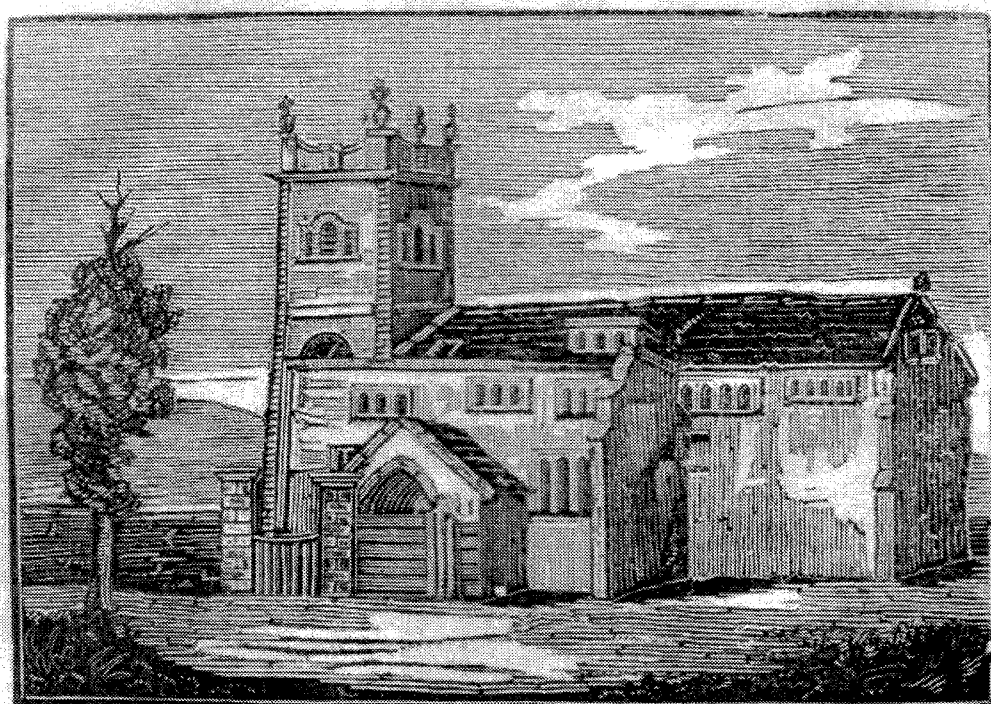


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The *Bulletin* aims to reflect and encourage interest in all aspects of the history of Saddleshworth. It relies on a regular supply of articles, letters, photographs, short reviews, etc. from members and others. Fresh material is required constantly, 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 Saddleshworth's borders, but should have some connection with the district.

The Society's Web site is at:

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

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

A Meeting of Family History Group Members from around the World: a personal account

Trevor Butterworth and Jeanne Dunn

Early in July, about thirty members of the SHS Family History Group converged on Saddleworth from many part of the UK and the world to celebrate our common roots.

England had been sweltering in a heat wave when a brief break in the weather made sitting in a lecture room tolerable. Early arrival to the meeting was necessary to secure a parking space by the museum. The participants in the week-end began to arrive in ones and twos, some pausing to look at the statue of Ammon Wrigley as he stood gazing at us.

Cheery greetings rang out as old school friends or neighbours met again after decades of being scattered, and tentative self introductions were offered from those who really HAD travelled distances to get to Saddleworth. "So THAT's what you look like!"

Brian Kenworthy got us all labelled up, and after a generous period for mingling and chin wagging, Mike Buckley called us to order and introduced himself and Neil Barrow, Jean Sanders and Alison Wild, and then gave a run through of the planned events.

He swung straight into an illustrated talk on how to research a family concentrating on the church records as a vital tool for a researcher. Using his own family research he demonstrated how to reach 1837 and beyond, starting from living memories of grandparents, through birth and marriage certificates, registers of births, marriages and deaths, and censuses, - to the use of the West Riding Registry of Deeds, Trade Directories, *Radcliffe's Saddleworth Church Registers* transcripts and books such as Howcroft's *Chapelry and Church of Saddleworth*, Bottomley's *History and Thornton's New Saddleworth Sketches* - as sources of possible background or mention of relations. This was an intriguing detective story told in a fascinating and attention holding way.

Alan Petford quietly entered the room during Mike's delivery, in time for his session.

He is the Historian, and having explained how Saddleworth is rich in old surveys and maps due to its position twixt the two big counties, he majored on the use of maps to trace the changing demography of the valleys.

By comparing maps, Alan showed that the valleys retained the same landscape features that were evident from Thomas Jeffreys' 18th century map in which the classic dispersed settlement pattern can be seen, with several hamlets about the hillsides, - but with only the one village, - that of Dobcross. He showed how Jeffreys' map was most useful in showing the development that took place after the 18th century.

Alan gave the group a peep at older maps such as the 1625 map of Badger Edge, and showed (with comparative photographs of the terrain nowadays) how the rectangular field patterns established as a result of the Enclosure are still evident to this day.

With the Three Mean Fields in Diglee he gave us a glimpse into the residual remains of common farming. In preparation for the following day's planned guided walk,

Alan pointed out on the maps the placement of the earliest dwellings in Uppermill, i.e. the ancestral home of the Shaw family. He finished by making a plea to ANYBODY who might have or know of any old map, or artefact to draw his attention to its existence and location.

The next session was a review by Mike Buckley of the records available for tracing Saddleworth families before 1837. Some of these records pre-date the 17th century.

Using the Protestation Return of 1641, Wills, Monumental Inscriptions, Hearth Tax Records, Deeds, Manorial Records, and other reference points, Mike had been able to draw maps of where the Gartside, Schofields, Wrigleys and the Buckleys had dwelt throughout the 1500s, 1600s, and 1700s. He demonstrated that there were many separate homesteads even in the same hamlet occupied by families of the same name. He strongly cautioned against the sole use of the early St Chad's Registers to trace family history as there were many gaps and omissions and many people of the same name dwelt in Saddleworth during the seventeenth century.

Mike also explained that pre about 1660 the houses were of wood with thatched roofs (evidence of a timber frame was found in the 1718 Gartside house at Denshaw), - and that in the late 1600s and 1700s there was a major rebuilding in stone that took place.

Neil Barrow was next on the platform. He introduced the Archive collection of the Historical Society and Saddleworth Museum and their value in family history research. He advised us that the archives not only hold commonly available material such as the St Chad's Registers on microfilm, but also less accessible search materials including Voters' lists, 19th century Saddleworth Rate Books, 18th century Land Tax Records, Saddleworth Manor Rentals, the Factories Act Returns, and other Acts of Parliament.

Neil mentioned that a great deal of effort is being put into the filming of the Museum artefacts and documents in the computerised archives, - a big project. He finished by making an appeal for anything relating to Saddleworth people which might be tucked away in papers at home such as old share certificates, old estate and other maps, school photographs, company documents, newspaper announcements; - indeed anything which might mention names or places that might give future historians and family researchers a clue. Neil then provided an interesting opportunity for us all to take a look at the archives.

The day's session finished with an explanation of the various projects under way and plans for future activity, ending with a short question and answer session.

