

Saddleworth Historical Society Bulletin

James and I have taken inventory of all the goods, effects and chattels of Thomas Wrigley of Bolton within the parish of Saddleworth and township of Yorkshire, deceased, and have sold by James Burdley Joshua Wrigley and Thomas Wrigley the Twenty 8 seventh day of June Anno 1710

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It one shaver	00	=	00	=	00
It in shaver shaver and quiver	00	=	04	=	00
It one shaver	00	=	03	=	00
It two shaver shaver and one pan	00	=	07	=	00
It one shaver shaver pan	00	=	00	=	00
It in the pan one shaver and shaver	01	=	10	=	00
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James Burdley

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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.

The Society's Web site is at:

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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. There are links to other Saddleworth Web sites.

The Suffragettes in Oldham and District, 1905-1910

Paul Fryer

In part 1 we learnt that the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), commonly known as the Suffragettes, was founded in Manchester in October 1903. A key date in the history of the Suffragettes came on Tuesday 18 April 1905 when a WSPU meeting was held in Oldham. In the audience was Saddleworth mill worker Annie Kenney. This led to the famous arrest of Annie and Christabel Pankhurst at the Free Trade Hall in Manchester in October the same year. Hope were high that the Liberal Government elected with a huge landslide in January 1906 would deliver votes for women in Parliamentary elections. However, those hope soon faded and the campaign continued into 1907. On 13 February there was a large demonstration outside Parliament. Some women managed to get into the precincts of the House of Commons and were arrested. Inevitably one of those arrested was Annie Kenney. She had said at an earlier meeting that women were not prepared to obey laws that they had had no say in making, and unless there were moves towards the Parliamentary vote for women, there would be more disruption to come.

It was this violence that prompted the Oldham Chronicle to publish an editorial which supported votes for women in principle but opposed the methods of the Suffragettes. It believed that in a clash between demonstrators and police it must be the former who give way, even if they were 'ladies'. It went on, 'This method of obtaining votes is not one that will commend itself to peaceably disposed persons'. The editorial believed that men had to be convinced and persuaded as to the case for votes for women if it was ever to be granted. The case was so strong that it could not be resisted on any logical grounds.

However, the editorial stated that the modern suffragist clearly distrusts the logic and fairness of men and so takes up force. But this was the wrong way. A shaken fist and screaming threats would not win over any man to any cause. If anything, men may conclude that women, by such actions, are not ready for the vote, even if he supports the cause. It criticised the attacks on Parliament, believing that these would anger the average man, who, 'will not quietly tolerate such flouting of the authority of Parliament'. The argument of the Suffragettes was that these 'turbulent tactics' brought the issue to the fore, but whether this meant that it would get a favourable reception was in doubt. It concluded, 'In our judgement, orderly, educative methods are greatly preferable to the theatrical displays of small martyrdom by which we have lately been accustomed'. These no doubt represented the views of the middle class of Oldham, and those of a Liberal persuasion.

Despite this the Suffragettes had no inclination to change their methods. This was top become clear in the summer of 1907 when a Parliamentary by-election was called for Colne Valley. The seat, which included Saddleworth, was a Liberal seat, and this made it a prime target for the Suffragettes. The independent Labour candidate in the by-election was the famous Socialist firebrand, Victor Grayshon. In his election literature he gave no doubt as to his support for women's suffrage on the same basis as men. This, he believed, would be a step towards complete adult suffrage. This brought him Suffragette support, with Annie Kenney and Emmeline Pankhurst

walking around Annie's old stomping ground of Springhead, Hey, and Austerlands, calling on voters not to support the Liberals who were denying women the vote.

One evening during the by-election Annie Kenney led a crowd of Suffragettes to a meeting in Uppermill Square, starting at 7pm. The Meeting continued until 8.30pm, stopping the Liberals holding a meeting they had scheduled for 7.30pm at the same location. On another evening the Suffragettes tried to stop a Conservative meeting, this time they were led by Christabel Pankhurst, who with her mother, arrived in the Square in a motor-car. On this occasion the Conservatives found someone with a very loud voice, whose heckling forced the Suffragettes to give way. The result of the by-election was a humiliating defeat for the Liberals, with Victor Grayson achieving a shock victory.

To follow up this activity the WSPU arranged a week of public meetings around Oldham in August 1907. The campaign was particularly aimed at the cotton millworkers. Leading Suffragettes Mrs Despard (always referred to in the press as General Sir John French's sister) and Mary Smith were the speakers. The meetings attracted a mixed reaction. At Springhead the audience were, interestingly, mainly men. At Waterhead many of the young female millworkers made fun of the speakers and did not treat the subject seriously. While at Shaw there was more support, with a resolution calling on Parliament to pass a Bill for the women's franchise passed without delay.

A different Oldham audience was provided by the Equitable Literary and Scientific Society when it met in December to listen to an article written by Sylvia Billington on women's suffrage, read out by Mrs Jagger. Billington justified the current tactics of 'rebellion' a education and reliance on argument and reason had failed in the past. The general view of the mainly middle-class audience was support for the cause, but not necessarily for the tactics. Mr Johnson, in moving a vote of thanks for the paper, said that he did not know if what women wanted was worth the agitation indulged in by them. Mr Duckworth believed that the women were fighting for the right thing but were using the wrong methods. However, Mr Whatmough said he did not support the cause. He believed the women had lost a great deal of popularity by using the tactics they had adopted. He went on to say that if they got the vote it would make them less 'womanly', and he did not believe their husbands would allow them any freedom to vote as they wanted. Home, he went on, would become like 'the land of Satan'. This provoked cries of 'No' from the audience. A woman's view given by Mrs Dewhurst, who did not understand the objections, given that women's brains were as good as men's.

The year 1908 began with a meeting in Delph on 16th January. It was chaired by Miss Brooke, who reminded the audience of the influence of women at the recent Colne Valley by-election. Adela Pankhurst was the main speaker. She pointed to all the areas of politics - wages, the 8 hour day, education - which affected women, but they had no say. The audience gave a positive reception, especially to Adela's remarks that recent houses built by the Corporation had no facility for drying clothes, the men who designed them, having forgotten about washing day!

This positive attitude contrasted with the more high-handed one expressed by the Liberal MP for Failsworth, Frederick Cawley, when he was opening a bazaar in the

town in February. He explained to the crowd that he had not been able to vote for the women's suffrage Bill the going through the House of Commons because he had had a previous engagement in Manchester. He said he would do more to support the Bill if 'the ladies' would behave themselves better. When they went to Government Ministers' houses and annoyed their families, this was going to far. Many in the crowd responded with 'Hear, Hear'. He went on, that they ought not to display their views in such a manner and had it not been for this poor behaviour he might have been inclined to put himself out a little bit to vote for the Bill. However, conduct of that sort made him less anxious to vote for the Bill.

