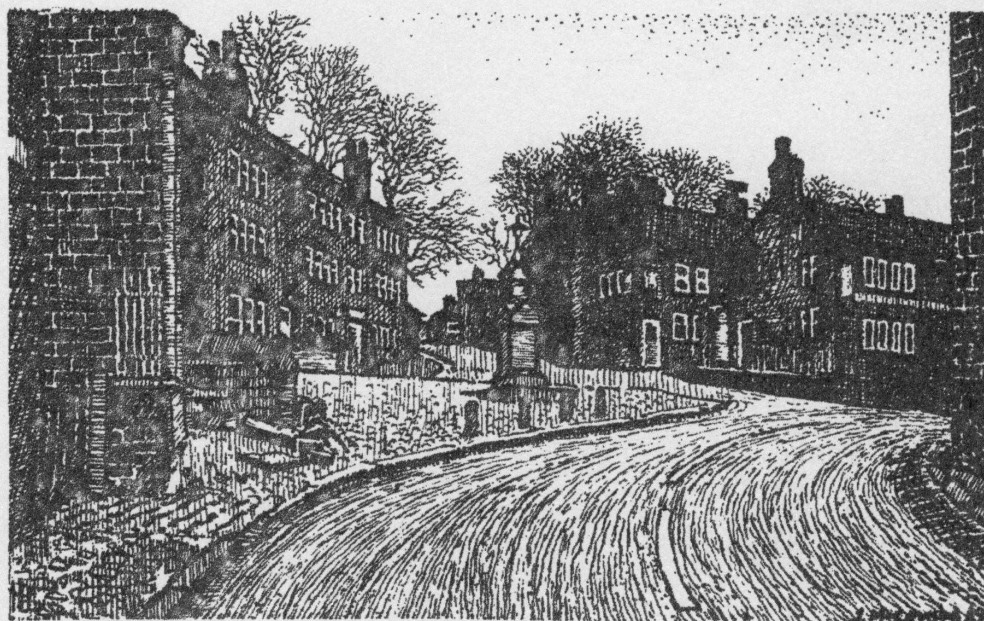


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THE SADDLEWORTH BANKING COMPANY

Extracts from the three Minute Books of the Saddleworth Banking Company made by Arthur Kershaw, the youngest son of James Hervey Kershaw, and kindly made available by Mr. H. Ogden of Grasscroft.

Part 1. The First Minute Book

Huddersfield, 22 Feb. 1833. Memorandum of the basis of Agreement between the directors of the Huddersfield Banking Company and Messrs. Buckley, Shaw & Co., Bankers, Saddleworth.

"In consequence of several Branch Banks being attempted to be established in Saddleworth the Directors of the Huddersfield Banking Company and Messrs. Buckley, Shaw & Co. have resolved:-

That a Joint Stock Banking Company be established in Saddleworth under the firm of the Saddleworth Banking Company

That the Company consist of 6,000 shares of £50 each

That 1,000 shares be held by the firm of Buckley, Shaw & Co.

That 1,000 shares be held by three trustees of the Huddersfield Banking Co., for behalf of the Company ..."

The first Committee: James Buckley, Esq. of Holly-Ville
Joseph Walker, Esq. of Lascelles Hall
Joseph Jones, Jnr. Esq. of Wallshaw-house
Joseph Brook, Esq. of Huddersfield
(Chairman)

The new company to commence on the 1st March, 1833.

22nd Feb. 1833: prospectus issued.

25 Feb. 1833. Robert Shaw and Francis Shaw Buckley appointed Managers.

25 Mar. at Dobcross. C.J. Buckley appointed Manager at Ashton, business daily after May 1st. Robert Shaw and F.S. Buckley Managers at Dobcross and Oldham.

An allowance of £60 to be made for a house at Dobcross.
5,730 shares allotted.

25 Nov. 1833. That a safe be ordered at Ashton not to exceed £50.

24 Feb. 1834. First General Meeting at Uppermill. The Saddleworth Banking Company commenced business on 1st May last in the premises formerly occupied by Buckley & Co. at Dobcross, and at Ashton on 1st May transacting business daily at both these places, and at Oldham twice a week. Appointed Glynn & Co. to be London Agents. Profits from 1st Mar. to 31st Dec. were £2,174 - 6 - 10, and recommend that this sum be retained and form part of a fund to be called "Reserved Surplus Fund".

24 Mar. 1834 at Ashton. Resolved that the old Notes not payable in London be cancelled and prepared to be burnt at the next meeting.

28 July 1834 at Ashton. That G.R. Kershaw's services be engaged for $4\frac{3}{4}$ years commencing 30th June last at £90 per annum, and that a present of £10 be paid him in addition on the satisfactory completion of the afore-said term of service.