The Group dispersed to reconvene for a convivial evening at Mike's house in Dobcross. Ducking from the car in the sudden rain and huddling outside the hefty door awaiting response to the repeated knocking, I was put in mind of the Hollywood version of trying to gain access to a Speakeasy! Inside, the aroma of tasty food and the convivial welcome swept us along as we reinforced the new acquaintanceships. A real treat was the recital given by Victor Khadem on the Virginal. I've never been close to a Virginal before, and certainly had not the least inkling of the musical skill of that young man who cleared the Upper Yard with his pals! Accompanied by Victor, a few intrepid singers also offered a rendition of old Saddleworth anthems read from very old music available at SHS.

Sunday dawned overcast and coolish. Anoraks and umbrellas were the order of the day, as we set off for St Chad's park to be shown the old Shaw house and how it had been enhanced and developed into what I knew as a lad as the Council Office. Much

description on the 'Gothicisation' of the building by Shaw, and of the stonemasonry skill of Lawton, then up and across the road to stand above the car park of the *Hare and Hounds* where once stood the corn mill which gave Uppermill its name, and from which vantage point we could also appreciate the 19th century Co-operative Society developments at the back of Court Street.

After seeing the site of the Upper Mill and the Co-op houses we went up Court Street to look at the George Shaw designed Mechanics Institute and expressed regret at the 1960s development to its front, - and then along Lee Street to see the Odd Fellows building and the Old School. Thence onto Grove Road, where the First World War council houses are.

On and upwards we scrambled up the track to Shaws for another examination of the 18th century Saddleworth building style, then off again to puff up to Cross and on to the Old Vicarage where we were fortunate to be invited to step into the magnificent steeply terraced garden with its view across the valley to the golf course on Wharmton.

Here we heard of the St Chad's parson, Richard Podmore, who preached but one sermon before being hounded out of the village in 1771. He was replaced by Charles Zouche in 1792. This odd and unstable pillar of the community would not live in the old vicarage but instead stayed in the *Cross Keys*, - until he in a fit of madness he gouged out the eye of the landlady, a Mrs Ann Bottomley.

He was removed in 1794, and there was a period of thirty-seven years when Saddleworth was served by a succession of assistant curates, the most effective of whom was Francis Raines.

In 1831 the formidable Richard Whitelock was appointed curate, and became the first vicar of Saddleworth, staying until 1879, living in the new vicarage until he was caught "mixing sugar and sand" and lost his living for a couple of years (He was suspended for allegedly "interfering with the wife of a fellow clergyman").

A quick peep at a ditch that defined the limit of the Glebe land before clambering back up to Gellfield Lane again to head off to the New Yard, - and there we were given a treat! I fail to understand now how I could have grown up in the area, visiting the family grave without having had the curiosity to look closely at the carving on the Hirst Pinnacle not thirty yards away. Alan walked us around the monument following the story of the woollen industry from the sheep to the clipper (and that's the ship clipper not the scissors!) to the bale to the processes in the mill to the cloth ready for sale!

We straggled the short walk down to St Chad's itself to be greeted by the Rev Duncan Rhodes (nephew of the late Lord Hervey Rhodes), whose Rhodes family were renowned for their association with the mills of Saddleworth, and whom I recall from school leaving me gasping and standing on the house competition cross country runs at school as he steadfastly churned by!

A second group, led by Mike Buckley, travelled by van along impossibly narrow roads to the heights overlooking Saddleworth. Those of us who opted for this excursion were treated to spectacular panoramas of the land once inhabited by our ancestors. One was able to look out upon the land and see, in vivid detail, the landmarks that are illustrated on the SHS website maps. Alan Petford's lecture on maps came alive for us and we could imagine how our families must have lived hundreds of years ago. There was much discussion along the way as to the

provenance of numerous structures recognized by one or more of us as appearing in our family trees. At one point, Mike pulled the van over and invited Jeanne to follow him to an old house along the road. There he pointed to a date stone that had once marked the property of her Wrigley family when they had lived in the old homestead further up the hill in 1639! That single moment alone was worth the three thousand mile trip she had made to participate in the FHG weekend!

The walkers and the riders met back at St. Chad's in Uppermill. After exploring the church, many opted to walk to the Pub for lunch. We all had shared a unique experience that was grounded in our common love of tracing our family histories. We chattered and joked as if all of us had known each other for years.

And then it was the goodbyes. We had to break from our reminiscing on our school and Sunday school days! We had to take leave from the new friends whom we had known for years only through the e-mail group. We all resolved to treasure these special relationships, to continue our correspondence and to meet again!

Do you have any old maps of Saddleworth?

***Do you have any old documents, or newspaper cuttings, or function programmes
ETC?***

***The Historical Society is keen to copy them into its computerised archives to
preserve them for posterity.***

***Contact: Neil Barrow
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A Plate-Layer's Wife part II

Sarah Wrigley

notes by Neil Barrow

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out altogether. I wonder if the girls of to-day would stand that! I stayed with them two years until I was twenty-one, when I left for a better place.

Here there was four servants, and I was engaged for the cook. It was a real gentleman's house. They kept coachman, farmer and gardener, the very best place I had in all my life. We had plenty of freedom, going out in our turn. We were not treated as servants but as all one family, and the children was taught to treat us kindly and with respect. The servants was thought so much of, and when we had a ball the kitchen staff was allowed to have one dance with the guests. My master and mistress was real Christian and she was the kindest lady in the village. Everybody was alike to her, but she had her house rule kept in order. Not one of us was allowed out one minute after nine o'clock. The bell rang out "all in," but the girls loved her too much to disobey her. I was there five years, and married from there. I was sorry to give up such a good home, and they was sorry for me to leave, but my young man wanted to get married for he had no mother. I had a good send-off with many presents.

My husband was only a platelayer on the line and his wages was 18/- per week. Out of that he had 1/- for his pocket, and 1/- for tobacco, and 7d. for his Provident Club and pension, leaving me with 15/5 to carry on. Out of that I paid 2/8 rent, 1/4 for coal and lamp-oil, which cost 6d.

p 60 The suppositions in part I turn out to be correct. James' father, George Buckley Wrigley had died in 1869 and his mother, Sarah, a year later. The father, siblings and aunt Louisa, who had raised the orphans share a grave at St Thomas, Heights¹.

¹ Here and throughout this article I am grateful for information and family photographs kindly supplied by Graham Wrigley, of Bexhill-on-Sea and Muriel George (née Wrigley, Sarah's great-granddaughter) of Wellingborough, who have researched their family. A family tree and copies of other documents have been placed in Saddleworth Museum Archives CF/Wri/Dp001.



Edward Jones, Sarah's father



James Wrigley, holding sheet music

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then for three quarts, leaving me with 10/11 to live on for the week. I could not go out working, for I had never been in a mill. I did a little plain sewing to help us during the week to keep out of debt. We struggled along to get a nice home together, with my little sewing money. My first thing to do was to join the Co-operative Stores in one of the Oldham branches, and I am glad to say I have been a member for forty-six years. I cannot say how it has helped with my little children.

I had been married five months, when I found out my condition, and to prepare for that time, I took more sewing in, and worked night and day to save a little, working the machine and washing, anything to save a shilling or two. Just a week before my baby came, I made eight print tight-fitting jackets for 1/4 each, to get a little more to what I had saved. I had to suffer for it after. I went about with a little pillow under each arm for three months with gathered breasts. I had a very good neighbour, she helped me all she could, but mother had to come to take me home to get better. While I was away, my husband was taken ill, and I nearly lost him. I am glad to think women are better looked after in these days.