The Conservative-supporting Oldham Standard made its own attitude clear on the issue in its 21st March edition. The headline was, 'The Suffragettes - How They Were Foiled'. It began by saying that the Suffragettes had little reason to congratulate themselves in the solitary interruption which was made at the Oldham Chamber of Commerce banquet in Manchester. It gleefully reported of a failure by some suffragettes to ambush the guest speaker at the banquet, Herbert Asquith, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, at Manchester Station. A group of men tricked the women into thinking Asquith would get off the train at one end, while in fact he got off at the other. He also left Manchester by joining the train at one of the district stations, again avoiding, as the newspaper described them, members of the 'screeching fraternity'. Of course, another view could be that the fact that a senior Minister, soon to be Prime Minister, had to leave town in such a devious way, was victory for the Suffragettes.

The highpoint of the Suffragette campaign in Oldham before 1910 came on 30th May 1908. For the first time a major public meeting, in this case at the Theatre Royal, was disrupted. The unlucky speaker was John Burns, the President of the Local Government Board. Burns, the first working-class Cabinet Minister in British history, opened by saying that his father had worked at the famous Platts engineering works in Oldham, 60 years ago. At this point came the first Suffragette interruption. Gertie Brooke cried out, 'Tell us something about votes for women'. There were roars of dissent and shouts of, 'Put her out'. Burns asked the audience not to allow any 'disordered vanity' to disrupt the meeting. Brookes remained quiet from then until the end of the meeting.

It was not long before another woman shouted out, 'What have you done for women?' Burns responded by saying that in the last session of Parliament he had put through a Bill to allow women to sit on local authorities, this brought applause, and went on to say that if any lady went to the Council school and learnt some manners she may qualify, this brought laughter and applause. Burns ended by saying that the women would be better off at home sewing on her brother's buttons instead of proving to this intelligent audience that some of her own buttons are off. This brought loud laughter.

Three more interruptions followed, and then when Burns said that the Empire would be built on Free Trade not tariffs, a voice cried out, 'Build it on women!' Burns replied, 'Not a bit of it. If they were all like you they would want more protection that they deserve, and what is more, you will get it from the gentleman in blue outside, if you don't watch it'. There was another scream from the upper circle. Burns remarked, 'I think that the lady had better leave, her loving husband is waiting outside'. A voice said, 'She hasn't got one'. Burns replied, 'I don't wonder'. There

was laughter and applause as the women were ejected with some scuffling and shouting. Burns continued his speech by saying that Parliament could do many things for working men and women. This led to shouts of 'Votes for women', with the disturbance being more general and prolonged. One woman had evaded the stewards and had got into the area above the stage known as 'the files', and from this perch she screamed, according to the Chronicle, 'like a macaw'.

Burns ended by saying how pleased he was to be in Oldham and he was sorry for the ladies who had taken the place of angels up above (ie the circle) for the way they had to be dealt with. He said the day was not too far distant when they would cease their foolish tactics and adopt more sensible ways to achieve their ends. They were doing a great deal of harm to their cause and their present methods only raised ridicule and contempt. He ended on a joke, 'But being a married man, I forgive them!'

The Oldham Chronicle took a critical line on the events at the Theatre Royal. It said that this was the first time a meeting in Oldham had been disrupted in such a way – 'Here, as everywhere else, they do not promote the success of the women's reform movement by such conduct'. It claimed that the women did not disrupt the meeting that much, and were simply 'annoying'. It went on, 'The men who have the duty of preserving order are more chivalrous than these shrieking or squealing females are womanly'. With their behaviour they had 'lost the charm of womanhood', said the Chronicle in a patronising way. It also believed that 'their martyrdom is cheap, for they are gently treated'. The Suffragettes who fell foul of the justice system would probably disagree, but this summed up the attitude of mainstream Liberal opinion towards the campaigners.

The view from the Suffragettes themselves was, of course, very different. Mrs Baines was one of those at the Theatre Royal. In an article in the 'Votes for Women' newspaper she believed that from the beginning John Burns had tried to incite the stewards to acts of brutality. She was pleased that despite the searches of the stewards, her and Mrs Mary Gawthorpe were able to barrack Burns for almost 45 minutes before they were hurried into the street by the police. That same edition defended the actions at the Theatre Royal, pointing out that the national newspapers devoted more column inches to the Oldham incident than to a large, but peaceful, demonstration of up to 60,000 people, which had been held in Bradford. Clearly militant tactics were needed to keep the issue of womens' suffrage at the front of the public's attention.

The Oldham Standard had its usual take on women at the Theatre Royal, these 'henpeckers', it said, were responsible for 'amusing scenes'. As the summer of 1908 went on, the Suffragettes themselves held meetings in and around Oldham. By doing so they were to suffer some 'of their own medicine'.

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The Wrigley's of Doctor House: Being a Chronicle of a Saddleworth Family in the Context of the History of Saddleworth from the 17th Century to Date

Alan S Hague



Stone feature on present house

Determining the origins of any family becomes more imprecise the further back one travels in time. Such records as were kept have in some cases not survived, are incomplete or the detail they contain is sufficiently lacking to be able to confirm matters one way or the other.

My own researches, after a relatively brief period of time, and, with the benefit of considerably improved access to available records, initially led me back to what turned out to be my 7th Gt. Grandfather, Thomas Wrigley 1652–1718. Thomas, being a clothier, was typical of many of his time in Saddleworth before the advent of the industrial revolution. No doubt eking out a reasonable existence 'making clothes' whilst maintaining a few cattle and sheep and cultivating a small plot to provide basic foodstuffs.

Mike Buckley kindly provided me with additional information enabling me to go back a little further, which suggests that Thomas was the son of George Wrigley and Jane. The Wrigley's of course are acknowledged to be, not least by Ammon himself, one of the oldest families in Saddleworth but the records cannot provide sufficient detail to show which line George emanated from. George must have died in the 1650's as Jane subsequently married Enoch Andrew the elder of Quickwood (Yeoman) died c. 1680. (will dated 1 Sept. 1679)¹.

In Enoch's will there is an early reference to the property at Doctor House "*and for and concerning my messuage and tenement called Doctor house by me lately taken from John Bennison I do hereby give and demise bequeath and assign the same in*

every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto my two sons John Andrew and Ottiwell Andrew equally to be divided between them"

The Bulletin has previously recorded ² details of the earlier ownership of Doctor House –

- 1639 This estate when forming part of the inheritance of Henry Legh of High Legh, Esquire, was described as "34 acres of land or waste ground as yet not enclosed being part of the common or moor called Quick Moor, as the same is now marked or meered out, and commonly known as Meerstone Height". (C.E. Higson, "An Old Saddleworth Document"), Its present name was acquired from a later owner and occupier, Rev. George Byrom, D.D., Rector of Thornton in Cheshire (see below).
- 1639 Dr. George Byrom bought the area of moorland called Quick Moor, or High Moor, for £218, and reclaimed about 1000 acres of it for the cultivation of oats and hay. During the Civil War he was an ardent Royalist, and in 1643 was taken to Nantwich by Sir William Brereton and imprisoned. Contrary to custom, his Saddleworth estates were not sequestered, and on his release he retired to his house at Meerstone Height. He devised unusual names for parts of his property, such as Jericho, Shiloh, Nebo, Limbo, Moscow, Blunder Ho, and Mount Pisgah, some of which are still in existence as farms to-day
- 1656 Dr. George Byrom died and relatives disposed of his estates, which were sold for £617-9-0 to Robert Benison of Quick and - - - Robertson of Shelderslow. Benison moved into Doctor House.
- 1679 The house was sold to Enoch Andrew of Quickwood who died the following year. He willed his freehold farm at Doctor House to his sons John and Ottiwell, though the latter never returned from abroad to assert his claim. Soon after 1680, John Andrew disposed of the farm to the Executors of Henry Dickanson of Manchester, gentleman. (C.E. Higson, op cit).
- 1690 John Andrew again entered possession of Doctor House, having taken it on
12th lease for 1000 years, a clause in the lease specifying that £5 be paid
March annually to the charity Dickanson had established for the poor of Manchester. This clause is still operative at the present day.

