey. In 1818, Joshua died aged 53 years and was interred at the parish Church of St. Ann, Lydgate. In the parish burial register Joshua Dale was recorded as a yeoman and his place of residence as Back o' th' Low.

Joseph Dale (2)

Joseph (2), (baptized 30 September 1770), younger son of Joseph the Elder and Hannah Dale, married Ann Cheetham in 1795 at the Church of St. Mary, Oldham. Their family of

nine children, Joseph, William, Ben, John, Hannah, Mary, Mally, Joshua and Peter, were also baptized at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Hey. Included in the baptism register of one of his children was the reference to Joseph's occupation as 'carter', and his abode as 'Strines.' This was even more clearly defined as *Top of the Meadows* in the 1832 burial register of his wife Ann who was interred in the burial ground of the Church of St. Ann, Lydgate.

Both Top o' th' Meadows and Thorp Lane, the abode of Joseph the Elder when he made his will, were situated close to the Dale farm. Top o' th' Meadows, one of the highest viewing points of Saddleworth, consists of a small cluster of dark grey stone buildings with a date stone of 1767 and is less than one half mile further up the hill from Back o' th' Low farm. The Church of St. John the Baptist, Hey, where so many of Joseph the Elder's grand-children were baptized, was also known as the Chapel at Lees, and is situated on the border dividing Yorkshire and Lancashire. This church was considerably closer to Top o' th' Meadows, the Dale properties, than the Saddleworth parish Church of St. Chad.

Alice Dale

Alice, youngest child of Joseph the Elder and Hannah Dale, married Eli Mitchell at the Church of St. Chad, Rochdale, on 9 July 1790. Alice and Eli were the parents of two known children - Joshua Mitchell born 1791 and Hannah Mitchell 1792. Both these children were baptized at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Hey.

Mary Dale (our ancestor)

Mary Dale, baptized 30 July 1764 at the Church of St. Chad, Saddleworth, was the eldest child of Joseph the Elder and Hannah Dale. In Joseph's Will, he bequeathed the sum of thirty pounds to his eldest grandchild, William Booth

Dale. This grandson, baptized 30 October 1785 at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Hey, was the son of Mary Dale and Jonathon Booth and was to become the father of the founder of the Australian branch of the Dale family.

Although Mary and Jonathon later married, their son William, whose name was recorded in the parish register as 'Dale', retained his mother's name all his life. Furthermore, although named as 'William Booth Dale' by his grandfather, his name only appears as William Dale in all other records. It is interesting to speculate why Mary and Jonathon remained unmarried for almost two years after their son's birth. However, in pre-Victorian times, both illegitimacy and trial marriage were common and acceptable in Saddleworth. Of 77 children born between the years 1754 and 1794 in a small area of the parish, eleven were born out of wedlock.⁶

Mary Dale and Jonathon Booth were duly married on 9 August 1787 at the parish Church of St. Chad, Rochdale. The witness to the ceremony was John Booth.

William's father, Jonathon Booth, baptized at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Hey on 17 April 1763, was the son of fustian weaver William Booth and his wife Mary of Shelderslow in the parish of Saddleworth. The name of Booth appears in early Saddleworth parish records. In the early part of the seventeenth century the Booths were one of three families that held manorial rights to the lordship of Saddleworth.⁷

After their marriage, Mary (née Dale) and Jonathon Booth had two more children whose baptisms, like their older brother William, were performed at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Hey. However, unlike William who retained the name of Dale, these two younger children were baptized in the name of Booth.

2 Mar 1788 Mary daughter of Jonathon Booth of Ashes by Mary his wife.

18 April 1790 John son of Jonathon Booth and Mary his wife.

At the age of only twenty-nine years, Jonathon Booth died, and was interred at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Hey. The burial register recorded:

18 October 1792 Jonathon Booth of Ashes in Shelderslaw

Mary (née Dale) Booth, widowed in 1792 at the age of twenty-eight years with three children, remarried sometime before the year 1807. Although no marriage record has been located, Mary's remarriage is revealed in her father's Will dated January 1807. In his Will Joseph Dale the Elder referred to his daughter as 'my daughter Mary now wife of James Lees'. No further details have been found of Mary and James Lees' life after 1807.

The death of Joseph Dale the Elder

In January 1807 Joseph, aged seventy-two years, declared his last Will and Testament. By this time his four surviving children had all married and he was the grandfather of several children. This document, in which he is described as 'Joseph Dale the Elder of Strines, Yeoman' provides both clear evidence of his prosperity and valuable information regarding his estate. It is evident that, in addition to his farming pursuits, Joseph and his two sons continued with the family business of 'carters and carriers' which he had inherited from his father Joshua. It appears very likely that the home industry of 'clothier' which also had occupied the Dale family came to a halt after the deaths of both his mother Mary and his wife Hannah. The production of woollen cloth depended greatly on the labour of both the women and children of the household.

The Will of Joseph the Elder was drawn up by Henry Barlow, Attorney at Law of Oldham, witnessed by Edmund Kershaw and John Winterbottom and signed and sealed with a

cross by Joseph Dale the Elder on 15 January 1807.⁸

Four months after declaring his Will, Joseph Dale died on 18 May 1807. His two sons Joshua and Joseph, as executors, made oath in August of the same year that the personal estate and effects within the Diocese of Chester, were under the value of £450. Briefly, to summarize the Will, Joseph, after providing a monetary gift to one grandson and each of his two daughters, divided his estate between his two sons. Adhering to the traditional custom which prevailed, the elder son Joshua was bequeathed the ancestral farm which comprised land, dwelling houses and the other buildings known as 'Back o' th' Low'. The younger son Joseph was given the sum of £200, the choice of two horses and a cart, and the leased dwelling house with garden and out buildings situated in Thorp Lane. This house, owned by the Earl of Stamford was leased to Joseph Dale the Elder for the extraordinary period of 'Three Lives'. Joseph the Elder, who in 1807 resided in a leased dwelling house owned by Mrs. Kenworthy also gave his son Joseph the use of this cottage for the remainder of the term of the lease. He further decreed that his two sons were to carry on the business of 'Carters and Carriers for six years from May Day next.' Also, Joshua and Joseph were to jointly occupy both the freehold and leased lands and outbuildings for this period, maintain the value of stock of horses, cattle, carts and implements, and then, at the end of six years a final division of his estate was to be carried out.

The only grandchild mentioned in Joseph The Elder's Will was William (Booth) Dale, son of Mary Dale and Jonathon Booth. William clearly enjoyed a close relationship with his grandfather as he was bequeathed the sum of thirty pounds. It is possible that William (Booth) Dale was reared by his grandfather Joseph (the Elder) and his step-grandmother Mally at Back o' th' Low farm. If so, this would explain the fact that William always retained his mother's family name of Dale. He also continued in the family occupations, being

recorded in 1814 as a 'carter' and later, in 1818 and 1830, as 'Back o' th' Low, Farmer'.

William (Booth) Dale and Hannah (née Broadbent) Dale and family

On 1 October 1814, William (Booth) Dale married Hannah Broadbent in Manchester at the Church of St. Mary, St. Denys and St. George - later Manchester Cathedral. William, a bachelor aged twenty-nine years, was recorded as a 'carter' and signed the marriage register with his own signature. Hannah, a twenty-five year old spinster, made her mark with a cross.

Hannah, baptized on 28 June 1789 at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Hey, was the daughter of John and Sarah Broadbent of Strines, Saddleworth. There were many Broadbent families in Saddleworth; anecdotal evidence suggests that Hannah's parents farmed a property known as Pastures near Strinesdale, and were in fact neighbours of the Dale family. Pastures is situated a little further up the hill from the Dale farm Back o' th' Low. The name of Broadbent appears in the earliest St. Chad parish registers. Most were farmers of small holdings but were listed as clothiers. Due to the inhospitable land and climate, like other residents of the region, the Broadbents resorted to cloth making as their main source of income.⁹ Another branch of the Broadbent family, through a long line of successive generations, held the clerkship of St. Chad Parish Church, Saddleworth from the year 1595 for a record period of two hundred and thirty years.¹⁰

After their marriage, William (Booth) and Hannah Dale resided in Strinesdale, Saddleworth as recorded in the parish baptism registers of their five known children:

Betty 22 December 1817
Jonathon 4 July 1819
Martha 13 August 1825
William 19 April 1829
John 7 November 1831.