I remember one of my old neighbours. She was in a very poor way, hadn't much to live on, her husband being a gasser in a mill, and had 18/- per week. There was five children to keep and her rent 4/- per week. Day after day she went out

Her younger sister, Elizabeth Myddleton Jones, also married a Saddleworth man. In 1884 she married William Hewkin, of Woolroad, at Springhead Providence chapel and is buried at St Chads².

p 61 Sarah and James had moved to Lees where their first son, George was born³.

A gasser worked in the gassing-shed at a cotton doubling mill. The yarn was passed through a gassing machine where a Bunsen burner singed off the surplus hairs. This

² Information supplied by Muriel George and BMD: www.freebmd.rootsweb.com.

³ Birthplace of George 1901 census.

washing and cleaning and taking washing in. Sometimes she run into debt for groceries, and her husband got very cross with her. She told me herself that she had gone without many a meal for the children and her husband, still he worried her for going into debt. She could not pledge, for there was nothing to pledge; it was a poor home. Her husband was a steady man, but the same as other men—went out and left her to it to do as she liked. She could not sew or mend for the children as she would like, and they had to go with very little on their backs. She went cleaning for two ladies that lived not far from here. These ladies went away for the summer months, and left her in charge of the house to put fires in. In a lumber-room there was a marble timepiece. She did not know what to do for the next meal. She took the timepiece and pledged it for a few shillings, with the intention to take it back before they came home. But the ladies returned sooner than was expected. They missed the timepiece and wanted to know where it had gone to. She told them all about it and how sorry she was to have to do such a thing. The ladies gave her so many hours to bring it. Her husband knew nothing about it, and at ten o'clock that night she was locked up all night and her five children in bed. Her husband could do nothing till next day. His master lent him money to pay the cost. The neighbours turned against her, and I felt so sorry for her I took them some food in as she was

improved the fine two-fold yarn, turning it into a superfine poplin used for shirting. The work was unskilled and often performed by women. The mill is likely to have been Further Hey mill in Beckett Street⁴.

⁴ Information supplied by Geoff Woodhead, of Greenfield, whose grandfather was mill manager at Further Hey mill.

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fretting very much. In a few days she sent for me and there was the baby born, and only a little boy in the house. I sent for the nurse, and I took some bed-clothes, made her bed, and looked after her until she was well, and washed her clothes. She has never forgotten what I did for her. The baby is a fine young man twenty-two years of age.

When we left Mossley to come to Stockport in 1894, I had three children. My husband was promoted, and his wages raised from £1 1s. to £1 2s. a week. At the time my fifth boy was born, he was having 26/6 to keep us all, and no children at work. I have seen the day when my white tablecloth and clean empty pots were waiting for father to bring his wages, before we could have something to eat, for I would not go to a little shop as I got better value for my money at the Co-operative Society, and there was something at the end of the quarter for clothes. I was feeling myself after my eldest boy began to work for 5/- per week. When the next came to work for another 5/-, and the next went out with newspapers, while the fourth boy, only young, delivered milk, I began to get on my feet, and with making all their clothes it was a great help. It was then I was determined to let them have music-lessons in their turn. I am glad to think now that we did our best for our children. I have gone without my dinner for their sakes, and just had a cup of tea and bread and butter.

Our ideas for our children was to give them the

p 63 Sons William and Lewis had been born at Mossley and Reginald and, lastly, Osborne at Stockport in 1900⁵.

A thorough, contemporary study by Seebohm Rowntree, based on calories needed, calculated that a family with five children required to spend 17/3d on food (and this excluded any meat). With rent and other basic necessities weekly expenditure would be 28/10d⁶.

⁵ Census 1901.

⁶ Rowntree, BS, *Poverty: a Study of Town Life* 1901

best education, a trade and music, that we could afford, so that they would grow up to be clean, honest, truthful, and to go straight in life and become good citizens. Each boy as he became fourteen years of age, was put to a trade of his own choosing. Their trades was as follows:

George, brick-archer (railway).

William, shoemaker (master).

Lewis, tin-plate worker.

Reggie, groceries, Co-operative (now Manager).

Osborne, locomotive fireman.

Between the father and the five boys we had almost every musical instrument there was, excelling in trombone, piano and violin. Reggie was an excellent violinist, having passed many exams. When playing all together, they played Selections and Grand Marches, but for myself I preferred sacred music. We were a happy, musical family, until the war broke out, when I buried my eldest son, and two got married. It was a big trouble to me when I lost my son at thirty years of age, but it was a bigger trial when I buried my husband eleven months after. And then my other two sons was called out to war, and I was left alone for two years. Just then I thought all my trouble had come, when the four sons had gone to the war, but, thank God, they came back quite safe. Since then I have buried another son and his wife, at thirty years old. I have been a

p 64 George had worked for the L&NWR at the Edgeley Locomotive Works and was a member of the Edgeley Brotherhood band. Her husband James was a foreman platelayer at Edgeley Junction, where he had been for twenty-two years. He was one of the organisers and first bandmaster of the local L&NWR band. Lewis and his wife died in 1923⁷.

⁷ Death notices in the Stockport Express for 18/3/1915, 17/2/1916 & 6/9/1923. All share the family grave at Cheadle cemetery.

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widow fourteen years, and my youngest son is still with me.

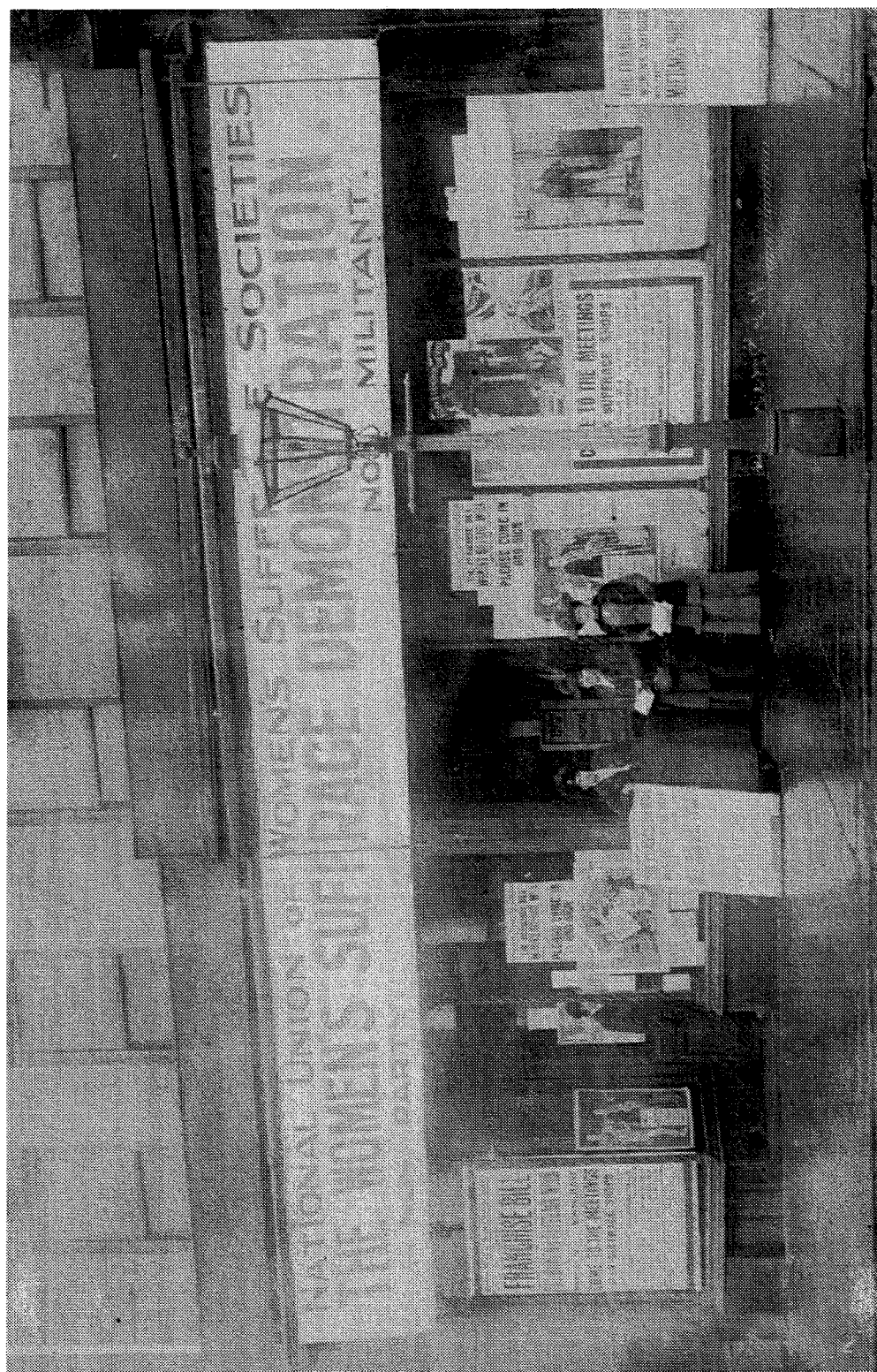
Had it not been that I took an interest in public work, I could not have stood it. There was the Women's Co-operative Guild, to which I owe a great deal for my education. I have been a member from the beginning of our Branch, a worker on Committees, and President for two years. We are glad to think that we in the Guild have taken our place in the fight for better conditions for women and children.