25 Aug. 1834 at Dobcross. That the sum of £15,000 of the Company's old notes be cancelled and destroyed, and have been cancelled and destroyed as per check signed by the Chairman and Directors present.

27 Oct. 1834 at Dobcross. That George Moyle's son be taken as an Assistant into the Bank at Ashton on trial for a month.

28 Jan. 1835 at Dobcross. That an engagement be made with Samual Kershaw for a term of four years commencing on 1st Mar. next as Junior Clerk for the sum of £150.

23 Feb. 1835 at Uppermill. Annual Meeting. Dividend $7\frac{1}{2}\%$.

16 Mar. 1835 at Oldham. That Joseph Jones, Esq. do build a Bank House for the Bank at Oldham agreeably to certain plans laid before the Board, which House the Directors agree to take for a term of 21 years at a rental of £115 per annum. The Directors to pay all police and parochial rates and taxes.

25 May 1835 at Ashton. That the Nottingham Banking Company have the option of retaining the balance against them at 4% or paying it off.

27 July 1835. General Meeting at Uppermill. Profit for the half-year £727 - 19 - 7. Dividend 5%.

24 Aug. 1835 at Dobcross. That Robert Shaw have a salary of £300 to commence on his undertaking the management of the Oldham Branch.

30 Nov. 1835 at Dobcross. That an intimation be given to the Nottingham Banking Co. that after 31st Dec. $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest will be charged upon the balance against them.

28 Dec. 1835 at Dobcross. That a deficiency of £8 - 17 - 6 in the Ashton Cash Balance be carried to debit of Profit and Loss account.

30 May 1836 at Dobcross. That Mr. F.S. Buckley has intimated a wish to resign at the close of July.

25 July 1836 at Globe Inn, Ashton. General Meeting. Business continues to increase in all departments notwithstanding the many new Banks which have recently been established. Capital is now £30,850. Profit £5,813 - 4 - 8. Dividend 10%. An elegant Bank has been erected on the property of Mr. Jones of Wallshaw House which is about to be occupied by the Bank.

27 Mar. 1837 at Oldham. That if Benjamin Taylor & Sons do not pay off the balance of their account before 15th April they be arrested immediately after.

31 July 1837 at Dobcross. General Meeting. Profit £4,582 - 15 - 7. Dividend $7\frac{1}{2}\%$. (Minutes refer to "these perilous times" and "a period of unexampled stagnation in Commerce").

2 Oct. 1837 at Dobcross. Mr. Robert Shaw one of the Managers of the Bank stated that his bad health made it desirable that he should resign his situation. Agreed by Directors. Mr. C.J. Buckley appointed to be Head Manager of Bank to superintend management at three establishments viz:- Saddleworth, Ashton and Oldham. Mr. John Donaldson, manager of the Branch of the "Imperial Bank" at Northwich appointed manager of the Branch of the "Saddleworth Bank" at Oldham, salary £250 per annum.

30 July 1838 at Delph. Annual Meeting. Profit £4,010 - 11 - 2. Dividend $7\frac{1}{2}\%$.

29 July 1839 at Delph. Annual Meeting. Profit £4,890 - 12 - 1. Dividend $7\frac{1}{2}\%$.

27 Apr. 1840 at Dobcross. Notice given to Mr. James Kershaw that at the expiration of three Calendar Months his services will be dispensed with and he will be required to give up possession of the Bank premises to the Directors.

27 July 1840 at Bellhouse, Delph. General Meeting. Profit £4,308 - 19 - 11. Dividend 6%.

30 Nov. 1840 at Dobcross. That Mr. Robert Shaw be engaged from 31st Dec. next as Manager at Dobcross at a salary of £400 per annum.

22 Feb. 1841 at Dobcross. That Mr. Robert Shaw require Mr. James Kershaw to surrender possession of Bank premises.

26 July 1841, Bell Inn, Delph. Annual Meeting. Profit £4,166 - 1 - 11. Dividend 6%.

25 Apr. 1842 at Dobcross. That Joseph Brook, Esq. be requested and is hereby authorised to negotiate a purchase of the Thousand shares in the Stock of this Company held by the Huddersfield Banking Co. at the best price possible but not exceeding £4 - 5 - 0 per share on behalf of the Directors of the Saddleworth Banking Company.

25 July 1842, Bell Inn, Delph. That the following reductions be made in the salaries of the Officers of the Bank viz:- in Mr. Robert Shaw's £100, in Mr. C.J. Buckley's £100, in Mr. Thomas Mattinson's £20, in Mr. Abel Hyde's £20. That notice be given to Mr. John Donaldson the Manager at Oldham Branch that at the expiration of three months his services will no longer be required, and that Mr. George R. Kershaw will undertake the management of that Office at a salary of £150 per annum.