Although not recorded, the family probably included other infants who failed to survive the hazards of childbirth and illness that prevailed at that time. Only one child, Jonathon, named after William's father Jonathon Booth, was baptized at the Church of St. Chad, Saddleworth. The other four children, including our ancestor William Dale, were baptized at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Hey. The register for William reads:

19 April 1829 William son of William and Hannah Dale. Abode Back o'th Low Saddleworth Trade/Profession Farmer Born July 1828.

The information contained in William's baptism register is confirmed in an entry made by William himself in his family Bible. Many years later after he had settled in the colony of Victoria, Australia, he recorded that he was born on 8 July 1828 at Strinesdale, Saddleworth in the county of York.

Whilst the father's occupation is recorded as 'Farmer' in his son William's baptism register, the registers for both Martha (1825) and John (1831) include 'sandgrinder' as the father's occupation, indicating that William (Booth) Dale, in addition to farming, had also commenced his trade as a sand dealer. Tragically, in May 1837, only a few years after the birth of her youngest son, Hannah Dale died aged 47 years, and was interred on 3 May in the churchyard of St. Chad, Saddleworth.

Similar to his grandfather before him, William (Booth) Dale became a widower with a young family to raise. The youngest child John was just five and a half years, and the second youngest son William, our ancestor, not quite nine years old when their mother died.

Four years after Hannah's death, the life of our Dale family is depicted in the 1841 census return. The members of the household were listed as William (Booth) Dale aged 57 years, sand dealer; Jonathon Dale aged 22 years, sand dealer, Martha aged fifteen years cotton

weaver, William aged twelve years and John aged ten years. The eldest child, Betty Dale is not included in the family census return and no record of either her marriage or death has yet been located. However, Betty could have been absent from the family home on the day the census was taken. Also listed as a member of the household was a female servant named Sarah Tennant aged 66 years. The place of abode of our Dale family was described in the census return as one inhabited house located at Austerlands, Saddleworth. In some instances, the Strinesdale region of Saddleworth was referred to as Austerlands.

It is interesting to note that fifteen years old Martha was employed as a cotton weaver. However, unlike most children caught up as a cheap source of factory labour in the industrial revolution, the two younger sons were not listed in the census return as mill workers. Twelve years old William, and his younger brother John, aged ten years, probably spent long, laborious days assisting their father and older brother Jonathon in the sand grinding and dealing business. Pigot and Slater's directory for the year 1841 for Saddleworth included a reference to William (Booth) Dale as 'Sand dealer, Austerlands'. William's cousin Abel Dale was also listed as engaged in a similar enterprise as 'Stone dealer, Back o'th Loe'. Saddleworth, rich in the natural resources of stone, relied almost exclusively on this material building purposes. One of the types of stone found in the region, sandstone, was probably used by the Dale family to grind into the sand which was then sold. As William (Booth) Dale was later referred to as a quarryman, it is possible he also operated a quarry in addition to sand dealing. In 1854 there were 35 stone quarries in Saddleworth.¹¹

The next household unit in the 1841 Census returns listed Joseph Dale (whose wife Ann had died nine years previously) aged 76 years, and his son John aged 36 years. Joseph, a head of the household, was listed as having two houses, one in which he and his son resided while the other was unoccupied. Also recorded as being

located at Austerlands, it appears that in 1841 William (Booth) Dale and his Uncle Joseph still resided as neighbours - William and his family

at Back o' th' Low farm, and Joseph and his son John at Top o' th' Meadows.

To be concluded.

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Mrs Stone's book Pioneers and places: a history of three Warrnambool pioneering families has 124 pages and is well illustrated. It tells the stories of the Dale and Lees families from Saddleworth, and also of the Chamberlain family from Cambridgeshire. These extracts in the Bulletin form only a small part of the book, which contains much background information about life in Saddleworth in the eighteenth and

nineteenth centuries, and continues the story of the families into the twentieth century.

Copies are available from Mrs Betty Stone, 40 Kidston Crescent, Curtin ACT 2605 Australia, price £5 cash with order (i.e. please enclose a £5 note). Mrs Stone writes: "Owing to the current exchange rate and bank charges any other form of payment is not viable!"

Monumental Inscriptions at Delph Independent Chapel – Part IX

Howard Lambert

338. Sarah Alice wife of Herbert SCHOFIELD of Stoneswood, Delph who died November 29th 1947 aged 77 years. Also the aforesaid Herbert SCHOFIELD who died January 2nd 1952 aged 77 years.
339. Fred SANDERSON who died September 15th 1933 in his 66th year. Also Ann Mary his wife who died June 9th 1944 in her 75th year. Also their daughter Ellen who died February 5th 1977 in her 81st year, and Kathleen HOWARD who died August 28th 1988 in her 75th year.
340. William Henry HUDSON who died January 31st 1952 aged 72 years. Also Amy PICKERING his wife who died April 16th 1963 aged 80 years.
341. Edith HINCHLIFFE of Sandy Bank, Delph, born June 22 1869, died May 20 1932. Also Fred, her husband died Feb. 21 1945 aged 76 years. Re-united. Also Job HUNT son-in-law of the above husband of Margaret E HUNT died May 21 1956 aged 56 years.
342. Maurice Michael, beloved husband of Nellie HINCHLIFFE of Gatehead Cottages, Delph, born March 25th 1899 died March 13th 1922.
343. Bright HINCHLIFFE born January 10th 1862, died January 14th 1932. Also Alice Dyson wife of the above born October 20th 1861 died January 22nd 1945. Reunited. Also Edith daughter of the above born March 11th 1891 died October 17th 1940.
344. Terence only son of Clifford and Nellie LAWTON killed at work 13th June 1962 aged 20 years.
345. William Henry MAYALL of Scouthead died December 1st 1933 in his 60th year. Also Rhoda his wife died February 22nd aged 73 years.
346. Arthur beloved husband of Edith Ella GARTSIDE of Delph Bridge who died September 13th 1925 aged 36 years. Also Mary Ann beloved wife of Isaac GARTSIDE who died April 3rd 1932 aged 60 years. Also the above Isaac GARTSIDE who died November 6th 1936 aged 66 years.
347. Seth WINTERBOTTOM died June 19th 1890 aged 50 years. Also May Ann, his wife died October 17th 1917 aged 75 years. Wilfrid MATLEY late of Carrcote, Delph died November 29th 1948 aged 75 years. Also Miriam his wife died September 16th 1921 aged 49 years. Also Seth their son died August 10th 1915 aged 8 years.
348. Harry son of John & Harriet PLATT who died February 16th 1928 in his 69th year. Also James William their son who died April 26th 1933 in his 84th year. Also Jane MACDONALD their daughter who died November 7th 1939 in her 85th year.
349. George son of John and Harriet PLATT of Delph who died November 7th 1888 in his 35th year. Also the said Harriet who died March 8th 1889 in her 73rd year. Also the above John PLATT who died August 11th 1893 in his 79th year. Also Mary their daughter who died January 17th 1922 in her 74th year.
350. Charles BUNTON of Ackworth (late of Delph) who died May 15th 1903 aged 53 years. Also Ann his wife who died October 1st 1931 aged 88 years.