However, returning to Thomas Wrigley, his descent from Jane Andrew is evidenced in Jane's will ³ dated 7 Nov. 1682 -

"In the name of God Amen the twenty seventh day of November and in the yeare of our Lord 1682 I Jane Andrew late wife of Enoch Andrew of Quicke in the pish of Sadleworth and Countey of Yorke spinster (sic) being Afflicted in bodey, but sound of pfect memory (prased be God And being desireous that Love and Amity may bee continued Amongst my children After my Decease doo constitute ordaine And make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme following etc.etc.

And lastly it is my will and minde and I doe give and bequeath unto my sone Thomas Wrigley All my Houseould Goods and Cattell hay corne And all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate And I doe constitute ordaine and make Thomas Wrigley my sone Executor of this my last will and testament."

Thomas bought the lease of Doctor House in 1696 for £66, thereby commencing a long Wrigley association with the property.

George and Jane Wrigley appear to have had at least two other sons, John, later of Upper Hollingreave Yeoman, possibly the one bapt. 26 June 1637 at St. Chad's, who married Martha, his will was dated 12 Nov 1716 and he was buried 14 Nov 1716 aged 79 years. And Elias, later of Saddleworth fold, husbandman, who married Sarah. His will is dated 27 Apr 1674; one of those taking his attached inventory is Enoch Andrew.

As evidenced by his will, Thomas Wrigley married Catherine, however there is no record remaining of the details of the wedding. There is evidence of the existence of 8 children in the registers of St. Chad's, and from his will, – Elias born c.1690, Mary bapt. 9 February 1694/95, Joshua bapt. 26 May 1700, Martha born between 1700/01, Ellin born before 1701, Jane born c. 1701, John born c. February 1702/03 and Ann born c. 1704. As with later instances I will confine this account principally to the main Wrigley line, acknowledging that I do have some details of sibling lines, mentioning these where they are of general interest.

Elias Wrigley (?1690–1728) married Mary Scholefield on 7 August 1726 at St Chad's They had only the one son in their brief time together, Thomas (1727–1816). Elias' will ⁴ is dated *"Twenty Sixth day of June Anno R R Dm Georgi Magna Britannia etc xxxx Anno Dom 1728"*. This includes some interesting snippets. For example, *"Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving Wife Mary all her Wearing Apparel, as well as Woollens as Linen And as for and concerning All that my Third part, proportion and Share of all that Messuage & Tenemt Houses Lands and premises, with the Appurtenances, commonly called and known by the name of Doctor-house as aforesaid, and now in ye Tenure, Holding and Possession of me the said Elias Wrigley, my Assignes or Undertenants and which (amongst other things) was to me lately given and bequeathed in & by the last Will and Testament of my late Father Thomas Wrigley Deceased Together with those my Two Seats in the Gallery in ye West End of Saddleworth Church and by me lately purchased of and from one James Kenworthey", etc. etc.*

Also, *"He my said Son Thomas and his Assignes Yearly paying unto my said Wife Mary, during her Life One Third part and Share of the clear Yearly Rents, Issues and Profits of my aforesaid third part of my aforesaid Messuage or Tenement, Lands and Premises; And also a proportionable Share of all Chief Rent and Rents; Which said Third part of the clear profits of ye aforesd third part and share of the aforesd Messuage, It is my Will and Mind shall be paid and payable to her my said Wife during her Life upon ye Yearly ffeast days of St Martin the Bishop in Winter and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary by even and equal Payments with power of Distress and Reentry for non payment thereof, as in Case of a Rent Charge."*

The inventory of his estate ⁵, taken after Elias' death, totalled £101. 04s 04d - and a ha'penny! - Details are shown below and illustrate the simple nature of a 'Clothmakers' life in these times:-

A true and perfect Inventory of all the Goods, Cattle, Chattels & Personal Estate of Elias Wrigley late of Doctor house in Saddleworth in the County of York Clothier Deceased Valued by these Three Men, whose Names are Subscribed, the Eleventh day of July Anno Dom 1728.

Imprimis In Purse and Apparel	03 03 01½
Goods in the House, viz:	
A Clock, a Couch-chair, an Oval Table, Bedstocks & Bedding	07 04 00
In Cheese, Four Chairs, 5 Cushions, 3 little Stools, & a Lead	04 00 00
A Little Cup-board, a Fire-iron, Tongs & Racking-hogs	00 16 00
A Salt-pie, a Smoothing-iron & Heaters, and two Cheese-boards	00 04 09
Goods in the Chamber, viz:	
An Ark, 2 Boxes, a pair of Scales, Wool and Cloth	03 02 06
In a Tenement for Years	70 00 00
Husslement	00 03 06
Valued in all at	101 04 04½

*By Us Jno Heginbottom
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Goods in the Chamber, viz	03 02 06
An Ark, 2 Boxes, a pair of Scales, Wool and Cloth	

A pair of Looms, and other things belonging to them	02 10 00
A Bake-board, a Basket and a Flasket	00 01 04
Goods in the Buttery, viz	00 09 00
In Pewter, Two Iron-potts, & a brass-pan	
In Wooden ware, Bottles, Potts & Trenchers	00 17 08
Goods in the Barn, viz	08 12 06
Hay & two Cows, two Wheels and a Wheel-barrow	
In a Tenement for Years	70 00 00
Husslement	00 03 06
Valued in all at	101 04 04½

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Appraisers

Of Thomas and Catherine's other children Mary married Henry Buckley (1690 – 1754) on 1 March 1714/15. Joshua (1700 – 1784) died a bachelor – his admon ⁶ reads "Joshua Wrigley Batchelor of Burnedge husbandm 1784 Admon
Granted to Thomas Wrigley, John Wrigley, Timothy Winterbottom & Jos Winterbottom his nephews 16 August 1784

Thomas Wrigley clothier John Wrigley Cotton manufacturer both of Doctor house Timothy Winterbottom clothier & Joseph Winterbottom clothier both of Burnedge nephews Joseph Wrigley of Wallhill Clothier & Robert Winterbottom clothier of Burnedge"

The Winterbottom of Burnedge (Brown Edge) connection stems from Thomas' daughter Jane Wrigley marrying Robert Winterbottom (1701–1781) on 22 February 1724/25. Another of Thomas' daughters Ellin Wrigley married James Andrew (1677 – 1730) on 31 December 1717.