General Meeting. Profit £3,001 - 7 - 9. Dividend 5%.

29 Aug. 1842 at Dobcross. That a notice having been given in error to Mr. John Donaldson that at the expiration of three months his services will no longer be required, another notice be now given to him, that at the expiration of six months from the present date his service will not any longer be required by the Bank.

28 Nov. 1842 at Dobcross. That the 1,000 shares in the names of Trustees belonging to the Huddersfield Banking Co. be bought by the Saddleworth Banking Co. at £4 per share.

That Mr. Donaldson's application for a reconsideration of his case having been entertained by the Board, an intimation be given to him that the notice relative to the expiration of his engagement with the Bank cannot be withdrawn.

31 July 1843, Bell Inn, Delph. Annual Meeting. Profit £4,063 - 10 - 4. Dividend 6.4%.

27 Nov. 1843 at Dobcross. That Mr. F.S. Buckley be appointed as the successor of the late Mr. Robert Shaw in the management of the Bank at Dobcross at a salary of £300 per annum.

29 July 1844, Commercial Inn, Uppermill. Annual Meeting. Profit £4,872 - 7 - 7. Dividend 7.47%.

Though the melancholy and untimely fate of the late Mr. Robert Shaw awakens painful recollections in which the shareholders cannot but sympathize, it is but a just tribute of respect to his memory to remind the Meeting of the loss the Bank has sustained in the sudden removal of their late experienced and clever Manager. Mr. F.S. Buckley was selected as his successor on account of his local knowledge and former connection with the Bank.

23 Dec. 1844 at Dobcross. That Mr. William Wrigley and Mr. James Lees and the managers be appointed a Committee to carry out the intended alterations in the new Bank premises.

31 Mar. 1845 at Dobcross. That the Bank premises at Ashton be taken from Mr. John P. Morris upon lease for 10 years from 22nd Feb. 1846 at the old rent of £70 per annum.

28 July 1845, Commercial Inn, Uppermill. Annual Meeting. Profit £5,403 - 0 - 5. Dividend 8%.

29 Sept. 1845 at Dobcross. That the old Bank premises be let at £16 per annum.

24 Nov. 1845 at Dobcross. That Mr. Thomas Mattinson be engaged for 3 years at a salary of £200 per annum to succeed Mr. G.R. Kershaw as manager at Oldham Branch.

29 Dec. 1845 at Dobcross. That Mr. Richard Sutcliffe, late Cashier to Messrs. Geo. Smith & Co. be engaged as successor to Mr. Mattinson at the Ashton Office for 3 years at a salary of £150 per annum.

30 Mar. 1846 at Dobcross. That from 31st Dec. last the salary of Mr. C.J. Buckley be £500 per annum in consideration of the lengthened period of his services.

27 July 1846, Commercial Inn, Uppermill. Annual Meeting. Profit £5,614 - 13 - 1. Dividend 10%.

To be continued.

LOCAL INTEREST TRAILS

In the "Oldham Chronicle" of 28th July, 1973, under the heading of "On the Trail of Local History", was a review of the first two interest trails produced by the Society. The following is extracted from the review:

"The latest project by the lively and prolific Saddleworth Historical Society is to publish a series of local interest trails, of which the first two are now available.

The first, from Delph, up the Tame Valley to Slackcote, then to Heights and back to Delph via Grange and Hull Brook, is four or five miles, and, says the booklet takes about four hours, which seems to allow a fair time for having a good look at everything.

The second, from Uppermill Museum by Moorgate to Ladcastle Road and round to Husteads Mill, and back via Woods Lane and Nicker Brow, finishes along the canal bank to Uppermill. This is 3 or $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and takes, the booklet says, three hours.

Just as well that it allows plenty of time, for there is a wealth of information along the trails

The booklets are available from the Saddleworth Museum, Uppermill, price 5p each, or from the Editor of the Bulletin (plus postage which is 4p each).

"SOCIETY SCRAPBOOK"

This section of the Bulletin is to record items of general interest, discoveries, sources of reference, etc., which, although of no direct connection to any project being undertaken by the Society at the present time, may be relevant in the future. The section may provide the only record of the item or incident for posterity, and could prevent them from being completely forgotten.

Will of John Broadbent of Marslands, 1822.

(See also Letter to the Editor, p.50).