351. SYKES wife who died May 4th 1930 aged 75 years.
352. William CAMPINOT J.P. who died March 15th 1907 aged 66 years. Also Eliza Jane, his beloved wife who died November 30th 1926 aged 84 years. Arthur CAMPINOT J.P.C.C. of Shady Grove, Delph who died June 8th 1944 aged 68 years. Also his wife Jane Agnes who died June 8th 1944 aged 72 years. They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided.
353. Livingstone BOTTOMLEY died April 22nd 1933 aged 58 years. Also Sarah Ann wife of above died Aug 4th 1943 aged 70 years. Also Arnold son of Lewis & Emma TURNER died March 23 1906 aged 2 years. Also the above Emma TURNER died March 30th 1953 aged 72 years. Also the above Lewis TURNER died Jan. 19th 1955 aged 78 years. Also Sarah wife of Henry WHITEHEAD died Dec. 21st 1910 aged 71 years. Also Henrietta daughter of Henry & Sarah WHITEHEAD died Jan. 5th 1907 aged 23 years. John Edward SHAW of Millgate, Delph died Jan. 23rd 1944 aged 72 years. Also Esther Hannah his wife died August 27th 1953 aged 78 years.
354. Elliott BROADBENT of Spring Terrace, Stoneswood, Delph died July 25th 1939 aged 76 years. Also Mary Ellen his wife who died Nov. 2nd 1949 aged 85 years. FOOTSTONE – a token of respect from the employees of D & H Mallalieu Ltd.
355. William WALLACE, beloved husband of Emma MATLEY died Feb. 11th 1940 aged 71 years. Also their children, Oliver aged 17 months, Sidney aged 2 years & 11 months, Also Sarah Emma beloved wife of Wallace MATLEY died July 18th 1954 aged 78 years.
356. Kinder WOOD of Harrop Green, Diggle, died November 13th 1923 aged 53 years. Also Herbert son of Kinder & Alice WOOD died January 3rd 1916 aged 15 years.
357. Edwin DOBSON of Delph who died Oct. 9th 1922 aged 67 years. Also Betty his
358. Terence from his pals in the village.
359. Alice dearly beloved wife of Harold KERSHAW died Dec. 26th 1962 aged 73 years. Also the above Harold KERSHAW died May 16th 1966 aged 78 years. Also Sidney their son died March 21st 1922 aged 1 year & 10 months.
360. James WORSLEY died Sept. 27th 1926 aged 57 years. Also Sarah Alice his beloved wife who died March 5th 1936 aged 66 years. Reunited.
361. Jane wife of Isaiah GILBERT who died Dec. 28th 1922 aged 69 years.
362. Leah beloved wife of Allen COTTRELL of Delph who died October 20th 1890 aged 48 years. Also the above Allen COTTRELL who died April 3rd 1900 aged 59 years.
363. Ellen beloved wife of James SCHOFIELD of Delph who died April 2nd 1926 aged 68 years. Also the above James SCHOFIELD who died Oct. 17th 1940 aged 82 years. Also Cyril Edgar BUTTERWORTH son-in-law of the above who died Dec. 5th 1960 aged 68 years. Also Gertrude Beaumont his wife who died Oct. 24th 1975 aged 75 years.
364. Martha Ann WHITE died Dec. 23 1925 aged 59 years. Also John Wm. BRIERLEY died Nov. 11 1922 aged 62 years. Also Mary wife of Walker METTRICK died July 3 1935 aged 65 years. Also Walker METTRICK died Dec. 4 1947 aged 80 years. Also William Ivor METTRICK died May 16 1936 aged 37 years.
365. Walter TURNER died Sept. 5th 1897 aged 32 years. Also Clara Jane his wife aged 58 years.
366. Betty wife of John BROWN of Kay Street, Oldham who died March 4th 1901 aged 65 years. Also Sarah Ann wife of above John BROWN who died April 15th 1910 aged

- 67 years. Also the above John BROWN who died Sept. 18th 1911 aged 76 years.
367. John Stanley BROADBENT of Bell Buildings, Delph, who died June 27th 1916 aged 58 years. Also Eliza wife of the above who died February 14th 1931 aged 71 years. Also Sydney son of the above who died April 9th 1901 aged 3 years. Also Cecil son of the above who died August 14th 1901 aged 10 weeks. Also Esther daughter of the above who died January 13th 1907 aged 11 years.
368. James KENWORTHY of Scouthead, Saddleworth who died November 25th 1895 aged 82 years. Also Betty widow of the above who died January 14th 1908 aged 93 years. Also Sarah daughter of James KENWORTHY who died June 21st 1927 aged 79 years. Eli KENWORTHY of Springhead who died October 23rd 1923 aged 68 years. Also Sarah, wife of the above who died October 28th 1928 aged 75 years. Also Mary HEGINBOTTOM of Scouthead who died January 4th 1887 aged 66 years.
369. This tablet was erected by the choir and congregation to the Glory of God and the sacred memory of William Harold HALL, who for 40 years was the Honoured Organist of this Church and who entered into rest October 6th 1926 aged 55 years. By his assistance, the service of praise was made a real act of worship.
370. In memory of James William MATLEY. He had a life long connection with this church being treasurer & secretary of the Sunday school for many years, & a trustee of the church for 20 years. This tablet was erected by his son Wilfrid MATLEY.
371. To the glory of God and in memory of those from this church & school who sacrificed their lives for the cause of righteousness and justice in the Great War, 1914-1919 "Their names liveth for evermore"
- Alwyn BOOTH
William JENNINGS
Frank BRADBURY
Ranji ROBERTS
Hilton BRADBURY
Charlie SCHOFIELD
Ernest Warrist BRAY
Frank WATTS
Ewart DOODSON
William Lees WOOD
Maurice Michael HINCHLIFFE
Percy Sager WOOD
Albert Hirst JAGGER
- "Greater love hath no man that this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."
- This memorial was recovered from Delph Independent Chapel and restored and re-erected here (Delph Methodist Chapel) by Ken Greenwood October 1995.

Envoi

This is the final instalment of Mr Lambert's transcriptions of the memorial inscriptions at the Independent Chapel in Delph. The full series has now been published as follows:

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A cumulated index to the series will be published in a future issue of the *Bulletin*.

The Society is greatly indebted to Mr Lambert for his labour of love, which is already proving an invaluable source to members of the Family History Group and to others.



By way of conclusion, the following paragraph repeats the introduction to the very first instalment nearly seven years ago:

Inscriptions on gravestones can be of great use to the family historian as well as providing a source of interest in their own right. In this article Mr Howard Lambert presents the painstaking work undertaken by the erstwhile historian Charles E Higson, who at the turn of the century transcribed many of

the monumental inscriptions at the Independent Chapel in Delph (see Volume 105 of the Higson MSS, Oldham Local Studies Library). Mr Lambert has added some of his own transcription work at this location to provide an even more complete picture. The memorials dating from before 1781 are of particular value as they help to compensate for the fact that the earliest Delph Chapel Register is missing, presumed lost.

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Four Generations and Family of Walter Hewkin

W. Donald Kershaw

A number of years ago there was an article published in the *Bulletin**, about the longevity of the Hewkin family of Saddleworth. A photograph has just come to hand, showing the four generations of this family, together with the obituary of Walter Hewkin dated September 1934. [*Unfortunately, the photograph will not copy satisfactorily.*]

Abraham Hewkin, in centre, was the brother of George and is shown here as being 75. My records show that he was born in 1792 and died in 1892, making him 100 years old. He was the head gardener for the Duke of Devonshire's estate at Chatsworth House, Derbyshire.

Among the family mourners at Walter's funeral were: Ben and Mary Kershaw, my grandparents. Ben was organist at Saddleworth

Church 1897-1926, and Mary was daughter of Walter; Mrs Marshall, my aunt and granddaughter of Walter, was for many years a teacher at Lee Street school; Mrs Doig, my aunt and granddaughter of Walter, was daughter-in-law of the Rev. Hugh Doig, vicar of Saddleworth 1883-1912; and Walter Kershaw, my father and grandson of Walter, who was organist at Lydgate Church for many years.

My brother, two sisters and I used to enjoy visiting our great-grandfather Walter. He used to give us half a crown each. When two of my cousins visited him once, they also received a half crown each. This was confiscated by his housekeeper / carer who returned it to the drawer where he kept his loose change; they were given an orange each in compensation!