I joined the Suffrage, because having had such a hard and difficult life myself, I thought I would do all I could to relieve the sufferings of others. I took great interest in all women's organisations. When the war broke out, I helped on the Relief Committees all through the war. Miss Wilkinson (now M.P.) was one of the first to open a work-room in Stockport, to find work for girls in making old clothes for new for the poor children. We went round begging old cast-offs, and good work was done. Miss Wilkinson helped towards getting the Maternity Centre formed in Stockport. When investigating cases for relief we came across many pitiful homes where father had gone to the war, and four or five children had to be fed. I don't think we should have had war if the women could have had the vote before, and a voice in it. There's no mother or wife in England nor Germany that would give their loved one to be killed. Now we are working for peace.

p 65 Margaret Llewelyn Davies had addressed a meeting in Stockport in 1907 urging the foundation of a guild branch. Sarah was one of the founder members⁸. Like Margaret Llewelyn Davies, Sarah had joined the non-militant National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS).

Ellen Wilkinson (1891-1947) later became famous as MP for Jarrow and in 1936, as an organiser of the Jarrow March. She became Minister for Education in 1946. In 1931 she was MP for Middlesborough East. Born in Ardwick, she had joined the NUWSS in 1912 and quickly rose to become the District Organiser.

⁸ Sarah's own notes kindly loaned by Muriel George: copy at Stockport Local Studies library
Stockport Co-operative Society: The Women's Guild: How it was formed. mss account SJ89, death notice Stockport Express 15/6/1939.



Sarah Wrigley is seen in the centre of the group. The location and date are unknown but it is probably in Manchester as the suffrage shops listed on the large Franchise Bill poster are all in Manchester. The date Dec 4th - 14th on the small poster suggests that the meetings were to lobby for the bill of 1913 M/P/WriDp001 original in private collection

I can't say that I have read many books as I have had no time. What I have read has been Guild and Co-operative literature and newspapers, for I have learnt a great deal through newspapers. As far as politics go I am very fond of history. I like to go back to the olden times and to know more of our forefathers, and I get a lot out of my Bible.

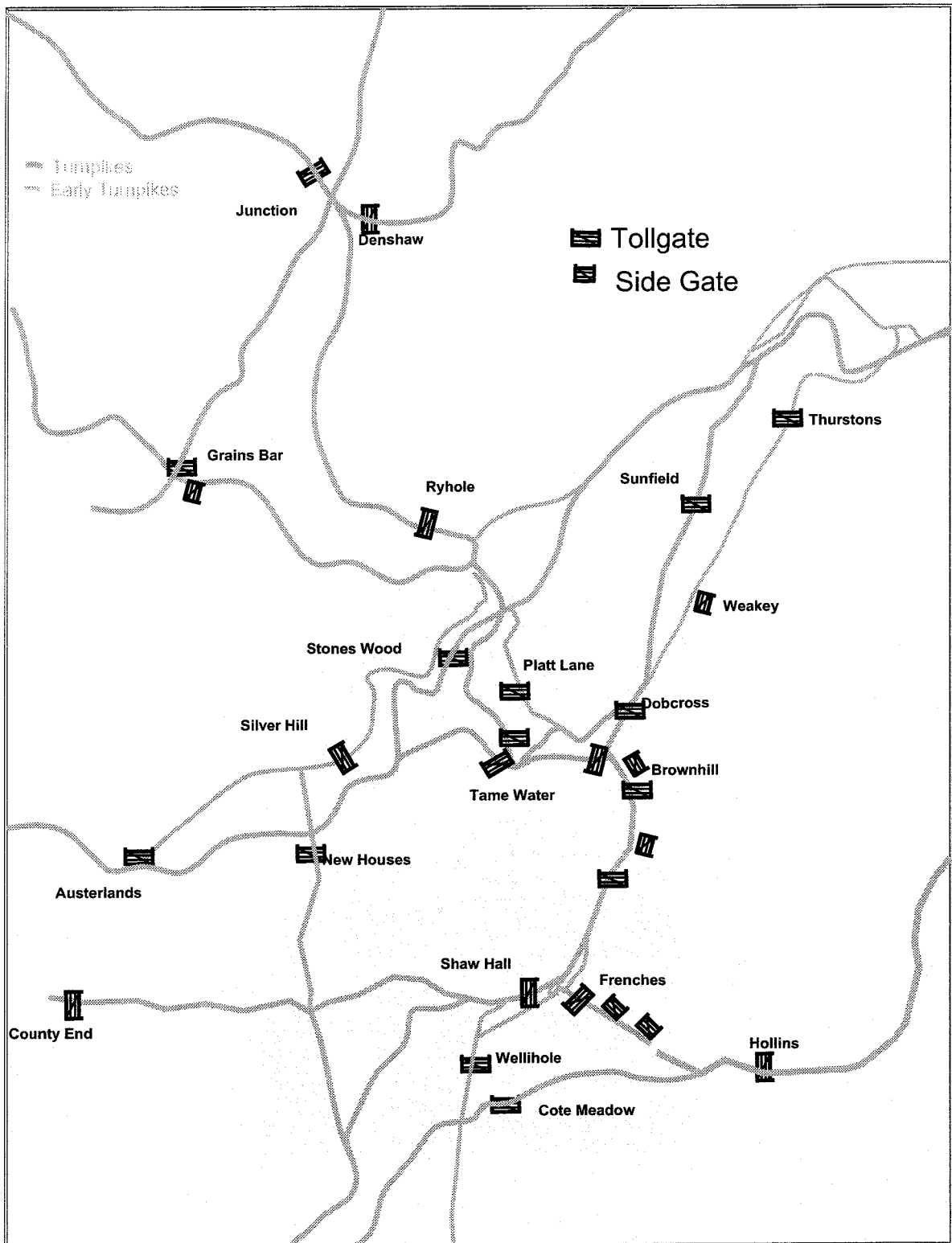
I am seventy-two and shall carry on with the Guild as long as I can.

p 66 Sarah was a Wesleyan Methodist. She died aged eighty-one in 1939 and is buried, with James and three of her sons, at Cheadle cemetery⁹.