This is the last Will and Testament of me John Broadbent of Marslands in Saddleworth in the County of York Woollen Cloth Manufacturer who make and publish the same in manner following that is to say, I order all my just debts (except the Sum of fifty Pounds part of my Mortgage Debt) funeral Expenses and the charges of the Probate of this my Will to be paid and discharged out of my personal Estate. I Give and devise unto my brother Joseph Broadbent All that my freehold Messuage or Dwellinghouse now in his occupation at Marslands aforesaid (but not the Chamber over the old part of the Dwellinghouse which I now occupy and which Chamber is in the occupation of my said brother Joseph) and also the Garden at the South-easterly end of the same Messuage. Together with sufficient Land to keep one Cow both in the Summer and Winter in some part of my freehold Meadow and pasture Land at Marslands aforesaid and also standing in the Shippon for one Cow and room in the Barn to lay the Hay for the same with all necessary appurtenances. To hold the same unto and to the use of my said brother Joseph Broadbent his heirs and assigns for ever he my said brother Joseph paying one fourth part of all lays and taxes payable in respect of my freehold and leasehold Estate situate at Marslands Milltown and Harrop Edge in Saddleworth aforesaid and also he my said brother Joseph paying the Sum of Fifty Pounds and interest part of the Mortgage Money due thereon. I Give and devise unto my brother Thomas All the rest residue and remainder of my freehold Messuages Lands Tenements and hereditaments situate at Marslands aforesaid and also the Close of Land on Harrop Edge together with all other my freehold Estates and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever (if any). To hold the same unto and to the use of him my said brother Thomas Broadbent his heirs and assigns forever. Subject nevertheless to the payment of three-fourth parts of all lays and taxes in respect thereof and also subject to the payment of the remainder of the mortgage money due and owing by me thereon and on what I have before given and devised to my said brother Joseph. I also Give and bequeath unto my said brother Thomas all my Leasehold Estate called Mill Town in Saddleworth aforesaid and also the yearly Rent of Seven Pounds and Seven Shillings payable to me by the representatives of the late Mr. Jonathan Wrigley for the liberty and privilege of making a Goit through part of the said Mill Town. And also the Rent payable to me by the Huddersfield Canal Company for the Land taken by them there. And also all my Stock in Trade Book Debts Household Goods and furniture Farming Stock and all other my Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature or kind soever the same may be. To hold the same unto him my said brother Thomas Broadbent his Executors Administrators and assigns for ever or for and during all my Estate Term and interest therein for his own absolute use and benefit. And I do hereby appoint my said Brother Thomas Broadbent and Charles Harrop of Dobcross in Saddleworth aforesaid Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said John Broadbent the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal in the usual form this Twenty first day of March in the Year of Our Lord One

thousand eight hundred and twenty two.

Signed Sealed Published and declared by
the said John Broadbent the Testator as
and for his last Will and Testament in
the presence of us who at his request
and in his presence have hereunto set
our names as witnesses thereto

John Broadbent

Edw. Brown

John Hardy

James Buckley Broadbent of
Marslands woollen weaver.

H.S. Broadbent.

(Marslands was included in the Gazetteer Section of the Bulletin in Volume
3 Number 2, pages 35-37 - Editor).

Shaw Family of Furlane and Uppermill

(The following account is taken from the Raines Mss. Vol. 8, pp.268-271,
1838, which are housed in Chetham's Library, Manchester).

Edmund Shaw deceased 1632 leaving:

Edmund Shaw his son and heir living at Overmilne in 1632. He had issue:
Thomas (see below)

John born 1589 and still living in 1660. He married Margaret daughter
of - Bardesley and had issue:

George Shaw son and heir of Boarshurst who married Helen
daughter of Capt. Kinder of Kinder's May 1 1652. Living
in 1688.

He had issue:

George Shaw, son and heir.

Esther - married John Andrew and in 1688 had

Foulrakes given by her father as a marriage
portion.

Thomas Shaw son and heir of Edmund bought lands at Overmylne Nov. 3 1637.

Will proved 1650. He left issue:

Giles Shaw son and heir. He left issue:

Thomas Shaw son and heir who married Mary daughter of - Harrop July 26 1679.

He sold Furlane to his son Giles in 1720. He left issue:

Giles Shaw son and heir born 1680 and married Mary daughter of - Scholfield
Feb. 17 1701. Died 1748. Wife died 1735, aged 54. They had
issue:

Giles (see below)

Mary baptised Mar. 19 1705. Married Robert Buckley of Boarshurst.

Alice married Alexander son of Joshua Radcliffe and had issue:

Joshua son and heir - died in India.

Giles Shaw son and heir baptised Aug. 30 1726 and married Hannah daughter
of - Knight of Grasscroft Jan. 17 1748. He died 1800 and she
died 1789. They had issue:

Thomas (see below)

Mally married William Kirk of Chapel-le-frith.