The Chronicle, September 8, 1934

FOUR GENERATIONS

Few families have such a record of longevity as the Hewkin family. Mr Walter Hewkin, shown on the left of the group, died on Saturday, aged 92½; his father, Mr Abraham Hewkin, sitting next to him, died at the age of 97. The other two are Mr Walter Hewkin's son James, who lives at Burnedge, and his (James's) son Jack, now in British Columbia.

Other members of the family who lived to great ages are William and Isaac, brothers of Abraham Hewkin, who died at 88 and 89; Hannah his sister, 86. The brothers of the late Mr Walter Hewkin were John 92, William 82, George 75.

Other ancestors are known to have lived to over 80 years of age.



MR WALTER HEWKIN

Death of well-known Friezlander

The death took place on Saturday at Shaw Hall Bank, Greenfield, at the advanced age of 92 years, of Mr Walter Hewkin, retired joiner and builder, of the firm of Messrs John Hewkin and Bros.

Born at Grasscroft on March 29, 1842, he later removed to Summershades which was then a farm. His father, Abraham Hewkin, was a builder and contractor, who came to Saddleworth in 1826 from Derbyshire.

Always fond of outdoor life, Mr Walter Hewkin in his youth was a keen athlete, being interested in wrestling, jumping and running. He went to see the coursing at Liverpool for the Waterloo Cup for a great many years. He was also a good shot and never so happy as when out with his gun. For over twenty years he went with Mr James Buckley and Mr Arthur Buckley to Bowes Moor in the shooting season.

He leaves a grown-up family. His wife predeceased him some years ago.

The Funeral

The funeral took place at Friezland Church on Wednesday, the Rev. S.R. Potts, Vicar of St Mary's, Greenfield, taking service at the house and church.

The mourners were: Mr and Mrs Kershaw, Mr James Hewkin, Mrs Leach, Mr and Mrs B. Hewkin, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Doig, Mr W. Kershaw, Mrs Hewkin, Mrs Turner, Mrs Mary Alice Hewkin, Mrs Whiteley, Mrs Tracey, Mrs Wrigley, Councillor Ben Dransfield, Mrs C. Coates and Mr J. Whitehead.

The bearers were Messrs Chadwick Buckley, Vernon Buckley, Arthur Buckley and Tom Ashton. Mr Oliver Schofield, organist, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

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John William Wrigley

Trevor Lawton of Perth, Western Australia has kindly sent a copy of a cutting from the Mossley and Saddleworth Reporter. The cutting is undated, but must date from around 1931.

John William Wrigley's precise date of birth is unknown, but was ca.1851. He died on 27 November 1943.

The photograph shows Mr Wrigley at Luzley Hall (Mossley). The house was rebuilt in 1985; see Mr Lawton's letter (p. 27). These extracts include the family details and main biographical information from the cutting.



Haymaking at 80 at Luzley Hall

Discovered by the "Reporter" using a scythe although past his 80th birthday, Mr. John William Wrigley, of Luzley Hall, shares with his wife, also over 80, the reputation of being one of the district's most remarkable couples.

Mr Wrigley reveals few signs of eighty mile stones and is of the type who have built Lancashire and England by honest endeavour. Moreover, he has not yet entered complete retirement, but, with Yorkshire grit, he continues to keep himself busy and useful.

Farming at 80

"I gave up farming six years ago," he confided, "but I am now tending about 100 head of poultry, and doing odd jobs about the place."

Mr. and Mrs. Wrigley went to reside at Luzley Hall about four years ago, since when Mr. Wrigley has carried out improvements to the farm buildings.

"You see" he explained, "this field has not been attended to for some time. It is covered with weeds, and they are harder to remove than grass."

There were evidences of Mr. Wrigley's handicraft in the new mown grass in the field, and thus, at 80, Mr. Wrigley was tackling a job which many men of 50 shirk. Mr. Wrigley, modest though he is, can claim that he is the only man in Mossley - or in the district - who can use a scythe at 80.

In the Woollen Mill.

Mr Wrigley has had a varied career. Born at Forty Row, Saddleworth, within a stone's throw almost of the lovely Chew Valley, Mr. Wrigley came with his parents to Mossley at the age of six. He worked as a hand loom slubber at Messrs. Radcliffe's and Lawton's Mills, Mickleburst, later becoming a self-acting minder. At one time he was a piecer for the late Mr. George Waterhouse, of Stalybridge, who died a few years ago at a ripe old age.

Mr. Wrigley can claim to be one of the few surviving men in Mossley who have experienced both the hand and machine processes of woollen weaving.

Restaurant Manager.

Leaving the woollen industry, Mr. Wrigley became manager of a coffee tavern, where Mr. Richard Ashworth now has his mixed business at the bottom of Lees-road. Formerly, these coffee taverns were popular institutions with the mill workers of Mossley, Stalybridge and Ashton, when the starting hour was, 6 a.m., and all mills were on full time.

Mr. Wrigley afterwards went into business for a short period at Ordsall-lane, Salford, but he soon returned to the place of his adoption, and 51 years ago he entered the farming business, which he has successfully carried on since.

He has occupied farms at Quick, Cross Farm (which he christened himself), and Tonge Bottom, and he left the latter farm in charge of his son, Mr Gilbert Wrigley, about four years ago, and went to live at Luzley Hall.

Keenly interested In politics, Mr. Wrigley has followed the fortunes of the Liberal Party for many years. He first became interested, when, as, a: young man, he read the speeches of famous Parliamentarians like Gladstone, Bright, and Disraeli to his father, and later he actively associated himself with the Liberal Party locally.

He is an ex-president of the Central Liberal Club, Mossley, and was a worker for Lord Cawley (then Mr. and afterwards Sir Frederick Cawley) during his Liberal representation of the old Prestwich Division. ...

Mr. Wrigley's two sons - Gilbert and Eddie - are both farmers. ...

The Journeys of Edith Boon

Barbara Haigh

Barbara Haigh has recently written and published The Journeys of Edith Boon, whom many readers will remember well, as for many years she and her horse were familiar figures around Saddleworth. Details of the book are given at the end of this article. Mrs Haigh writes:

Enclosed is an article from the book, written by Edith herself a number of years ago (1978).

Edith lived in Saddleworth all her life, and walked and rode the old trails from her childhood. She was a huge character, who, though only five feet tall, always appeared a

giant. As a schoolteacher she had no discipline problems; as a Pony Club member she instructed many children and parents; and as a holiday ride organizer and companion she was once referred to as the Brigadier – but she was loved and respected by all who knew her. She did or encouraged vast amounts of research into the old ways in Saddleworth, and worked ceaselessly for them to be kept available for all users.

The book is a tribute to a remarkable Saddleworth lady, and a record of her journeys and articles.

Bridleways – Past and Present – a Plea

Comments relative to the production of new maps on which essential bridleways will be defined (1978).

Many of the routes the British Horse Society and the Bridleways Associations wish to claim for riders of the future are labelled on old maps as LANES - which may be:

- a. Tracks fenced on both sides or
- b. Unfenced, on uncultivated non-pasture uplands.

These lanes, or green roads, have a remarkable history. They have been "Highways" of importance, and were a vital part of the economic system of their time. Some were pre-historic links between hut settlements and

Iron Age sites. Some were of Roman origin, long and straight, ignoring local needs. The Pack Horse Roads were directly linked with the economic and social life of their time.

Pack horses or ponies were the prime form of transport for approximately five centuries, largely developed in monastic times.

Monasteries spread their economy over wide areas; by pack horse roads they moved wood, coal, iron, lead, charcoal, peat, corn, fish and many other supplies.

Drovers moved hundreds of head of sheep and cattle along the Drove Roads; and spent weeks on their journeys, resting at inns where there was also suitable grazing.

Salt was another prime necessity moved from the sea-coast - Cheshire or South Lancashire - across the Pennines on these green lanes.

After the Dissolution of the Monasteries they still remained in use, connecting villages with Peat Allotments, Hill Pastures, lead and Coal Mines etc. Eventually, the traffic shifted into the valleys; Turnpike Trusts were set up. They widened tracks and bridges and set up new roads more level and more suitable for wheeled vehicles. Folks travelling by horseback could be Landowners visiting property, tenants visiting Manorial Courts, Monastic servants etc.