Photograph of Mrs Wrigley used in *Life as We have Known It*

⁹ Death notice Stockport Express 15/6/1939. Of two sisters attending the funeral one had also married a Saddleworth man. Gwenfron had married Milton Hirst, of Uppermill at Rhuabon Congregational in 1898. Her second sister Priscilla had also married locally, to James Townsend of Mossley, in 1885.



The Tollbars of Saddleworth part II

Chris Marcus

The first part of this article appeared in the Bulletin vol 35 Winter 2005.

The table below summarises the information on the Saddleworth tollhouses and indicates the current state of the site.

Bar	Grid Reference	Turnpike Trust	Tollkeepers	Early Ordnance Survey	Other Source	2005 Notes
Austerlands	SD9580 56	Wakefield & Austerlands 1793-1882	1822 J Ackeroyd 1861 Robert Asquith (& Boot & Shoe Maker) 1871 Martha Parsons 1881 James Allen			Not the original gatehouse but listed by English Heritage. May not have been built as a tollhouse but one reference gives it a date of 1837.
Brownhill Bridge	SD9940 64	Standedge & Oldham 1867-1885	1871 Margaret Wood 1881 Nat Wood		Oldham & Stand-edge Committee Minutes 1867	Referred to as the Dobcross road gate, the position is uncertain and it is doubtful any of the current buildings is it. It may have been rented.
Brownhill Bar With Side Gate	SD9970 62	Standedge & Oldham 1827-1885 And Brownhill Lane			Oldham & Stand-edge Committee Minutes	There is a suitable building on site, but on 5 th Nov 1885 Joshua Hunt bid 10/- for it.
Cote Meadow Manchester Rd	SD9870 38	Holehouse & Shepley Lane Head 1824-1874	1861 Eliza Howarth (& Housewife) 1871 Sarah Millar	1854 6" Yorkshire		None, probably lost In road widening
County End	SD9570 46	Standedge & Oldham 1838? - 1885	1829 Mafley?			May have been rented. But the position is slightly uncertain
Delph New Road	SD9880 66	Standedge & Oldham Delph Branch 1867-1885			Oldham & Stand-edge Committee Minutes	No definite location, may have been rented.

Delph, Ryhole	SD9800 82	Oldham & Ripponden 1801- 1874 : Delph Branch	1841 Matthew Buckley 1861 William Lees 1871 P Howarth (& Weaver) 1881 Alice Louth (Ex Toll Gate?)			Nicely extended, the probable building is used as a house
Denshaw Bar	SD9761 05	Huddersfield & New Hey 1809- 1874	1822 J Dowgill 1829 J Lees 1861 Sarah Booth 1881 George Lidy (?)	1854 6" Yorkshire		Nicely extended, the probable building is used as a house, called the Old Tollhouse.
Fur Lane Side Gate	SD9980 43	Standedge & Oldham Road End Branch 1837			Oldham & Stand- edge Comm- ittee Minutes 1837	Probably a short-lived chain gate, but no record of it except in 1837.
Frenches With Side Gate	SD9930 46	Standedge & Oldham Road End Branch 1827- 1885 and Arthur's Lane 1827-1837	1851 George Radcliffe (+Cordwainer) 1871 Charles Thompson (+Cordwainer)	1840 1"	Oldham & Stand- edge Comm- ittee Minutes 1827	A real tollhouse, nicely extended but a good photo of 1974 in the <i>Oldham Chronicle</i> shows it as illustrated. Had a weighing machine from 1859 to 1885.
Grains Bar With Side Gate	SD9630 85	Oldham & Ripponden; Delph Branch 1797- 1883	1861 James Knockart (?) 1871 Edward Broadbent	1840 1" 1854 6" Yorkshire	Oldham & Rippond en Trust Map 1867? Stand- edge Comm- ittee Minutes	None, lost in road widening. But the North East corner of the junction is now a verge
Hollins Lane	SE0070 40	Greenfield & Shepley Lane Head 1824-1874	1861 John Halstead (& Shoemaker) 1871 John Halstead (& Shoemaker) 1881 Robert Smith (Waller) Ex Tollbar	1840 1" 1854 6" Yorkshire		Now only a different style of walling show's where it was, and trees growing in the position.

Junction Bar	SD9731 08	Huddersfield & New Hey 1809- 1874	1822 George Duckworth 1841 Sarah Marsden	1854 6" Yorkshire		Slightly difficult to place, but the grass verge clearly shows signs of stone work under the grass.
New Houses	SD9730 58	Stockport & Ashton, Oldham Branch 1825	1861 Sally Hampshire	1840 1" 1854 6" Yorkshire		Ploughed out corner of a field.
Platt Lane Bar	SD9870 69	Oldham & Ripponden (Grains To Delph (Dobcross)) 1797 -1883	1861 John Schofield			No obvious sign of the tollhouse, or of the side gate to Lark Hall road.
Shaw Hall With Side Gate To Staley Trust	SD9880 46	Standedge & Oldham Pre 1793-1885	1829 Dan Slater 1851 Robert Stevenson (& Cordwainer) 1861 Charles Pollit 1881 Frances Alit (?)	1854 6" Yorkshire		No sign but several buildings could be it. Offer on 5/11/1885 from the railway for £1/10/-
Silver Hill	SD9750 63	Wakefield & Austerlands 1793- 1815?				Referred to in Barnes as a former toll bar in 1852
Stones Wood Delph	SD9830 71	Wakefield & Austerlands 1815?-1882	1871 Joseph Charlesworth (& Wool Slubber) 1881 Christopher Whittaker	1840 1" 1854 6" Yorkshire		A circular ring of stones, bricks etc. adjacent to the public footpath marks the position. Single room, probably only suitable for a single man.
Sunfield Standedge Road	SE0020 82	Wakefield & Austerlands 1827- 1882	1851 John Schofield 1871 Untenanted	1854 6" Yorkshire		Completely robbed out, but the platform is still there.
Tame Water Wall Hill Road	SD9880 63	Standedge & Oldham Pre 1793-1885: Wall Hill & Wool Road Branch	1829 John Whitehead 1841 John Hilbert 1861 Elizabeth Kenworthy	1854 6" Yorkshire	English Heritage and Mile- stone Society	Listed by English Heritage and now a house, on 5/11/1885 an offer of £47 from Walter Wood
Thurstons	SE0080 88	Standedge & Oldham Pre 1793 -1885 (Marsland Branch)	1829 Mr Schofield 1841 Joseph Mallelieu(?) (& Weaver) 1851 Joshua Cartside(?)	1840 1" 1854 6" Yorkshire		Called the Old Tollhouse, it may have been extended

Wade Lock	SD9960 55	Standedge & Oldham Pre 1793 -1885	1881 Mary Buckley		County Council Minutes	Now an, extended, private house above Wade Lock. Shown on 1818 photograph. Saddleworth Museum collection M/P/PB081
Weakey Side Gate (Hanging Gate)	SE0010 76	Standedge & Oldham 1827- 1885				Despite the pub opposite having large hanging gate signs, it was originally a chain gate, lasting to at least 1837.
Wellihole Bar	SD9860 40	Staley Trust 1793-1872	1822 Anice Pearson 1841 Betty Whitehouse (& Housewife) 1861 Elizabeth Whitehead	1840 1" 1854 6" Yorkshire		No sign at all of it ever having existed in a field. But clear semicircle on satellite photo.
Wool Road Dobcross	SD9970 67	Standedge & Oldham Pre 1793 -1885	Ruth Schofield 1829 J Shephard 1861 George Buckley 1871 Rosa Shaw	1854 6" Yorkshire		Despite John Radcliffe offering £60 in 1885 it is now a patch of new woodland.