Giles Shaw of Furlane born 1764, died 1808. He married Jane daughter of
- Hyde of Tintwistle Hall, gent. She died Oct. 21 1828 aged
70, leaving issue:

Robert Shaw, died 1844.

Abel Shaw &c.

Ann married Thomas Harrop of Dobcross.

William married Martha daughter of - Crabtree.

Alice married John Wrigley of Dobcross, banker.
John.

Sarah married William Radcliffe.

Thomas Shaw of Uppermill son and heir of Giles Shaw of Furlane was born

Nov. 2 1751. Married Sarah, daughter of - Buckley of Friezland who died aged 16 leaving issue one daughter, Mary, who married James Buckley of Holly Ville Esq. J.P. of the West Riding of Yorkshire and for Lancashire. He married secondly Anne, daughter of - Hyde of Tintwistle Hall gent. He died May 2 1818 having considerably increased his family property. His widow died June 27 1818 aged 62. They had issue:

Giles (see below)

Thomas and Sarah - died as infants.

George - died Jan. 19 1799.

Giles Shaw of Uppermill in Saddleworth, merchant, born Sept. 2 1783 and married Elizabeth daughter and heir of John Radcliffe of Stonebreaks gent. Sept. 16 1809. She was born Apr. 28 1788 and died 1850. He died Feb. 4 1852. They had issue:

George (see below)

Maria Lavinia born Mar. 24 1813 ob Sept. 2 1836.

Marianne born May 6 1815 died 1875

Elizabeth Radcliffe born Mar. 13 1818, ob Oct. 1850.

Amelia Jane born Apr. 5 1819 died 1873.

Mary Radcliffe born Sept. 30 1820 died 1840.

Thomas born Mar. 21 1823, married 1858 the daughter of David Cheetham of the Priory, Stalybridge, Esq. and niece of John Cheetham, Esq. M.P. and has a son George Radcliffe Shaw.

George Shaw son and heir of Giles Shaw was born Oct. 5 1810 and now in his 28th year, a Corresponding Member of the Society of Antiquaries and a young man of varied and extensive attainments. (The following was added later). He died at St. Chad's, Uppermill, Saddleworth, Mon. 31 July 1876. He was an amateur Ecclesiastical Architect and designed plans for more than 50 churches in various parts of the north of England. He was patronised by Sir James Meyrick, Sir Stephen Glynn, Lord Lonsborough, Lord Brougham, James Dearden, Esq. &c. He acquired considerable wealth and died unmarried. He was my early friend and I greatly esteemed him. I saw him suffering from softening of the brain a few weeks before he died and my presence awakened in him many early and pleasing recollections. He was in the Commission of the Peace for the West Riding, Author of an Account of "Rushbearing in the Olden Time" 1871 and illustrated "The History of Saddleworth" by several of his fine drawings. He sits reading on the right hand side of the fireplace in the annexed photograph of his study. He had all the tastes and prejudices of an accomplished antiquary and was a very good Church of England man. (Someone has written "& manufacturer of antiques" in pencil in the margin).

(For the life of George Shaw see G.B. Howcroft's "George Shaw of St. Chad's, Saddleworth, Architect and Church Furnisher", published by the Saddleworth Historical Society, 1972).

THE ATTEMPTS TO FORM A WOOLLEN WEAVERS' UNION
IN SADDLEWORTH - 1827 AND 1894

Part 6: The Aftermath of the Delph Strike

Peace reigned in Delph for about a fortnight after the batoning incident, and then there was another collision between the inhabitants and the police. During the trouble in September, a member of the Strike Band had had his euphonium taken from him and it had mysteriously disappeared. The missing instrument was discovered when the Rasing Mill dam was run off and it was alleged that it had been thrown there by one of the constables. The "Saddleworth Reporter's" account of the incident continues: "To commemorate the discovery the strikers and their friends held an inquest over the drowned euphonium and this was followed by a public parade. This took place on Tuesday night and was accompanied by a little singing and shouting. The gathering seems to have given umbrage to the police, who mustered some dozen strong and were stationed at the top of the village near the "Bull's Head". The police began to drive the crowd and in doing so several people were struck with their batons. The result was more hooting and stones were thrown. Matters quietened down considerably afterwards, but the streets were thronged to a late hour. The affair has again roused some of the old bitterness which is to be regretted. On the following night (Wednesday) there was no demonstration, but many people were again in the village and several people complain that while walking quietly through the streets they have been struck by the police, and, they aver, for no cause whatever. One young man was struck in the face whilst walking over Delph Bridge and was left bruised and bleeding. Another was struck across the shoulders with a baton and no explanation vouchsafed. These matters are in general conversation and people are asking where it will all end. "

During the week in which these incidents occurred, the Saddleworth Weavers' Association held a meeting at which their chairman urged the strikers to remain united in order to obtain their just demands. The meeting was followed by an entertainment and ball, with dancing to the Strike Band.