In our own area, all these historical facts are illustrated, plus a very close and intimate feature - the old routes were extensively used by Wool Broggers - the collectors and distributors of wool for home spinning and weaving. Local historian, Ammon Wrigley, tells us of this in his book, *Rakings up*. Even his mother used the lanes of the Castleshaw

area, riding horseback, straddle-legged! She would carry a Bolt (enough for a suit) of woollen cloth to to Huddersfield to find a buyer. Ammon, himself, drove his newly-wed wife (a Marsden girl) in horse and trap from Diggle Station to Oxhey. He used the old tracks over Harrop Edge, across Castleshaw Valley, up the hillside and across Broadhead Noddle.

In view of the aforementioned facts, it would seem easy to return all the *Lanes* (unfit for motorised vehicles) to the horse and its rider, defining them as *Bridleways*. (No need for evidence forms; anyway, the vast number of witnesses are now sadly, out of our reach!!)

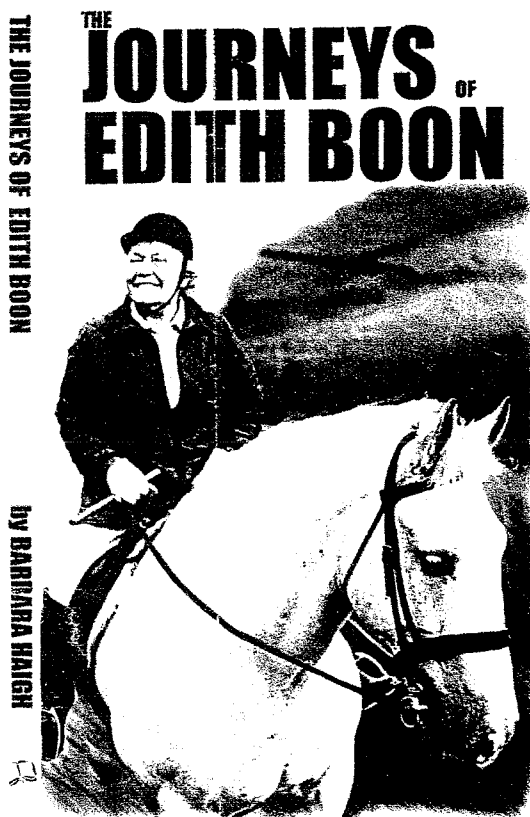
This is a sport, which can be catered for very cheaply - the only expense would be the reinstating of the drainage systems here and there. Farmers could be encouraged to keep their walls and fences in good order, and cease the practice of blocking the green lanes to stop their animals from straying.

Routes, maps, photographs, notes and descriptions of the journeys on horseback of this amazing lady, including the 700 mile 70th birthday ride.

She was founder of Saddleworth Pony Club, West Pennine Bridleways, and Oldham Riding Club; an honorary Life Member of the British Horse Society and member of the Youth Hostels Association, and a fund raiser for the Arthritis Council.

£9.99 including postage from:

B. Haigh, 285 Greenacres Road, Oldham OL4 2DP
(Phone
0161 633 3004).



Letters

An Uppermill Photographer

Albert Broadbent, Rimmon, Braystones Road, Beckermest, Cumbria CA21 2XX.

Here, I think, is a "quickie" which I've been looking at and which may be of interest, a snippet of social or recreational life of Saddleworth about the end of the 19th century.

The photograph, by Uppermill's well known pioneer in the art, Leonard Ashley, shows the rockwork feature in Stamford Park.

The three lads I identify left to right; Watkin Pearson, Sam Grimshaw, and the third has got to be a Bax but which one I can't say. Watkin was father of Norman and Marjorie. Between the wars Norman, a baker and confectioner, had his shop in New Street. Wife, Janie, née Hudson, sister of Dora (Mrs Lewis Platt) and Leah, teacher at Uppermill Council School who never married.

Sam Grimshaw, I estimate he would be about 18 years, and probably Bax (?) would be about the same. He would not have been in Uppermill very long. His father John and mother Mary live at Leafield Shaws Lane, near to Grandad Ashley, Leonard's father. Grimshaws were bleachers who had come from Mellor in Derbyshire and they took Springmeadow Mill and later moved to Springwater opposite Kenworthy Mill on High Street. Springwater was derelict before the war and was demolished. At one point they lived at The Shaws. I enclose a photograph for your perusal. *[This photograph is reproduced on the front cover of this issue.]*

Sam's mother was a widow, Mrs Bunting, who lived, I think, at one time in Werneth, who had no children but she gave birth to Sam, her first,

at the age of 50 yrs. John did have children by his first wife.

The photographer, Leonard Ashley, children Herbert and Doreen, was an enthusiast when the art was in its infancy. There were others who have left evidence of their work. In Uppermill. I remember Kenneth Leach (Mrs and Betty and Kathleen) who lived in Moorgate and who developed and printed the results from the 1920s Brownie box cameras many children had. Shaws Chemists in the Square also processed films.

Both Leonard and son Herbert were keen cyclists and the former was "Local Actuary" for the Yorkshire Penny Bank which had a branch for a couple of hours I think fortnightly in a lower room of the Wesleyan School.

I would be given, I think, a silver three penny "bit"; at that time a tradesman's (craftsman) hourly rate was about 1/4 i.e. one shilling and four pence. Not bad! My 3d was about a fifth of 1s 4d and at today's rates would be say about £1. They had got me saving about 50p per week at present rates. Usually, L.A. would be accompanied by WAB - William Arthur Bailey son of Walker Bailey of Bailey Mill, Spring St. WAB. was an accountant and Secretary of the Mill.

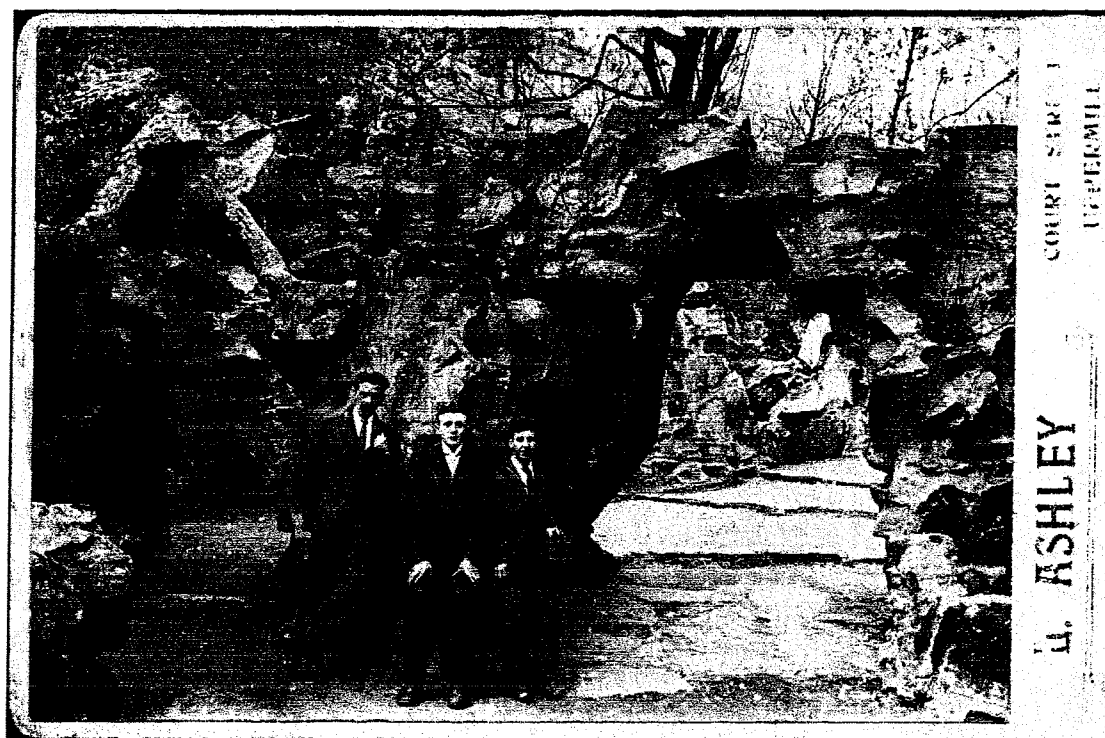
Bax is carrying a box camera; it would be a plate job and it has what appears to be a bulb operated shutter necessary in those days to keep the camera steady during time-exposures and "slow" plates. Stamford park was "day-out" venue and very popular for school or Sunday School trips as well as for family outings.