Finally, Thomas' youngest son John (1702 – 1725) is the one we return to below to follow the line of personal interest to the writer.

Thomas Wrigley died on 24 June 1718 and was buried in the southwest corner of the old graveyard at St Chad's. His gravestone is simply inscribed:-

"Here Resteth ye Body of
Thomas Wrigley of docktor
house who died june ye
24th Aged 66 years 1718"

This appears to be one of the oldest dates on any of the stones.

The will ⁷ of Thomas Wrigley was completed on 17 May 1718. This again includes reference to Doctor House "And then it is my Will and mind and I doo here by Give and Bequeath all my Lands and premises Lying and beinge at Doctor house in

Sadleworth afore-said unto my Three sonnes, viz Elias Wrigley, John Wrigley, and Joshua Wrigley and the said Land soe given to bee Equally Divided Amongst them paying unto Ellin Wrigley my Daughter the sume of Tenn pounds And unto Mary my Daughter the Like sume of Tenn pounds And unto Martha my Daughter the sume of Twentey pounds And unto Jane my yongest daughter the sume of Twentey pounds of Like money of Great Brittain" etc. etc.

Thomas' will also includes an interesting inventory, totalling £39-16s-06d.

A True and perfect Inventory of all the Goods, Chattells and Credits of Thomas Wrigley of Doctor House within the parish of Sadleworth and County of York Yeoman deceased appraised and valued by James Buckley Joshua Wrigley and Thomas Wrigley the Executors 8 month day of June Anno Domini 1727

Imprimis In purse and Apparell	12	04	00
4t four milke Kine	12	00	00
1t one stealer	03	00	00
1t two stinks	02	05	00
1t two calves	01	00	00
1t one Old mare	01	00	00
1t one Appboard	00	10	00
1t one Cabbell	00	07	00
1t one shewpree	00	02	06
1t one Asses board	00	00	06
1t in Charles stables and quashon	00	04	00
1t one stealer	00	03	00
1t two Iron potts and one pan	00	07	06
1t one little brasse pan	00	00	06
1t in the parlour one bedstead and bedding	01	10	00
1t one stealer	00	02	06
1t in the Chamber over the house one desk	00	10	00
1t one stealer	00	02	00
1t one bedstead and bedding	01	00	00
1t one bedstead and bedding more	01	10	00
1t in porter	00	06	00
1t one stone glass	00	00	06
1t in woodren coffins	00	10	00
1t one stone stich and stone	00	02	06
1t in woodren wheelbarrow and shaver	02	00	00
1t one plane hand and shaver	01	00	00
1t in woodren timber and one desk	02	00	00
1t in woodren timber	00	15	00
1t two woodren boxes	00	03	00
1t one two Iron Conger and hark	00	05	00
1t one Iron pan and broadpan	00	02	00
1t in earthen potts and basins	00	03	00
1t one Iron shooles and mattocks	00	05	00
1t in other Iron ware	00	05	00
1t in paper owing to the Doctor	04	00	00
1t in old Huslement	00	01	00

all is - 39 = 16 = 06

The prizend hande
James Buckley

Thomas' widow Catherine died some 9 years later in 1727 – St Chad's Burials 1727: Dec 5 Catherine Wrigley de Doctor-house Widow.

Her admon^s at Lancashire County Record Office records:-

"Admon of Katharine Wriggley of Doctr house parish of Saddleworth County of York Widdw
Granted to daughter and administratrix Jane Winterbotham (filia naturalis)
signed by Jane Winterbotham, Robert Winterbotham, James Harropp
12 February 1727"

The Inventory attached reads – "Inventory of Katharine Wriggley Widdow 2 February 1727

A True and perfect Inventory of all and Singular the goods Chattells and Credits of Katerine Wrigley off Doctor House in the parish of Sadleworth in the County off York Widdow (and Executrix of the last will and Testament of Thomas Wrigley Decd)
Vallued and appraised the Secound day off ffebruary anno Domini 1727 as follows

Imprimis purse and Apparrell valld	3-10-0
Beds Cubboard and other Housshould Stuff	
with other Huslement valld at	2-5-0
oweing By James Andrew	2-18-0
in Reversion of a Chattle Lease	20-0-0
	28-13-0

Vallued and appraised the day and year aforesaid By us
James Harropp
Hugh Kenworthy

John Wrigley (1702-1725) married Ann Buckley on 2 January 1722/23 and in their lamentably short time together they appear to have had just the one child John (1724-1798). By trade John senior was a carpenter – St Chad's Burial 1726: Mar 8 John Wrigley Carpenter de Doctor-house.

Another excellent source of family history information, available locally in Yorkshire, can be accessed at the West Riding Registry of Deeds in Wakefield (for those with access to the Internet see <http://www.archives.wyjs.org.uk/wrrd1.htm>. As a case in point I found the following entry⁹ relating to this John Wrigley:-

"An indenture of lease or assignment dated 20th December anno domini 1726 made between John Rigley l'holder of Doctor house within Saddleworth in the West Riding of the County of York Carpenter on the one part and Josiah Buckley of Delf within Saddleworth aforesaid Sergeweaver on the other part of and concerning all that third part proportion and share of messuage tenement lands hereditaments and premises within the ? with the appurtenances situate lying and being in Saddleworth aforesaid then and now in the tenure holding and occupation of the said John Rigley the elder his assignsee or assigns or undertenants commonly called and known by the name of Doctor house aforesaid and to him the said John Rigley the elder amongst other things given and divided by the last will and testament of Thomas Rigley late of

Doctor house aforesaid dec'd and father of the said John Rigley the elder to hold the said third part proportion and share of the aforesaid premises unto the said Josiah Buckley his executors administrators and assigns from thenceforth for and during all the time and term until the full end and term of three hundred years from thenceforth next ensuing and fully to be complete expired and ended under and upon such trusts limitations provisos and agreements as in the said indenture are mentioned Which indre is witnessed by Thomas Oldham late of Saddleworth aforesaid but now of Mossley in the County of Lancaster Linen weaver and John Buckley of Saddleworth aforesaid Clothier and Jane Buckley now wife of James Broadbent of Saddleworth aforesaid Clothier Signed and sealed Josiah Buckley"

John Wrigley junior (1724–1798) was christened at St Chad's 1724: *John son of Jno Wrigley Carpenter & Ann his wife de Doctor-house*. He married a young widow Anne Dronsfield of Poundstone on 12 January 1744/45. This appears to have been an apparently affable union, as they had at least ten children.