By the middle of November rumour was rife that the strike had been settled but such was not the case. Three shawl-weavers who had struck in sympathy with those in the flannel department had returned to work. A few others panicked and applied for their looms; their refusal caused great satisfaction to those weavers who were still holding out.

The strike was finally settled at the end of April, 1896, and the Strike Committee published their financial report in the "Saddleworth Reporter". They thanked the public who had given them "such handsome support" while the dispute lasted. Collections and donations amounted to £550 - 5 - 3 and payments to weavers and other expenses amounted to £533 - 2 3½. The balance of £17 - 2 - 11½ remained in the hands of the Committee and would be "judiciously distributed in the interest of those still affected"

Little notice of the settlement of the Bailey Mill strike was taken by the papers. Predominance was now given to accounts of a strike at Bankfield Mill, Dobcross, where 52 workers struck in sympathy with a man, who, having no warp in his own loom, wove for his wife. He was told to stop and send his wife in, and when he was wanted he would be sent for. Apparently, differential pay for men and women had been introduced and

the introduction was deplored by the workers. All the weavers were members of the Saddleworth Association.

The owners of Bankfield Mill sued thirty-four of their weavers for breach of contract in having left their warps unfinished when they struck on 19th March. The owners submitted that the weaver was paid by the piece and that if he agreed to weave a piece he should finish it; the price ticket which a weaver received on obtaining a warp from the warper was not a contract as such but it was an "overwhelming evidence of verbal contract". The Bench imposed the damages claimed, which were nominal, and also the costs of the case, which totalled 17s. 7d. for each defendant. The latter were given permission to pay 5s. per month, but they had not to go beyond three months.

The dispute was settled in June, 1896, with neither side having won. The weavers asked that the Huddersfield women's list should apply to both men and women but with 50% of the extra prices paid to the men added. The firm offered 2½d. in the 1/-d. extra on the women's prices in place of the 6d. demanded.

In October 1896, the Quarterly Meeting of the Association was held, and at this meeting it was decided to throw the Association open to all the woollen textile workers of the district.

After the settlement of the Bankfield Strike in 1896, there was no further trouble until 1899, when another dispute arose through the attempts of an employer to exercise his powers of dismissal too arbitrarily. By this time there was no need to picket: the strikers knew that they had the support of a strong Union. In 1897, the Association had affiliated to the Northern Counties Amalgamation, and they had the support of the veteran fighters from the Yorkshire side.

By the beginning of the 20th century, the Union was steadily increasing its membership; a growing political awareness on the part of the workers and a desire to improve working conditions gave men the incentive to become members. The Factory Act of 1906 did much to improve their lot and this Act was made possible by the activities of the Trade Union Members who sat in Parliament.

A.C. Chadderton.

Concluded.

The writing of these articles was made possible by the kindness of the late Mr. F.G. Battye, Secretary of the Saddleworth Amalgamated Woollen Workers' Union, who allowed me to delve into his records and who gave me so much information on the history of the Union.

A.C.C.

SADDLEWORTH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY
CHRONOLOGICAL NOTES