Photographers didn't have featherlight cameras we have today. They had to transport "more than enough". LA would have his bicycle of course. Others would use the train, and, on introduction of the services about 1925, the buses. Some would simply walk at a time when we walked far more than we do today. Also some local entrepreneurs like Ammon Ashley, greengrocer, Uppermill had wagonettes drawn by two or more horses.

Sam Grimshaw and Bax may - in fact probably would have - their own bikes; my father had a penny farthing at one time - a bit before my time of course!

Robert Rhodes was carter to John Sykes. His daughter Renée married J.T. Sykes - second wife. He also limped and walked with a stick as I remember. This resulted I believe when as a young man he took a bet to ride a penny-farthing down Nicker Brow, Dobcross.

I am the world's worst photographer and SHS will certainly have its fair share of first class operators; perhaps someone will be prepared to give a run down on Bax's camera, type, maker even.



Watkin Pearson, Sam Grimshaw, and — Bax, all of Uppermill, in Stamford Park, ca. 1902.
Sam Grimshaw was Albert Broadbent's uncle.

Wrigley Family

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www.arach.net.au/users/hlawton/Trevor/Htdocs/Content.html)*

I note that you are always requesting items of interest for publication in the S.H.S Bulletin, so I thought I would forward you a copy of a newspaper cutting that my wife discovered amongst her late Father's papers after his death in 1988. The original clipping is in very poor condition; however, the photocopy hasn't reproduced too bad, maybe you can even do something with the picture of the original old Luzley Hall, long since demolished and rebuilt completely differently. *[The photograph and extracts from the cutting are on p.21 of this issue.]*

My wife's father was Luke Buckley of Smithy Farm, Luzley, step-son of Gilbert Wrigley of Tonge Bottom Farm, Hartshead. He

remembered his Grandfather James Wrigley, and his Grandma Jane (née Wright). There were seven children from the marriage, and James named them in alphabetical order.

Annie; b- 1879
Bertha; b-1881
Carrie; b-1883
Dora; b-1885
Eddie; b- 1886
Florence; b-1887
Gilbert; b-1890

Perhaps the article may be of interest to those members with a Wrigley family background. But the story itself makes interesting reading and mentions places of historical interest.

James Schofield

Mrs Beryl Toms, 11 Cloves Hill, Morley, Derbys DE7 6DH

Can anyone help?

In the will of James Schofield of Holehouse Saddleworth dated 1874 he leaves his cottage in Holehouse to one son and three daughters (Robert, Mary Amelia and Harriet) and "his cottage in Leeds" to the rest of his family (Allen, Lucy, Sarah and Jane). We have no knowledge of this Leeds property and don't know how to start to find it. Has anyone any ideas?

Also, I have a probate document for a different James Schofield who died intestate in 1833 at Lower Quick Wood. I cannot connect these as yet. Have any other Schofield seekers any links to these men?

The above-mentioned Robert was my husband's grandfather.

Family of Arnold White

Mrs Doreen White Taylor (DtaylorAZ@aol.com); also her son Mark Franklin (marlineis@attbi.com).

I am Arnold White's daughter. I live in Arizona, U.S.A. His family lived in the old bank at Dobcross Square. His father was George Brushfield White; his mother was Harriet Ann Hinchcliffe White. His grandfather was Henry Thomas White, who was married to Fanetta White. Harriet's father was Alfred Hinchcliffe; mother was Aurelia Buckley Hinchcliffe. They had a daughter, Edith, who married Arthur Barber; they had two daughters, Joan and Constance. Alfred and Aurelia also had two sons, Jim and George.

I hope I haven't bored you, but I am looking for any information to take me back further. I have

read the Frank Akroyd story with great interest. Our good friend was Vernon Whitehead, son of E. B. Whitehead, who was a grocer in Dobcross. Vernon died at age 90 in March of 1988, in Dearborn, Michigan, U.S.A.

I just received a first-time e-mail from my cousin, Philip, and wife, Jackie Buckley, who live at Springhead. Philip's mother Gladys May (maiden name) Buckley, was a half sister to my Dad (Arnold White). After his Father (George Brushfield White) died, Harriet Hinchcliff White married a Mr. May. Gladys Buckley died almost a year ago



Buckley, Roberts & Co.'s bank.

The Family History Group

Trevor Butterworth

The first twelve months of operation has been very positive and successful; much has been achieved. The group is still expanding, with ongoing "family" discussions and exchange of information. This has proved very helpful, especially to 'outmembers', discovering unknown relatives, however distant, and ironing out odd errors and myths and occasionally proving that sometimes intriguing family yarns are pretty near the truth.

Whilst much of the correspondence pursues families, frequently the hunt for the location or the origin of place names leads to interesting correspondence:- Which Ridding could it be; where was the Chapel at Bottoms Micklehurst and what denomination was it; when did Knottylanehead become Hilltop.

And calls for help with tracing records for loose ends such as:- John Lawton, of Wood Lane, who was buried 24 Jan 1745; John Bradbury, born 1816, whose address at one time was the Wool Exchange at 17 Basinghall St; Mally Hawkyard who was born approx. 1764 and died in January 1845. Married Jonathan Mallalieu of Wall Hill in 1784. (An ancestor of Bishop Willard Mallalieu of USA, who erected the memorial to her in Heights churchyard) – These exercise the minds of interested members.

All the projects mentioned in the last Newsletter are progressing steadily, and the list of wills which Graham Wrigley drew up is shortly to be enhanced by data provided by Trevor Lawton out in Perth Australia, and by Trevor and Mary Betterton who are in the process of converting part of Mike Buckley's 1700-1800 wills index to a Word document.

With the completion of the transcription of the Monument Inscriptions at St Chads from

available sources, and now that the weather should improve, the time approaches for the Group to make a check for accuracy of the transcriptions against the actual inscriptions, - and that will call for a "push" to clear the Old and Lower yards of brambles; a project needing as many hands as possible!

Membership.

Now 50 strong, the membership of the Group also includes half a dozen members who do not use computers. For these, our secretary Cheryl Westlotorn acts as 'liaison link' to the e-mail mailing list which provides the necessary rapid communication between members.

Cheryl puts together a useful monthly précis of the active correspondence for the benefit of the non computer members, - and very interesting reading it makes, too.

The Group extends a welcome to all those with an interest in rooting out the history of families which dwelt in or passed through Saddleworth, - and thanks to Cheryl's efforts, it matters not whether new members are computer 'whizz kids' or not.