Barr House: Brownhills toll house looking towards Saddleworth Viaduct

Saddleworth Museum collection M/P/Um021



Thurstons Toll House, (Early Oldham & Standedge)



Semicircular pattern of stones: probably remains of Stones Wood Toll House (later Wakefield & Austerlands)



Tamewater Toll House (Branch of Oldham & Standedge)



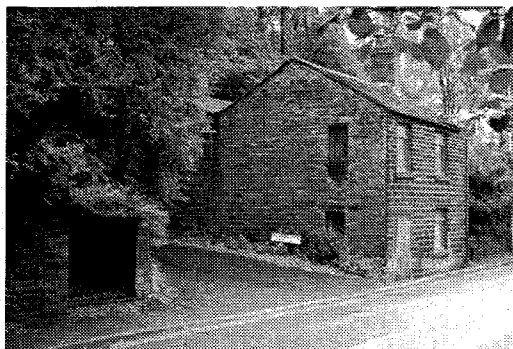
Site of Hollins Toll House (Greenfield & Shepley Lane Head)



Frenches Toll House (Branch of Oldham & Standege)



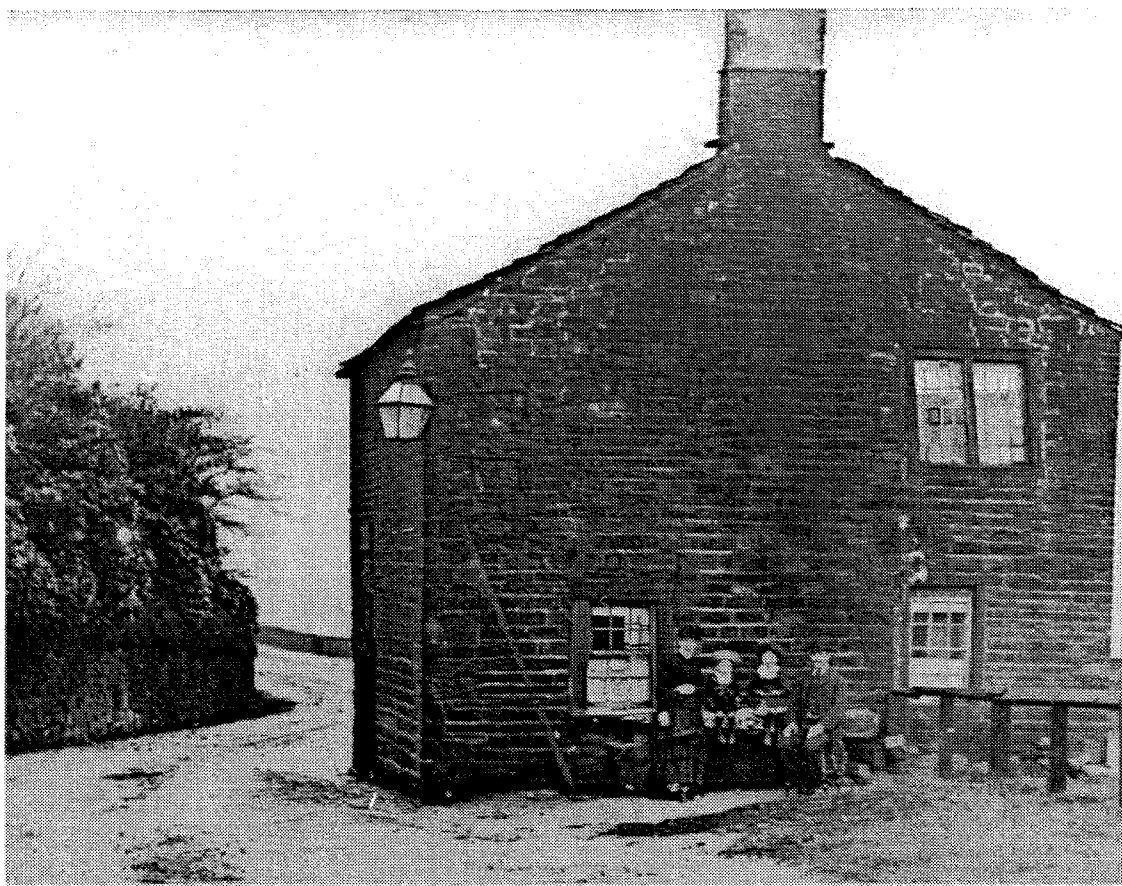
Denshaw Toll House (Huddersfield & New Hey)



Brownhills Toll House (Oldham & Standedge)



Ryhole Toll House Delph: at left hand end (Branch of Oldham & Ripponden)



Shaw Hall Bank toll house

Saddleworth Museum collection M/P/Gcsha010



Location of the tollbar (NE of Shaw Hall Bank) map pre1850(reduced scale)

Tameside Local Studies: Stamford collection

LETTERS

Dear Sir,

Could anyone please tell me what a slubber did for a living?

Susan Mc Lintock

smclintock@btinternet.com

Reply

A slubbing frame produces wool or cotton fibres in the form of a long sausage which can be fed into a spinning frame for spinning. In other words it looks like rope without a twist in it.

The various processes in cotton spinning are opening (this takes place in a blowroom and ends up with a forty inch wide blanket of fibre), carding (this removes the dirt and short fibre that wasn't taken out by the opening process and produces a kind of sausage similar to that of a slubber), drawing (a drawframe combines four or so of the product of the card and turns them into one, thus reducing the unevenness), a speed frame that produces a roving (this is similar to that produced by a slubber (explained below) and finally, a spinning frame (this reduces the thickness of the fibre sausage to that desired and puts in a twist to hold the yarn together).

Previously the speedframe process was undertaken by three separate processes, which served to reduce the thickness of the fibre sausage to one the spinning frame could handle; later the spinning process incorporated "high draft" which allowed thick fibres to be reduced to yarn. The first of these processes was handled by a slubbing frame, the second was an intermediate or inter and the third was a roving frame. You used to see job adverts in the *Oldham Chron'* for "slubber tenters" – much less exciting-sounding than "strippers and grinders" who cleaned and sharpened the clothing on the carding engines.

Hoping this helps you.

Brian Kenworthy

bandpkenworthy@aol.com

"SLUBBING

The web of well-open fibres removed from the cards which has to be divided into separate lengths, known by various names by various sections of the trade. Baines called them cardings or slivers, and sometimes slubbings. In any case, as he stated, these pieces or lengths of wool were converted into continuous lengths of sliver ... These slubbings were produced on a machine called a billy, and the people in charge were called slubbers; ..."

From the glossary in Ponting, KG: *Baines's Account of the Woollen Manufacture of England* (1858) pub Newton Abbott 1970.