Part 10: 1909

- Jan. Protests at Delph about Oldham Corporation seeking Parliamentary powers to erect 2 pumping stations there. Statement that public and private wells would be affected. There were 600 private and 60 public wells that could be involved.
Report of Underfed Schoolchildren repudiated by Education Committee after lengthy discussion.
Bazaar at Mechanics' Institute raised over £150 for Royal George Brass Band Literary and Social Institute.
- Feb. Weavers' Dispute at Greenfield. Deputation went to the Secretary of the Weavers' Union at Delph.
Post of Inspector of Nuisances, Building Surveyor and Inspector of Canal Boats advertised at a salary of £80 + £10 + £1 per annum.
- Mar. Plans for new Uppermill School to replace Wesleyan Day School approved.
Dobcross Outfall Works. Complaint about effluent by Rivers Board.
Explosion at Greenfield Reservoir. Mr. Gladstone, the Home Secretary was asked about the explosion. He replied that he hoped that a bill before Parliament would ensure that "effective action would be taken in regard to this class of accident". Statement that the navvies had some pay stopped to provide for medical attention.
- Apr. Fire Service Scheme. Proposal to join with Mossley for a fire engine to the extent of a halfpenny rate.
Proposal to allow Pumping Stations at Delph disallowed after protests in London by Saddleworth Manufacturers and Saddleworth Council.
- May Delph Agricultural Show on Barn Meadow. 3,000 attended in bad weather.
- June Visit of a Deputation from Saddleworth Council to Greenfield Waterworks. Satisfaction about water tanks although they were not in operation.
Black Smoke Prosecutions. 3 firms prosecuted, and 2 fined for emitting black smoke in excess of allowed amount.
- July Proposal to widen Lad Hill Bridge, Greenfield, at a cost of £659.
Delph Co-op. Jubilee. Free tea for members in Mechanics' Institute, Primitive Methodist, Wesleyan and Independent Schools. Band played in Delph Square. Large evening meeting in Swan Meadow.
- Aug. Lamp Lighter at Delph. 17 applicants for post at weekly wage during lighting season of 17 shillings.
Railway Accident at Friezland. Driver and Stoker killed. Passengers injured.
Bleak Hey Nook Wakes. Foot race from Horse and Jockey to Floating Light and return - a distance of 2 miles. The Reed Band played for dancing later.
- Oct. Legal Proceedings threatened by County Council if Water Board did not complete necessary appliances before the next meeting.
Installation of Clock System to record time of arrival at work caused strike at Linfitts Mill.
- Nov. Boarshurst Day School, Greenfield, to be closed by March, 1910.
Skating Rink at Mechanics' Institute at Delph opened.
- Dec. Purchase of Manor House, Uppermill. Bought by Conservatives

for use as a club.

Victor Grayson, Socialist Member for Colne Valley, snowed up at Diggle.

Compiled by Mrs. H. Wood.

Part 11: 1910, will appear in the next issue of the Bulletin.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

I thought the enclosed Will (copy of original in the Lancashire Record Office, Preston) of John Broadbent (1770-1822) of Marslands might be of interest. (See Page 44 of this issue of the Bulletin). The copy may be retained for the Society's Archives.

As these Broadbents were a collateral branch of my family, I have made a study of them, but have failed to find the christenings of either Joseph or Thomas though they are undoubtedly the persons listed in Baines directory of 1822, the year John died. The Registers contain the burial of Joseph Broadbent of Hulme, Manchester, late of Marslands on April 1st, 1853, aged 59 years. It is possible that this was John's brother, but would be young, too young I think, for such a relationship.

John and Martha Broadbent were married on 27 December 1733. He was the son of John Broadbent of Hollingreave, and he and his wife lived at Hollingreave before moving to Marslands. Whilst at Hollingreave he was sometimes referred to as "John, junior". His wife Martha was a daughter of George Broadbent of Harrop Cote. In 1743 her brother George was a soldier in Flanders.

John, son of the above John, married twice. His first wife, Mary Buckley, was a minor when married. Their daughter Sarah (Sally) died at Marslands in 1784.

John married his second wife Hannah Winterbottom on Sept. 11th 1769. She died at Marslands in 1820 aged 72.

Yours sincerely,

H.S. Broadbent.

101, Turf Hill Road,
Rochdale,
OL16 4XA.

Editor's Note: Mr. Broadbent, as mentioned in Vol. 3, No. 1 of the Bulletin, is engaged on research into his family who were located in Harrop Dale since 1609. Any information about them would be most welcome.

Sir,

In one of your earlier publications you kindly published a letter from me giving details regarding Boarshurst School, taken from an old Minute Book which we have, and I wondered if the following would also be of interest.

The following extract is from the minutes of a meeting of the Committee held at Wharmton School Room on Thursday, June 25th 1840:

.....The Rev. R. Whitelock having received a letter from Mr. Jos. Broadbent & Mr. R. Rhodes enclosing a Bill of Exchange Value £32 - 18 - 4 the amount of a subscription raised amongst certain parties resident in New York and Philadelphia for the benefit of the Saddleworth Sunday Schools under the Establishment It was unanimously resolved that the said letter and list of subscribers be entered upon this book and that the warmest thanks of this Committee be given to these gentlemen whose names are found in the subjoined list, for their liberal support and more especially to those individuals who have so kindly aided in raising the subscription

That the Rev. R. Whitelock be requested to communicate with the above.

New York May 8th 1840

Rev. R. Whitelock
Incumbant of Saddleworth Church.

Sir,

Enclosed is a Bill of Exchange for £32 - 18 - 4 drawn by Paine (?), Ward, King & Co., of this City in your favour, on Smith, Payne & Smith, London. The amount is a sum that has been raised in this City and Philadelphia by a subscription for defraying the expenses of the Saddleworth Union Sunday Scholars at the next Anniversary, as you will perceive by the Assented Memorial, and the respective signatures and sums added thereto, the subscribers therefore request you will give the respective schools individually, a sum calculated by 4d. for every scholar, and the number to be taken from the Secretary's Book as they were given in and passed, by the Committee at the annual meeting in March last. Such sums are recommended to be expended in necessary refreshments for the scholars. The balance to be given into the hands of the Treasurer to be disbursed for the benefit of the said Union as the Committee shall think fit.