For general inquiries about the Group contact: Mrs Jean Sanders, Hollins, Holmfirth Rd, Greenfield OL3 7NJ. Tel 01457 873137

To join the mailing list contact: Mike Buckley on 01457 877718 or e-mail mikebuckley@saddleworth-historical-society.org.uk

To be a corresponding (non computer) member contact: Mrs Cheryl Westlotorn, 63Exmouth Road, Welling, Kent DA16 1EB

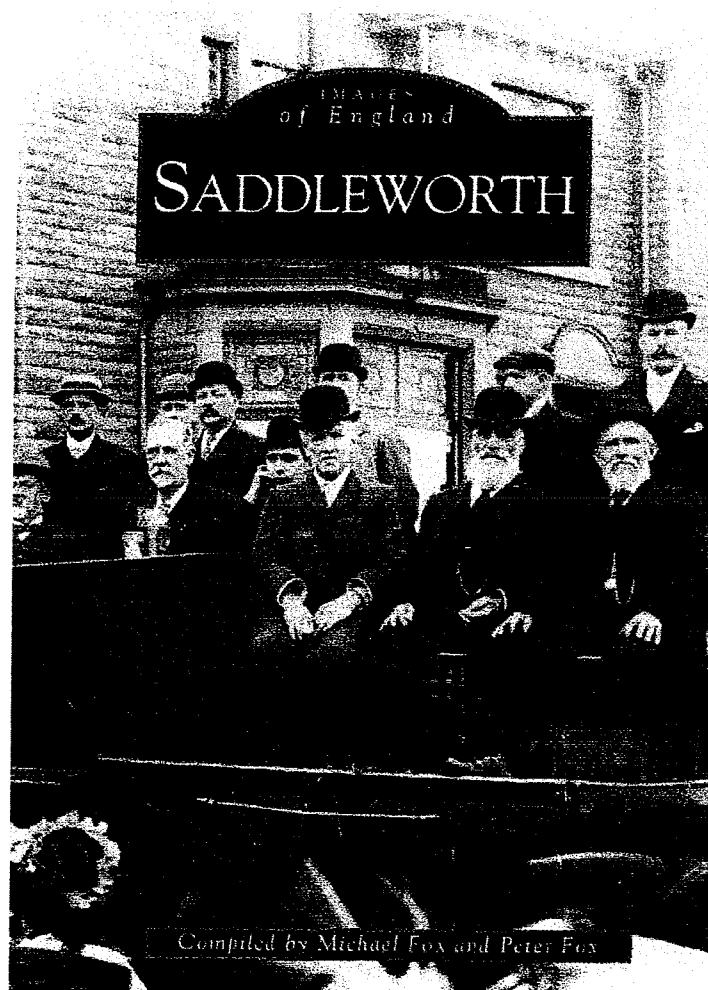
Saddleworth (Images of England)

Following the success of their books on Bygone Saddleworth, the Delph Donkey, The Huddersfield Narrow Canal and a Saddleworth Whitsuntide, the brothers Michael and Peter Fox, Saddleworth Historical Society members, have produced their latest book on Saddleworth in the popular Images of England series from Tempus Publishing Limited.

Leisure to Uniformed groups such as soldiers, bandsmen and police.

Sure to appeal to all who know the area, the book costs £10.99, with £1 off plus free p. & p. to members using mail order forms from the Society. (An order form is enclosed with this issue of the *Bulletin*)

Nearly 200 old photographs taken in the local villages make up a fascinating collection illustrating life in past times. These range from Working Life, Buildings, Transport, Jim Carr.



SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER WINTER 2001

"It's good to be in Saddleworth
When its snowing o'er the moors.
And a rough old northern Winter
Whirls the drifts about the doors;
That's the time for beef and puddings,
Warm mulled ale and hearty fare,
When the farmer sleeps and fattens
In his old grandfather's chair."

Ammon Wrigley

The November lecture on 'Surviving the Blitz in Underground Stockport', provided an unfamiliar view of the town with an entrance on Underbank to miles of tunnels excavated in the town's soft red sandstone bedrock at the beginning of the Second World War, being the first and most successful wartime air-raid shelter provided in the Kingdom and capable of accommodating up to 5000 people from all around the Manchester district. Howard Green revealed the remnant beds and benches from this underground sanctuary which gave shelter from the Manchester Blitz, this giant air-raid precaution is now open to public viewing.

This year's Bernard Barnes Memorial Lecture was 'The Fieldens of Todmorden-A Nineteenth Century Business Dynasty'. Brian Law the author of 'Oldham Brave Oldham', dealt extensively with the personalities and lifestyles of the Fielden family through the generations and their relationship with the town of Todmorden where their mills, homes, and public buildings they gave are prominent features.

John Fielden was Reform M.P. for Oldham from 1832-1847 and his philanthropic support for Owens College led to the extension into Manchester University, when it moved to the Oxford Road site in 1870.

A Vote of Thanks came from Wilf Theakstone, the Society Archivist, whose father was the head gardener at the Fieldens Tadcaster Estate.

Forthcoming Lectures at the Museum, Uppermill, 7.30 p.m.

Ancoats: A History with a Future
Joint meeting with the Saddleworth Civic Trust.

Serafino a di Felice.
Thursday 14th March, 2002

James Farrer: The Last Lord of the Manor of
Saddleworth.

Eunice Bingley
Thursday 11th April, 2002

Local History Week - 4th May - 10th May, 2002

Sponsored by the Historical Association for Local History an exciting Local History Week together with other events is being organised by the Historical Society at the Saddleworth Museum from Saturday the 4th May, to Friday the 10th May, 2002.

It will be a chance to meet kindred spirits, so bring along your queries on family history, Saddleworth history, photographs and documents to the HELP DESKS in the Museum every afternoon. There will be a presentation of publications including some of the rarer editions, also a display of Saddleworth wills from the WEA Group. Computers will be on hand to enable access to the Internet and availability to the 1881 Census.

On Wednesday evening the 8th May, 2002, 7.30 p.m., in the Museum, Michael Buckley will be giving a Slide Lecture on 'Meres, Merestones & Markers: One Thousand Years of the Saddleworth Boundary.

The Historical Society in conjunction with the Saddleworth Civic Trust will be conducting a walk around Greenfield on Sunday the 19th May, 2002. Meeting at 2.0 p.m., in the Car Park at the King William 1V Hotel. The leaders of the walk will be Alan Petford and Michael Buckley.

Saddleworth Boundary Walk

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This Boundary Walk is programmed over two days Saturday 29th June, 2002, meeting in the Car Park at Stanedge at 8.30 a.m. and proceeding via Grains Bar to finish at the Royal George Hotel.

Sunday 30th June, 2002, meeting at the Royal George Hotel Car Park, at 8.30 a.m. and proceeding via Shades Lane on to the Saddleworth Moors and Noonsun Hill.

This walk is a joint event with the White Rose Society and Saddleworth Parish Council, being led by Michael Buckley.

Members' Summer Coach Trip

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Saturday 20th July, 2002

Venues to be arranged later. See next newsletter.

The Platt Cup.

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To ensure that it stays in Saddleworth Mr. Alan and Mrs Nancy Bradbury have generously donated this cup to the Society and it is hoped to be displayed in the Museum along with other Saddleworth Bank memorabilia.

There was a loss of confidence in the bank at Dobcross and many clients were withdrawing their money. Mr. John Platt paid his own money into the bank and thus prevented its closure. Apparently other banks in a similar situation slowed the withdrawals by paying out in sixpences.

The inscription on the front of the cup reads:-

Presented by the Proprietors of the Saddleworth Bank to their late partner
JOHN PLATT ESQUIRE as a testimony of their approbation of his conduct
during his connexion with them and the handsome manner in which he
withdrew from the concern.

April 25th 1825

On the reverse is the shield of the Saddleworth Bank, as illustrated on its notes, being held by Britannia with a lion and an anchor at her feet.

Forthcoming Events at the Museum.

Coffee Mornings & Light Lunches & Boutique.
Farmers Markets.
ARC Coffee Mornings.

2nd Wednesday of each month.
2nd Sunday of each month.
Wednesday 20th March.
Wednesday 22nd May.

The Northern Lights. - present a Musical
Evening - with Bar and Supper.

Saturday 6th April, 2002

Museum Summer Opening Hours commence Monday 25th March, 10.0 a.m. to 5.0 p.m.

Model Railway Exhibition.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday.
21st - 23rd June, 2002

Craft Days. 1 - 4.00 p.m. Tickets £6.00 each.

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Reverse Applique.
Brooches & Bangles.
Reverse Applique.
Hand-made Books.
Shisha Mirror Embroidery.

Saturday 9th February.
Saturday 9th March.
Saturday 13th April.
Saturday 11th May.
Saturday 9th June.

Boredom Busters. 1 - 3.00 p.m. 4-11 year olds. Tickets £3.00 each.