Dear Sir

I wonder if I could ask any of your members if they remember a notice which I think was attached to a tree as you turned right into Chew Valley, from the path just before the bridge over Chew Brook, as it was certainly there in the thirties and forties.

I have never forgotten the words of this notice. They read:

FRIEND

*When you stroll and sit and take your ease
On moor or fell or under spreading trees
Pray leave no traces of your wayside meal
No paper bags, no scattered orange peel
Nor daily journal littered on the grass
Others may view these with distaste and pass
Let no one say it to your shame
THAT ALL WAS BEAUTY HERE, UNTIL YOU CAME*

This notice made quite an impression on my friends and I who often camped by the brook at weekends and holidays during the war years and we always left the place tidy when we left.

I have no idea when the sign was removed, I just noticed one day that it was no longer there: it may have been when Dovestone reservoir was under construction.

I would love to know who erected the sign as I think that it is part of Saddleworth's history.

In 2001 I spoke to Mr Peter Sharples, the Catchment Manager for United Utilities and offered to replace the sign, at my own expense, in a more durable form. He said he was interested.

I would be glad of any information Bulletin readers could give me.

Yours faithfully,

Bryan Shaw
bryan.shaw@tiscali.co.uk

**SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
SUMMER 2006**

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Of all the trees that grow so fair
Old England to adorn,
Greater are none beneath the Sun,
Than Oak, and Ash, and Thorn.
Sing Oak, and Ash, and Thorn, good sirs,
(All of a Midsummer morn)
Surely we sing no little thing,
In Oak, and Ash, and Thorn.
A Tree Song. A.D. 1200
Rudyard Kipling.

40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY 1966 - 2006 - OCTOBER

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The 40th Anniversary Dinner draws near on Friday 20th October, 2006 and you are reminded to book in now for this most important event in the Society calendar. This will be a very enjoyable evening when we will be able to appreciate the successful management of our local history adventure over the years, the bountiful seasons of impressive lectures presented for the membership education and entertainment so join with your fellow members and be present at this moment in our history. On the day afterwards Saturday 21st October 06, a Bernard Barnes Memorial Lecture will be given in the Museum, Uppermill, at 2.00 pm, followed on the Sunday 22nd October, 06, with a conducted walk around a Saddleworth village explaining the history and vernacular architecture. Details to be announced later. A Booking Form will be found at the rear of the Bulletin and we shall be pleased to receive a reply by the 20th September, 06, or ring Mrs. E. Broadbent on 0161 785 8268.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS & LECTURES.

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Friday 20th October, 06. 7.30 p.m.	40th Anniversary of the Society. Dinner at the White Hart Inn, Lydgate. See Booking Form.
Saturday 21st October, 06. 2.00 p.m.	Lecture at the Museum, Uppermill.
Sunday 22nd October, 06	Guided Walk around a Saddleworth Village. Time to be arranged.
Wednesday 8th November, 06 7.30 p.m.	Lecture - Victorian Christmas Cards and other Seasonal Items. The Museum, Uppermill.
Annual General Meeting. 7.30 p.m.	13th December, 06. The Museum, Uppermill & Entertaining Slide Lecture.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM

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Coffee Mornings & Boutique.
Farmers Market.
Xmas Shopping Trip to York.
See Booking Form TIC Shop Museum.

2nd Wednesday of each month.
2nd Sunday of each month.
Friday 24th November, 06

ART GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

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19th August - 17th September, 06
23rd September - 22nd October, 06

Chameleon Art Group.
Saddleworth Open Art Exhibition.

28th October - 19th November, 06

The Sky at Night - by Photographer
Mark Adamson

EXHIBITIONS.

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The Changing Face of Saddleworth celebrating 40 years of the CIVIC TRUST'S work in Saddleworth.

AMMON WRIGLEY - New Exhibition looking at his life and displaying some of the many items contained in the Museum's collection.

NEW DISPLAYS - IN PROGRESS.

IN YOUR PRAM - Starting in the Autumn - a collection of anecdotes, photographs, quotations etc., anything relating to memories of pushing prams. Contact the Museum 01457 87 4093

IN THE MILL POND

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The restoration of the mill pond at what was Dam Head Mill, Uppermill, now Willowbank, have revealed a number of interesting objects that over the years were lost in the mud. The exhibition includes other curiosities found in similar situations around Saddleworth.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY & TREASURER OF THE FRIENDS

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Janet Brown and Delia O'Kane have occupied the situations of Membership Secretary and Treasurer to the Friends of Saddleworth Museum for over 15 years and now they have decided to resign. We urgently require two Friends who would be willing to take on these duties.

If anyone wishes to help will they please contact Peter Fox on 0145787 4093 at the Museum.

SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST

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Monday 25th September, 06.
Rochdale Town Hall.

A half day visit and guided tour.
Ring Mr. C. Baumann for details. 01457 87 6858

Thursday 12th October, 06 .
7.30 pm. at the Museum.

The Regeneration of Oldham & District.
John Bird, Director of Regeneration Dept. at OMBC

Thursday 23rd November, 06
7.15 pm. at the Museum.

Annual General Meeting followed by
Followed by 'Saddleworth Scenes',
Refreshments and an illustrated quiz and talk by
Michael Buckley.

ROYTON HERITAGE TRAIL - ROYTON LIBRARY 30th SEPTEMBER, 06 11.00 a.m.
You are invited to the launch of The Royton Heritage Trail Booklet by The Mayor of Oldham, Councillor Bernard Judge & Graham Sinclair and a free guided tour around Royton taking in historical sites.

OLDHAM FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY DAY

Saturday 7th October, 06 10.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Are you interested in family history or the history of Oldham and District - Find out more at The Gallery Oldham, Greaves Street.

Admission Free. Stalls, displays, and information.

SHS MEMBERSHIP SECTION.

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New members who have joined the Society since the publication of the Spring Bulletin are:-

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Daniels & Family, Atherton.
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Battersby, Atherton.
Mrs. S.M. Dewsbury, Greenfield.
Mr. & Mrs. Ian McInnes, Uppermill.
Mr. Andrew Shaw, Cockermouth.

Mr. George Davies, Dobcross.
Mrs. Alison Wild, Mossley.
Mrs. Ingrid H.C. Berry, Astley.
Dr. J.R. Buckley, Sheffield.

Dr. J.R. Buckley is tracing his family history and informs us that his Gt.Gt. Grandfather Joseph Buckley b.1830 at Bolt Meadow founded Joseph Buckley & Co., which operated from Linfitts Mill, Delph now demolished and Warth Mill, Diggle. He has identified several houses where the family lived, Grove House, Friar Lodge and at Dobcross Moorlands, now called the Long House. Joseph retired and died in Llandudno, and his eldest son William b.1853 set up his own business at Gatehead Mill making shawls and was obviously very successful became a JP and was first President of Delph Band. Joseph's youngest son John James b.1865 was Dr. Buckley's Great Grandfather, and appears to have carried on the family business after the death of Joseph, but around 1917 left Saddleworth and bought a hotel in Redcar, died shortly afterwards in 1918 and his wife Elizabeth could not keep the hotel running. Their three sons all took up careers in the army, however, Dr. Buckley's Grandfather, Joseph Herbert b.1891 did not carry on after the First World War and then became a Sales Manager for a brewery, living in Middlesborough where Dr. Buckley's father was born.