At the time of his marriage in 1744 John was recorded as a Wheel-maker and in 1751 as a Clothier, but he appears to have widened his activities by 1786:-

From 'Songs of a Moorland Parish with Prose Sketches' ¹⁰

"Accounts for the building of Dobcross Church, about 1786 To (list)

Balance to be paid to Jno. Wrigley, Chapel Warden, by Jno. Wood, Yew Tree ...£3/6/7

Below are the names of the principal subscribers:

<i>Mr. Joseph Lawton, Dobcross</i>	<i>£100/0/0</i>
<i>Mr. John Harrop, jun., Dobcross</i>	<i>£200/0/0</i>
<i>Mr. John Smith, Dobcross</i>	<i>£105/0/0</i>
<i>Mr. Henry Whitehead, jun., Dobcross</i>	<i>£105/0/0</i>
<i>Mr. Samuel Higginbottom, Dobcross</i>	<i>£52/0/0</i>
<i>Mrs. Sarah Harrop, Tamewater</i>	<i>£52/0/0</i>
<i>Mr. John David & Mr Thomas Harrop, Dobcross</i>	<i>£26/5/0</i>
<i>Mr. James Broadbent, Dobcross</i>	<i>£26/5/0</i>
<i>Messrs. Benjamin Lawton & Sons, Dobcross</i>	<i>£26/5/0</i>
<i>Mr. Benjamin Buckley, Dobcross</i>	<i>£26/5/0</i>
<i>Mr. Thomas Harrop, Dobcross</i>	<i>£26/5/0</i>
<i>Mr. Robert Winterbottom, Nickhouse</i>	<i>£26/5/0</i>
<i>Mrs. Hannah Buckley, Tamewater</i>	<i>£26/5/0</i>
<i>Messrs. John Wrigley & Son, Docterhouse</i>	<i>£26-5-0 (totals £824-0-0)"</i>

We continue with John's second son Joseph Wrigley (1751–1822). According to Radcliffe ¹¹ there is a baptism, St Chad Saddleworth 1751 May 19 Joseph Son of John Wrigley Clothier & Anne his wife de Doctor-house. A footnote to the transcription states " Joseph Wrigley of Lydgate died 9 Nov 1822 in his 73rd year and Mary (Lees?) his wife died 30 Nov 1822 in her 73rd year buried at St Anne, Lydgate". It is with some temerity that I would question so eminent a source and venture to suggest that this footnote is incorrect. All the evidence that I have found would indicate that Joseph Wrigley of Lydgate is from another line, the confusion arising perhaps from

the similar dates of death. The Lydgate Joseph is from another parentage . . . to be checked!

The details in the will ¹² of "Joseph Wrigley of Doctorlane in Saddleworth in the County of York Yeoman" made 20 May 1822 and proved 15 October 1822 clearly show his date of death as 8 June 1822. A further entry in Radcliffe has "Joseph Wrigley of Wallhill d. June 8, 1822 in 72nd year and Mary, his wife, d. May 4, 1788 in 32nd year. Jane his second wife d. July 5, 1816 in 63rd year. This is the Joseph Wrigley of Doctor House.

Joseph was married three times, creating somewhat of a Wrigley dynasty. He married, as his first wife, Mary Woolley on Christmas Eve 1775. Mary died on 4 May 1788, possibly resulting from difficulties in childbirth with their eighth child Ann (bapt. 9 March 1788, died 14 January 1789). His second wife was Jenny (or Jane) Chadwick of Glossop Parish whom he married by licence ¹³ at St Chad's on 21 May 1789. Joseph and Jane had a further 5 children. Jane died on 5 July 1816. Lastly, he married, again by licence ¹⁴ at St Chad's, a widow Ellen Newton of Crompton in the parish of Prestwich on 9 January 1820.

As was the case with many others who were prepared to grasp the opportunities presented with the advent of the industrial revolution Joseph appears to have done quite well for himself. In his early years he is a clothier living at Wallhill, moving later to Gatehead, Slackfield and, latterly, Doctor House.

He was a Churchwarden at St Chad's in 1807 and he is listed in a Yorkshire Poll Book of 1807 ¹⁵ as follows:-

Agbrig, Quick

Wrigley Joseph Clothier 1 (Viscount Milton) or

Wrigley Joseph Cotton spinner 1 (Viscount Milton)

He is one, the other no doubt possibly being the other JW mentioned previously)

And in a Commercial Directory 1818 ¹⁶, Manchester
Saddleworth, Cotton spinners
Joseph Wrigley Doctor-lane

Later, in his 1820 marriage licence he has risen sufficiently to ascribe to himself the title of "Gentleman"

His will, mentioned previously, is quite extensive and disposes of property and land at Doctor House and Doctor Lane with a stone pit nearby. Together with "*All my ffreehold Estates Lands and Tenements situate standing and being at Wadehill Clough Shelter Mill and Doles in Saddleworth aforesaid with the appurtenances*" etc.

Of the children of Joseph and Mary who lived beyond childhood several continued to do well. In 1826, in another Wakefield deed, John (1779–1855) is identified as "*John Wrigley of Milking green within Ashton under Lyne in the County of Lancaster yeoman*" and in a further deed dated 1842 "*John Wrigley of Milking green in the Parish of Ashton under Lyne in the County of Lancaster cotton spinner*" and finally in 1845 "*John Wrigley of Hey Chapel gent*"

Thomas Wrigley (1785-1861) is interestingly described as follows in various Wakefield deeds: -

"A memorial of indenture of assignment bearing date 20 January 1826 between John Wrigley of Milking green within Ashton under Lyne in the County of Lancaster yeoman Thomas Wrigley of Shelderslow within Saddleworth in the County of York cotton spinner"

1842 - *"Thomas Wrigley late of Shelderslow in Saddleworth in the County of York cotton spinner but now of the Old Swan near Liverpool in the said County gentleman"*

Finally, Ben Wrigley (1786-1844) is likewise identified as *"Benjamin Wrigley of Woodbrook within Saddleworth aforesaid cotton spinner"* in 1826, and *"Ben Wrigley then late of Woodbrook in Saddleworth aforesaid now of Heyside near Oldham cotton manufacturer and Betty his wife"* in 1842. This move of the family into cotton spinning is confirmed with:-

From "the Cotton Mills of Oldham" by Gurr and Hunt: ¹⁷

Littlewood Mill, Oldham Road, Heyside

Built prior to 1818 by James Nield, who ran a 17 hp steam engine in 1832. By 1838 he had been joined by William Andrew Nield & Widdall and also by John Mellor who was a waste dealer as well as a spinner. By 1843 the mill was occupied by Benjamin Wrigley whose family ran it until about 1870, although at one time part was let out to Norcliffe & Lees.