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Monday 11th February. Tuesday 12th February. Tuesday 26th March.
Saturday 1st June, FREE (Part of the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations).

Art Exhibitions.

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Pictures from the Museum.
'Hidden Treasures Collection'

Preview: Friday 8th February.
Open Saturday 9th February to 10th March.

Nancy Crilley.

Preview: Friday 15th March.
Open Saturday 16th March to 13th April.

Phillip Westcott.

Preview: Friday 19th April.
Open Saturday 20th April - 18th May.

Changing Exhibitions.

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Planned to open on Good Friday 29th March, 2002.

THE PETERLOO MASSACRE This resulted from a conflict between the Military and a large concourse of people assembled at a Parliamentary Reform meeting held on 16th August, 1819 on St. Peter's Field, Manchester, involving the loss of many lives. A contingent from Saddleworth was present and this is marked with a Blue Plaque placed above the bottom entrance doors to the Civic Centre, Rochdale Road, Oldham.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

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The Museum, Uppermill, is hoping to present an exhibition of items relating to the Queen's Coronation, Jubilee, childhood etc., during Spring/Summer of this year.

If anyone has items that they would be willing to either donate or loan to the Museum, please contact either the Curator, Kirsty Mairs on 0145 787 4093 or Dorothy Latimer, 0161 624 3205.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

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Children's Boredom Buster.	Saturday, 1st June, 2002 Free
A Street Party - with Entertainments.	Sunday, 2nd June, 2002 Free

Tickets required for both these Events - apply in good time at the TIC Shop, Museum.

MUSEUM'S 40th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

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Film Night.	Wednesday, 5th June, 2002
Farmers' Market and Museum Open Day.	Sunday, 9th June, 2002 10.0 am - 5.0 pm
A Party for Volunteers & Helpers.	Tuesday 11th June, 2002
Talk by John McCoombes.	Friday 14th June, 2002
A Jubilee Tea.	Sunday 16th June, 2002

Saddleworth W.E.A.

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17th Century Wills & Inventories.

Alan Petford and Mike Buckley will be continuing their course on 17th century wills and inventories after Easter for 8 weeks.

This involves deciphering the wills and inventories, extracting relevant information and computerising the results. Current members on this course are finding this fascinating.

The next session will start on Tuesday 9th April, 2002 from 7.15 to 9.15 pm at the Saddleworth School, Uppermill. Anyone wanting to know more about the course should contact either Alan Petford on 01422 202758 or Mike Buckley on 0145 782 0015.

Flower & Bird Walks.

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Anne Parry will be leading 2 walks looking at birds and flowers. The first one will be on Tuesday afternoon, 23rd April, 2002, from 1.0 to 3.0 pm, meet at 12.45 pm outside Boarshurst Band Club on Greenbridge Lane, Greenfield. The second one will be held in July. Further details in the next Bulletin or see local posters.

Telephone either Ian Stubbs on 0145 787 0836 or Dorothy Latimer on 0161 633 3205 for further details.

Saddleworth Civic Trust.

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Ancoats: A History with a Future.
 Joint meeting with the Saddleworth Historical Society.
 Lecturer - Serafino a di Felice.

Saddleworth Museum, Uppermill.
 Thursday 14th March, 2002 7.30 pm

A Walk Around Greenfield - leaders Alan Petford & Michael Buckley.
 Meeting at 2.0 pm in the King William 1V Car Park. 19th May, 2002.
 This event is in liason with the Saddleworth Historical Society.

For Membership details of the Civic Trust please contact Lorna Gartside, on 0145 787 3195.

MEMBERSHIP SECTION

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It is good to welcome a new batch of members into the Society and we hope they enjoy their involvement with local history.

Mrs. Kathleen Jones, Uppermill.
 Mrs. Lily Slater, Grasscroft.
 Mrs. Sheilah Stott, Rawtenstall.

We wish Mrs. Esther Shaw Lawn, our benefactress from San Luis Obispo, California, a very Happy New Year for this 2002 and thank her once more for the generous donation she has made to the Society. We were also pleased she received Molly Jenkin's new book on the Kenworthys - a Very English Family and thank her for the acknowledgement.

We have had a welcome letter from Alan and Lera Shuttleworth of Severna Park, Maryland, which informed us that their daughter, Melissa, had presented them with twins in March and have been elevated to the rank of grandparents. Alan's Gt.Gt. Grandfather Alfred E. Broadbent emigrated to America from Lower Tunstead Farm, Greenfield in 1872.

Membership subscriptions are now due and remain the same as last year. A notification is enclosed and we shall be pleased to receive your cheque in due course.

Family Membership.....	£12.00	Single Membership.....	£10.00
Retired Family/Single....	£ 8.00	Student Membership	£ 8.00
USA and Canada.....	40 dollars or £15.00	Other Countries.....	£15.00 Sterling.

GIFT AID Gift Aid enables the Saddleworth Historical Society to reclaim tax amounting to nearly 30% of a members subscription, providing that the member signs a form stating that he or she pays U.K.income tax. If any member, who has not yet signed a form and would like a copy, please contact Dorothy Latimer on 0161 624 3205 or Elsie Broadbent on 0145 787 2870. Our thanks to all members who have already returned the form sent out last year, we are in the process of reclaiming an amount of £472.00 from the tax authorities for the tax year 2000/2001.

J. Hindle.

CURRENT SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

Books

SADDLEWORTH FROM THE AIR. By Professor Barri Jones. £12.75

SADDLEWORTH 1914 -1919: The experience of a Pennine community during the Great War. By K. W. Mitchinson. Soft backed £5.00 Hard backed £10.00

CHERRY VALLEY CHRONICLES: Letters from Thomas Buckley and family - immigrants to Cherry Valley and Milbury, Massachusetts, USA, to his son Ralph Buckley and family, of Dobcross and Delph, Saddleworth. Transcribed by Maurice Dennett. £5.00

PASSAGE THROUGH TIME: A history of Saddleworth roads and track-ways. By Bernard Barnes. £5.95

WITH AMMON WRIGLEY IN SADDLEWORTH. By Sam Seville, Son-in-law and companion of the Saddleworth writer and poet. £2.95

THE SADDLEWORTH STORY: A collection of historical essays. (WEA Publication.) £2.00

HUDDERSFIELD NARROW CANAL: A compendium of articles from the Saddleworth Historical Society Bulletin on the construction of the Canal. £3.60

Local Interest Trails.

Walks around Saddleworth: Illustrated with notes on local history and landscapes. £1.20 each

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| 1. DELPH, HEIGHTS AND GRANGE | 7. DELPH |
| 2. UPPERMILL | 8. LYDGATE AND GROTON |
| 3. GREENFIELD | 9. DOBCROSS |
| 4. HUDDERSFIELD NARROW CANAL | 10. DIGGLE (<i>new</i>) |
| 5. GRASSCROFT | 11. CASTLESHAW |
| 6. DENSHAW | |

Maps

STREET GUIDE TO SADDLEWORTH: An A2 comprehensive Street Map of the area. £1.20

COUNTRYSIDE GUIDES: Large scale maps of the district showing public footpaths, amenities and features of special interest: with notes on the local and natural history of Saddleworth.

Saddleworth North £2.40.

Saddleworth South *Out of print*

CHURCHYARD PLAN: A plan of the Old Graveyard at Saddleworth Church. £1.80

LOWER GRAVEYARD PLAN, Saddleworth Church. £3.00

Pamphlets

ADDRESS TO THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF MEN IN SADDLEWORTH: Shewing the necessity of supporting the Plan laid down for augmenting the Price of Labour in the Woollen Manufactory: Describing the Distressed Situation of the Parish in 1795. By Daniel Nield. £0.75

Items are available at the Saddleworth Museum and at local bookshops, or by post from the Society's Publications Officer, Mr B.E. Jackson, 7 Slackcote, Delph, Oldham OL3 5TW (Tel: 01457 874530). Please make cheques payable to Saddleworth Historical Society and add 20% postage and packing for delivery outside Saddleworth.