If anyone has information relating to Joseph Buckley & Co., and what happened to the Company, may shed light on why John James Buckley moved across the Pennines to Redcar. email robbuckley@hotmail.com. or contact Mrs. E. Broadbent on 0161-785-8268

Mrs. Betty Battersby of Atherton has quite a problem in her researches of the Young family trying to discover the maiden name of Eliza, second wife of farmer Young, Thurston Clough, who died and was buried at St. Chads age 48 years on the 21st April, 1872. James, the farmer, b. 1810, Lancaster, married his first wife Jane Parkinson 1835, Lancaster, no record of her death has been found to date. The Census 1871 shows James lodging with Joseph Lawton, farmer at Setstones, Saddleworth and as married. We will produce more information in our next bulletin, in the meantime contact Mrs. E. Broadbent, 0161 785 8268 if you can help.

Mr. & Mrs. David Heginbottom, living in Singapore, late Storrington, Sussex, joined the Society during May, informing us that they had just discovered that David was descended from the remarkable Rev. John Heginbottom, MA., Vicar of St. Chads, during the 1700's and we were able to forward various articles relating to this illustrious Cleric written by Mr. Frank Heginbottom of Kent and Mr. W.D. Kershaw of Southampton also extracts from the Parish Registers. We then received a letter expressing their delight at the revelations of the Vicar having only discovered 2 weeks before of their link to him. They say by some bizarre coincidence David Great x 7 Grandson also studied at Brasenose College, Oxford, (300 years later) and is proposing to obtain further information from the College about John's studies and his rooms. There are other coincidences, for example David also plays violin and Andrea Heginbottom has the same birthday as the Reverend John the 4th of June.

PREVIOUS LECTURE: The lecture season concluded on the 18th May, 06, with 'Robtus Brabent to Robert Broadbent: Seven Centuries of the Broadbent family of Golcar', by Robert Broadbent and proved a goodly revelation of the comings and goings of this illustrious family creating his own Museum in the township and providing a lasting memorial to the Broadbents.

SUMMER COACH TRIP TO SHREWSBURY on the 15th July, 06, was a very successful day Alan Petford leading the tour of this riverside beauty spot with its imposing bridges and churches. Thanks are due to Michael Fox for organising this outing which was well attended by our satisfied members.

OBITUARIES.

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We are sorry to announce the obituaries of the following members who will be sadly missed.

Mrs. Iris Snowdon of Cheadle Hulme, late of Poulton-le-Fylde.
Mr. Stanley Bradbury of Haworth.
Mrs. Lena Shuttleworth, Maryland, U.S.A.

With regret our condolences have been forwarded to the families.

MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A reminder is enclosed with this Bulletin for members who have not yet paid the 2006 subscription to the Society and we hope that they will give this matter their attention. Your membership is greatly appreciated and valued.

Family Membership	£14.00	Single Membership.....	£12.00
Retired & Student per family	£ 9.00		

OVERSEAS.....	U.S.A. & Canada.....	40 dollars or £15.00 Sterling.
	Australia & New Zealand.....	£15.00 Sterling.

Best wishes to all members and we hope to see you at the Anniversary Dinner.

September, 2006

SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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40th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

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Tickets are now available for the 40th Anniversary Weekend which will be celebrated on the 20th, 21st and 22nd October, 2006. A first class dinner at the White Hart Inn, Lydgate, Saddleworth on Friday the 20th October, 2006, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. A Bernard Barnes Memorial Lecture at the Museum, Uppermill on Saturday the 21st October 06, 2.00 p.m., and a Conducted Walk around a Saddleworth Village on Sunday the 22nd October, 06. Time to be arranged. Price of dinner... £25.00 per person

Cheques made payable to Saddleworth Historical Society and forwarded to :-
Mrs. E. Broadbent,
Pastures Farm Flat,
Back o'th' Low Road,
Strinesdale,
Saddleworth,
Yorks. Tel. No. 0161 785 8268
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SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 40th ANNIVERSARY

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Dinner at The White Hart Inn, Lydgate..... No. of people _____ @ £25.00 per person

Names Address

..... Post Code.....

Tel. No.

Seating arrangements if desired.
Names of friends.

Lecture at the Museum, Sat. 21st Oct.06

Names

Conducted Walk Sunday 22nd Oct.06.

Names

If Vegetarian dishes are required please state number

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND BEFORE THE 20th SEPTEMBER, 06

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Current Society Publications

Books

Saddleworth Villages: Geoff Toms illustrator out of stock

A History of Saddleworth: James Butterworth

A facsimile reprint of this 1828 book with a modern introduction by Robert Poole
£12.50 hardback

Saddleworth from the Air: Barri Jones £12.50

Saddleworth 1914-1919: K W Mitchinson
£5.00 softback
£10.00 hardback

Cherry Valley Chronicles: Letters from Thomas Buckley & family – Immigrants to Cherry Valley & Milbury MA, USA to his son Ralph Buckley & family of Dobcross & Delph in Saddleworth: transcribed Maurice Dennett £5.00

Passage through Time: a History of Saddleworth Roads & Trackways:
Bernard Barnes £5.95

With Ammon Wrigley in Saddleworth: Sam Seville, son-in law & companion of the writer & poet £2.95

Huddersfield Narrow Canal: a Compilation of Articles from the SHS Bulletin on the Construction of the Canal £3.60

Saddleworth Local Interest Trails

Walks around Saddleworth illustrated with sketches & notes on local history & landscape. £1.20 each

- 1 Delph & Heights out of stock
- 2 Uppermill
- 3 Greenfield
- 4 Huddersfield Narrow Canal
- 5 Grasscroft
- 6 Denshaw

- 7 Delph
- 8 Lydgate & Grotton
- 9 Dobcross
- 10 Diggle
- 11 Castleshaw

Maps & Plans

Churchyard plan: St Chads church: the old graveyard out of stock
Churchyard plan: St Chads church: the lower graveyard £3.00

Ordnance Survey 25" reprint by Godfrey reduced to ~15" to 1 mile
Lydgate 1906 £1.95

WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SADDLEWORTH
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Courses for autumn and winter, 2006 – 2007

- ***Gods, Goddesses and the Nile: Egyptian Mythology*** (Tutor, Victor Blunden)
3000 years of history gave the ancient Egyptians a complex mythology to explain the world and its workings. This course tells the story of their major gods, looking at their origins, the stories told about them and the part they played in Egyptian life.
10 meetings, starting Tuesday, 26th September
- ***Saddleworth – A People's History, 1840 – 1939*** (Tutor, Michael Fox)
What was it like to live in bygone Saddleworth? This course will help you to find out through the records that contemporaries have left us of their experiences of daily life.
10 meetings, starting Thursday, 28th September
- ***Stained Glass in Art and History*** (Tutor, Alan Petford)
This course will trace the evolution of stained glass window design from medieval times to 1939, and investigate ways in which the imagery of windows can illuminate the ideas and aspirations of the age.
10 meetings, starting Monday 22nd January 2007

The fee per class is 63.00 (53.00 if retired and aged 60 or over). Enrol at first meeting.
All classes are held at Saddleworth School, Uppermill, between 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

For further details, please contact the Secretary, Mrs. Anne Buckley, on 01457 872881

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'Canals Across the Pennines'

THE SADDLEWORTH WEA KENWORTHY LECTURE (and A.G.M.)

An illustrated talk by Ian Moss on the history of the three trans-Pennine canals: the Huddersfield Narrow, the Rochdale and the Leeds and Liverpool.

Free admission (collection to be taken). Cheese and wine.

Masonic Hall, High Street, Uppermill. Friday, 22nd September, 7.30 p.m.