Demolished pre 1891, site vacant. Also known as Heyside Mill

The mill was quite an extensive business as the 1851 census entry shows:-

Census 1851:

Heyside (Royton) 2243 81

Betty Wrigley Head Widow 61 Spinner & manufr Emp 79 m 72 f born Saddleworth

Sarah Wrigley daur Unmarr 30 born Saddleworth

Nancy Wrigley daur Unmarr 28 born Saddleworth

Elizabeth Wrigley daur Unmarr 25 born Saddleworth

John Wrigley son Unmarr 23 Book keeper born Oldham

George Wrigley son Unmarr 20 Book keeper born Oldham

Having made their money, these Wrigley's were keen supporters of St Chad's church and are listed amongst the subscribers to the re-building of the church tower in 1846 on the board still in existence at the back of the church.

"St Chad's Registers

Rebuilding of the church tower 1846/7

List of contributors (totals £214-1-0)

James Wrigley Scouthead £5

Miles Wrigley Scouthead £30

Thos Wrigley Liverpool £5

Mrs Wrigley Heyside £5

Wm Wrigley Abbey Hills £10"

By Jane, his second wife, Joseph had three sons Samuel (1791-1842), Miles (1793-1856) and Robert (1794-1834) and two daughters Mary (bapt. 1790) and Esther (1796-1866). The three brothers embraced the growing 'revolution' and, backed by their father's money no doubt, they built Scouthead Mill.

From "the Cotton Mills of Oldham" by Gurr and Hunt: ¹⁷

Scouthead Mill, Wrigley Street, Scouthead

Spindleage 1889 21800 mule and 190 looms

Built in 1825 by Samuel, Miles and Robert Wrigley trading as Wrigley & Bros. By 1834 a 24 hp steam engine had been installed and part of the building had been let out to J & R Allen for operating looms. In 1861 the mill was used for both cotton spinning and the manufacture of velvets, velveteen, cords etc. and employed 101 people. Closed down in 1901 and later occupied by the Medicated Cotton Wool Co until a fire in 1917 destroyed the majority of the building.

Remainder used for cotton waste sorting and storage until the 1950's.

The present use of this small section is for flock printing.

(In Dec 2001 had been converted to flats, for sale)

Samuel and Robert remained bachelors all their lives whilst Miles married Mary Kershaw on 8 February 1830 at St Chad's Rochdale, Rev Richard Whitelock officiating. A daughter Ann was baptised at St John, Hey on 7 June 1835 *Ann Dau of Miles & Mary Wrigley High Moor, Saddleworth Spinner.*

It was Ben's son James (1813-1866) who appears to have taken over the reins at Scouthead mill following his half-uncles' deaths. In the 1851 census we find at *Scout Head - James Wrigley head marr age 37 Master Cotton Spinner & Manufr born Saddleworth.* James appears to have prospered and become a respected member of the Saddleworth elite for in 1856 we find *"Saddleworth Chapelry & Church" A J Howcroft 1915* ¹⁸

The New Cemetery

The great number of burials between 1824 and 1856, in only 32 years, had already taken all the available grave spaces in the new graveyard, and it became necessary to make further provision.

In May 1856 a committee consisting of James Lees Esq of Delph Lodge Lordsmere, Mr James Wrigley of Scouthead Quickmere, Mr James Millns of Millcroft Friarmere and Henry Lees of Wellington Mills Shawmere with the Incumbent and churchwardens is appointed to find a suitable plot of land for that purpose.

And

Windows in St. Chad's Church, Saddleworth

Window # 9 Wrigley of Scouthead

Subject - "Ascension of Christ" Inscription - To Glory and Honour of God and in the Memory of James Wrigley of Scouthead who died on the 29th of May 1866, Aged 52 years. This window was erected by his sorrowing widow,

Elizabeth Wrigley. Crest - A stag's head & initial J.W.

And

Slater's Lancashire Directory 1869:¹⁹

Oldham

Gentry & Clergy

Mr James Wrigley Scouthead near Lees

Cotton Spinners & Manfrs

James Wrigley Scouthead nr Lees

James married Elizabeth Newton of Failsworth on 15 May 1839 at St Mary's Prestwich. The Newton's are another interesting local family, involved in cotton manufacturing in Waterhead.

By the time of making his will James was a wealthy man -
Lancs CRO

Probate Calendar 29 June 1866 ²⁰

James Wrigley Effects under £60,000

The Will of James Wrigley late of Scouthead in Saddleworth in the County of York Cotton Spinner and Manufacturer deceased who died 29 May 1866 at Scouthead aforesaid was proved at Wakefield by the oaths of Elizabeth Wrigley of Scouthead aforesaid the Relict and George Newton Wrigley of Scouthead aforesaid Cotton spinner and Manufacturer the Son and James Newton of Watersheddings in Oldham in the County of Lancaster Cotton spinner and Manufacturer the executors

James' son George Newton Wrigley (1840-1893) carried on the business and was able to live comfortably at Fern Hill, Shaw Hall



(On my visit in 2004 the site was under development to create mews houses) having, in 1881, 5 children with a cook, a housemaid and two nurses to look after their needs. In 1901 ²¹ George's widow and one daughter Margaret were able to reside in Harrogate "living on own means", three daughters Charlotte, Mary and Catherine are found lodging at Bay View, Grange-over-Sands with George junior still living at Fern Hill, and shown as a Cotton Manufacturer (Employer), with another sister Maud and looked after by a waitress, a cook and a maid.

Recent research in the Probate Calendars at the County Record Office ²⁰ adds some interesting footnotes, showing the circles that the now well-to-do Wrigley family were able to move in.

Mary Matilda Wrigley 1841-1896, James's eldest daughter, married Charles Kershaw Hilton in 1870 at St Chad's. In the 1881 census they are living at The Thorns in Saddleworth with one domestic servant looking after themselves and two children and where Charles lists himself as a gentleman. They both appeared to have died in the Southport area in 1895/6.

James's third daughter Annie Eliza Wrigley married James Winterbottom Hamilton, shown as a practising barrister in the 1881 census, in 1876 at St Chad's. Tragically Annie appears to have died very shortly after the marriage.

Of George Newton Wrigley's family, Charlotte Grace 1867-1932 never married and died in Hythe in Kent. Katharine Elizabeth married Maurice Davies in 1915 at Christ Church, Friesland. Margaret 1875-? married David Price of Llandefaelog, Carmarthenshire, listed as a surgeon in the 1901 census. Katharine and Margaret are both shown as widows on their younger brother George Gilbert Wrigley's probate entry dated 25 July 1938. George died on the 4 June in that year at Westbourne Gardens Folkestone leaving the tidy sum of £19,593 2s 7d.

Summarising then, by the mid 1850's, Joseph Wrigley had grandchildren with families in Heyside near Royton, Scouthead and in Lees.

Returning to Joseph and Jane's daughters, the elder Mary (bapt. 9 May 1790) married John Mallalieu on 9 May 1790. I have found records of ten children, baptised mainly in Ripponden, but by 1851 Mary had returned to Doctor House, a widow. Interestingly, obviously being proud of her ancestry, one son bapt. 28 July 1822 was named Joseph Wrigley Mallalieu and another born 22 May 1831 Miles Wrigley Mallalieu.

The younger daughter, and Joseph's youngest child, Esther Wrigley (1796-1866), the writer's 3rd great grandmother, married Charles Scanlan on 2 Nov 1817 at St Chad's.

Charles and Esther farmed at Doctor House, Charles being mentioned in his father-in-law's will as living there in 1822, and later, at Silver Hill on High Moor. The will ¹² has an interesting, and amusing by today's standards, provision as follows - "*I also give and bequeath unto my said wife for and during the Term of her natural life The Parlour in my Messuage or Dwellinghouse at Doctor Lane aforesaid in the occupation of Charles Scanlan together with all necessary liberties and privileges for her enjoyment of the same*"

I also give and bequeath to my said wife for and during the Term of her natural life the Bed wherein I and my said Wife sleep and the bedding and furniture thereto belonging and also a reasonable quantity of household goods and utensils for the use and agreeable to the choice of my said Wife and also at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named who shall take and keep an inventory thereof"

The Scanlan's are a family historian's delight. Being the sole family by that name in Saddleworth throughout the 18th and 19th centuries locating their records is not a problem. Charles Scanlan first appeared in the St Chad's registers, as a "sojourner" in 1747, when he married Elizabeth Brookes. Scanlan is an Irish name and my fancy is that Charles came over from the old country, met a local girl, fell in love and that as they say, was that. This Charles (1724-1800) had a son, also named Charles (1755-1830) who also had a son Charles (1797-1866) who was the one who married Esther Wrigley.

The Scanlan's settled in Dobcross and were worshippers at Holy Trinity Church. Their gravestones lie today alongside the main door into the Church.

To bring matters up to date, as far as the writer is concerned, Charles and Esther Scanlan had a further Charles (1819-1884), the fourth, as it were. Charles married Hannah Bradbury in 1846 and their eldest daughter Esther Wrigley Scanlan (1847-1926), born at Doctor House on 2 September 1847, married John Lees (1849-1878), an Oat Cake Baker, of Manchester at St Anne's, Lydgate on 22 July 1868. Their son William Lees (1873-1954) was my mother's father.

The Wrigley's long association with Doctor House up on High Moor ended sometime between 1851 and 1861 when Charles Scanlan, Joseph Wrigley's grandson, moved to farm at nearby Stonerake Farm. Joseph's sons and daughters had by this time scattered to the four winds to seek their fortunes in a rapidly changing world.

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A Tragic Story

Lewis W Cohen

Whilst researching the name of James Brierley, and the different variations of the surname, I unearthed the following story.

On 31st May 1724 a man called James Briarley, ac Clothier, married Martha Bradbury, a Spinster of Dig-lee (Saddleworth Parish Registers, p20). They had a daughter, Sarah, baptised on 27th September 1724 who was buried later the same year on 16th December (p129).

They then had a boy, James, baptised on 10th July 1726 (p137) who was also to die early in life, being buried on 29th December 1726 (p355).

On 26th November 1727 they had another son, who they again christened James, but he was buried some nine year later on 21st September 1736 (p376).

James, Martha's husband, had been buried on 23rd June 1730 (p363) and the following day their son Joseph was christened on 24th June 1730 to 'Martha Brearley, widow of the late James Brearley de Dig-Lee' (155).

This sad story continued with the burial of their last child Joseph on 27th October 1732.

Martha re-married on 31st December 1734 to a man called Richard Lawton, a Clothier, of Thurstones (p33), and they had a son called John, baptised on 2nd November 1735 (p184). This was also to end in tragedy when he was buried on 15th August the following year (p376), and having seen none of her children grow to maturity, Martha had actually lost two of her sons with five weeks of each other.

The story does not end there, however, because she and Richard produced yet another child, a daughter called Alice, christened on 1st January 1749 (p276). Unbelievably she passed away the same year and was buried on 31st October 1749 (p408). Although Martha had given birth to six children by two different husbands, none of them lived beyond the age of nine.

On my most recent visit to the archives at Saddleworth Historical Society I checked the Parish record transcripts again for further information, and found an entry on page 397 for the burial of Richard Lawton of Shelderslow, a Clothier, buried on 12th October 1769.

A later entry on page 461 refers to the burial of a Martha Lawton on 10th January 1790. This is the only entry between 1749 and 1800 for the death of someone with that name, who COULD have been Richard's wife, but it seems unlikely because her husband was called George.

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Saddleworth Historical Society Publications

Books

"Mapping Saddleworth"

Edited by Mike Buckley, David Harrison and Alan Petford.

Volume I, Printed Maps of the Parish 1771-1894. £19.95

"A History and Description of the Parochial Chapelry of Saddleworth"

by James Butterworth, with introduction by Robert Poole.

A facsimile reprint of the original edition of 1828. £13.95

"Saddleworth 1914-1919"

by K.W. Mitchinson.

The Experience of a Pennine Community during the Great War. £10.00

"Cherry Valley Chronicles"

Edited by Maurice Dennett.

Letters from Thomas Buckley of Millbury, Massachusetts, USA to Ralph Buckley, his son of Dobcross, Saddleworth 1845-1875. £10.00

"Passage through Time"

by Bernard Barnes.

Saddleworth Roads and Trackways - A History. £6.95

"With Ammon Wrigley in Saddleworth"

by Sam Seville, edited by Bernard Barnes.

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edited by Barri Jones.

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"The Saddleworth-America Connection"

by Anne Parry.

Reprint of the original 1979 Saddleworth Festival Publication. £5.00

"The Huddersfield Narrow Canal"

A compilation of essays on the construction and history of the canal. £5.95

Saddleworth Local Interest Trails

Ten walks around Saddleworth illustrated with sketches and notes on local history and landscape.

Uppermill, Greenfield, Huddersfield Narrow Canal, Grasscroft, Denshaw, Delph, Lydgate & Grotton, Dobcross, Diggle, Castleshaw

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Churchyard Plan: St Chad's Church, the old graveyard £1.20

Churchyard Plan: St Chad's Church, the lower graveyard £3.00

Ordnance Survey 25" Godfrey reprint - Lydgate £1.95

Orders: Graham Griffiths, 6 Slackcote, Delph, Saddleworth OL3 5TW. Cheques should be made payable to Saddleworth Historical Society. Please add 20% for post & packing in the UK.

SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2007

"September all glorious with gold, like a king
In the radiance of triumph attired."

Algernon Charles Swinburne.

FORTHCOMING LECTURES 7.30 pm. at the Museum, Uppermill.

The new programme for the forthcoming lecture season is enclosed with this bulletin and we hope it will provide encouragement for a good attendance at the Museum Gallery by the canal in Uppermill.

PLEASE NOTE THE FIRST LECTURE IS ON THURSDAY THE 4th OCTOBER, 2007 AND NOT THE 3rd AS PREVIOUSLY STATED IN OUR LAST BULLETIN.

Thursday 4th October, 2007	Pubic Houses of Yorkshire. Paul Jennings, University of Bradford.
Wednesday 31st October, 2007	Workhouses in Oldham & Surrounding Districts 1731-1850 Roger Ivens, Oldham Local Studies & Archives.
Wednesday 14th November, 2007	Royton Hall revisited. Douglas Ashmore.
Wednesday 5th December, 2007	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Historic Views of Saddleworth. Mike Buckley
Wednesday 16th January, 2007	Bernard Barnes Memorial Lecture. Recent Archaeological Research in Greater Manchester. Norman Redhead. Assistant County Archaeologist.

PAST LECTURES

On the 19th April, 2007, Victor Khadem the youngest member of our Committee attracted a goodly audience with his lecture 'The Gartsides of Rochdale - a medieval Merchant Family', which was a striking exoration of bygone days and the emergence of Richard de Gartside of Rochdale before migrating to the Denshaw hills.

In September when the term commences Victor will be following in the footsteps of the famous Saddleworth parson, The Revd. John Heginbottom and studying at Brasenose College Oxford University. A recent member of our Society David Heginbottom, residing in Singapore happens to be a Great x 7 Grandson of the Reverend and, coincidentally, also studied at Brasenose College.

On the 9th May, 2007, Ian McKinnis once again gave an excellent lecture on military matters and the heroics it induces with his compelling rational The Men Behind the Medals 11 giving a whiff of the hard times of warfare and its dangers. The rigours of army life in foreign parts became alive and gripped the imagination to some depth.

Mapping Saddleworth: An Enlarged and Revised Collection of Historic Maps of the District. Alan Petford's lecture on the 3rd June, 2007, on the Mapping Saddleworth book took us all around our moorland parish with its vast acreage containing a host of natural features, which caught Alan's attention and gave him a wide range to explore and describe which is of course the source for Saddleworth's continuing appeal to all comers.

The Sunday lecture and Book Launch proved to be a successful venture for the Saddleworth Festival of the Arts Week and the days sales gave the new volume a very good start on its commercial future.

SUMMER COACH TRIP 14th JULY, 2007

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The Derwent Valley World Heritage Site.

The Society's Summer Coach Trip organised by Alan Schofield and Alan Petford was a visit to Derbyshire contained a wealth of Industrial Archaeology generated by Sir Richard Arkwright 1732-92. Refreshments were taken at the Baths Hotel, Matlock, before a guided tour around Masson Mill with its working textile machinery weaving cloth and on to his 3rd mill, Cromford Mill. The walk around Cromford village was led by Alan Petford who described the architecture. Finishing at Geoff Tom's own Morley Church where Alan Petford regaled the members with his description of the medieval glass windows and artefacts.

ROBINA McNEIL, ARCHAEOLOGIST.

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The news of the death of Robina McNeil, the much respected Greater Manchester Archaeologist is to be received with great regret. For she championed the importance of Manchester's Ancoats district contribution to the Industrial Revolution and obtained recognition of this salient feature amongst the list of World Heritage Sites.

A Memorial Service will be held at Manchester Cathedral at 3.00 p.m., on Friday the 26th October, 2007 to celebrate the life and work of Robina McNeil, County Archaeologist and Director of the Greater Manchester Archaeology Unit.

Following the service, refreshments will be provided at the Cathedral Visitor Centre.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM Tel. 01457 87 4093

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2nd Sunday of each month 9.00 am. to 2.00 pm Farmers Market.
2nd Wednesday of each month 10.00 am-1.00 pm Friends Coffee Mornings.
Tuesdays 9.30 am-12.30 pm Canalside Quilting Group.
Free to new members in the morning.
Annual £10.00 or £2.50 per week.
Tuesday 21st August,07 1.00 pm-3.00 pm Boredom Busters. Creative activities for 4-11 year olds during all school holidays.
Must be accompanied by an adult.
£3.00 per session.
Refreshments available.

Friday 14 Sept. 07. (Excl. school holidays)

Boom Ting.
An introduction to music and rhythm for babies and small children £2.50 per session. (Small babies 50p)

THE FRIENDS OF SADDLEWORTH MUSEUM

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The resignation of Jack Hindle as Chairman of The Friends of Saddleworth Museum is to be noted with regret as his quiet efficient manner of conducting Museum meetings was quite admirable and to be much appreciated. Over the years the Museum has acquired support from the village especially the Coffee Mornings on Wednesdays, Market Day helped in no great stead by Jack's watchful presence and his patient conduct of ongoing Museum matters. His wit and enduring progress has greatly enthused the volunteers who make the Museum so much part of Uppermill's way of life and helped in making money for the Museum and winning new friends.

ART GALLERY EXHIBITION THE MUSEUM, UPPERMILL.

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OPEN ART EXHIBITION
22nd September - 18th November,07

Mad for it - Broad and imaginative range of works for Amateur and Professional Artists.

SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY

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Saddleworth Museum 7.30 pm
Thursday 11th October, 2007

The Work of English Heritage in the North West.
Illustrated presentation by Andrew Davison.
Team leader NW English Heritage.

Thursday 22nd November, 2007

AGM. Saddleworth Museum 7.15 pm
followed by 'Charity School Samplers - Embroidery'
Illustrated talk by Becky Scott, International tapestry expert.

Sunday 2nd December, 2007

Depart 10.00 am. from Uppermill Square.
Winter Trip - Arley Hall, Northwich, Cheshire.
Guided tour of decorated Hall, Christmas Floral Extravaganza. Craft & Gift Fayre and Restaurant.
Full details from Hon. Sec. 01457 87 3195
or Mr. C. Baumann, 01457 87 6858

SADDLEWORTH WEA ASSOCIATION.

Egyptology: The Great Museum Collections.
Starting 25th Sept. 2007. 10 Meetings. 7.00 -9.00 pm. Saddleworth School.

Demonstrating Western Art History
Starting 25th Sept. 2007. 10 meetings 1.00 pm-3.00 pm.
From Leonardo to Emin. Lee Street Centre.

Beginners' Genealogy with Computers. Computer skills not necessary
Ways of tracing your Family Tree. Improving searching the internet.
Saddleworth School. 7.00 pm-9.00pm.
Starting Tuesday 8th January, 2008

Contact Anne Buckley on 01457 87 2881 - probably places still available.

SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER GUIDED WALKS

The Summer Guided Walks have gained much support and been a great success much enjoyed by all the participants. As the song says 'these boots are made for walking' and Saddleworth miles are well worthwhile.

Thanks are to be given to our Secretary Alan Schofield for his organisation and members of the Committee who led the walks.

SHS MEMBERSHIP SECTION.

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

Mr. Robert Shannon, Daviot, Inverness.

Dr. & Mrs. Rupert W.N. Hoare, Greenfield.

There are still members outstanding regarding this year's membership to the Society and we should be pleased to receive remittances as soon as possible the rates are set out below. Very many thanks for your continued support.

Family Membership	£14.00
Single Membership	£12.00
Retired Single and Family	£ 9.00
Student	£ 9.00
Overseas USA & Canada	£15.00 or 40 dollars.
Australia & New Zealand	£15.00 Sterling.

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