We are Very Respectfully
Your Most Obedient Servants

Jos. Broadbent Junior
Ralph Rhodes . .

The whole names are hereunto subscribed, being conscious of the distress that prevails in the Parish of Saddleworth, and having the welfare of the Rising generation at heart, give the sums entered to our respective signatures for the support of the Schools at the next Anniversary.

Collected by Wm. Bottomley
Jos. Broadbent

Ralph Rhodes
Jas. Shaw Junr.

New York April 23rd 1840.

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John Taylor Junr.	5.00
Jas. Buckley	5.00
Wm. Bottomley Senr.	5.00
Jos. Broadbent Junr.	5.00
Wm. Bottomley Junr.	5.00
Ralph Rhodes	5.00
Thomas Wood Junr.	5.00
Jas. Haigh	5.00
Jas. Shaw Junr.	5.00
Jas. Wood Senr.	5.00
Saml. Shaw	5.00
Sam Broadbent	5.00
Jas. Winterbottom	5.00
Jas. Mallalieu	5.00
Saml. Bradbury	5.00
Saml. Rhodes	5.00
Jas. Hinchcliffe	5.00
Thos. Winterbottom	3.00
John Platt £1	4.84
Wm. Henry Schofield	3.00
Jas. M. Bradbury	3.00
Jos. Wrigley	2.00
Geo. Shaw	2.00
Ebenr. Rhodes	2.00

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Sam. C. Shaw	3.00
H.F. Buckley	1.00
Jas. Shaw	1.00

The following Sums have been
collected in Philadelphia by
Ralph Rhodes:

Wm. Blackburn & Co.	25.00
Saml. Rhodes Senr.	10.00
Ben Broadbent	10.00
Jos. Clegg	5.00
Adshead & Gartside	5.00

164.00

Dis. on Philadelphia Money	3.60
Dis. on uncurrent money	.32

Bills of Exchange for enclosed purchased at 10 per cent premium	160.92
	<u>164.84</u>

Yours sincerely,

B. Buckley.

Mrs. G.E. Buckley,
The Wing,
Brookland Lodge,
Delph.

OLD SADDLEWORTH

This is part of the work being carried out on a Gazetteer of Saddleworth by the Historical Society. As more of this work is completed details will be published in future editions of the Bulletin. The information given below has been extracted from Record Cards which are held by the Society, and which are available for reference.

AMBROSE (or Ambroses)

Grid Reference: SD 999074

Location: Junction of Standedge Road and Spurn Lane, Diggle.

Description: Much altered, three-storey, stone house built into hill-side. Deep-set, splay-mullion windows on bottom two floors. Top floor added later. Barn with stone roof attached.

History:

1775 Betty, daughter of John Sykes, clothier, and Hannah his wife of Ambroses christened. She died in 1792 aged 17. (Registers).

1776 Henry Whitehead was Warden of Saddleworth Church for Ambroses. (Registers).

1777 In the Farrer Estate List Mary Whitehead is listed as tenant of Ambroses, 3 acres 1 rood 27 perches. Rent £4 - 4 - 6.

1777 Anna, daughter of James Wood, clothier, and Betty his wife of Ambroses buried. (Registers).

1780 Jan. 3. Thomas Wrigley of Littlemoor, clothier, married Hannah Sykes of Ambroses. The same day Sally Wrigley daughter of Hannah Sykes of Ambrose by Thomas Wrigley of ye same place christened. (Registers).

1783 William Byrom of Sunfield married Hannah Wrigley of Ambroses, widow. (Registers).

1787 John Platt of Edge End married Mally Sykes of Ambrose. (Registers).

1791 Hannah, daughter of James and Hannah Turner of Ambrose-green, buried. (Registers).

1793 Mary, widow of Richard Lawton of Ambrose, buried. (Registers).

1794 John Sykes of Ambroses was a warden of Dobcross Chapel.

1805 John Sykes of Ambroses died, aged 72. (Registers).

1810 In the list of freehold estates mentioned in the Saddleworth Enclosure Records, the owner of Ambroses and Nunnings (6 acres 1 rood 16 perches) was William Whitehead, and the occupier was John Sykes.

1851 The Census records three families living at Ambrose. Charles Schofield, cloth finisher, his wife who was a washerwoman, and one daughter. Ann Meancliffe (widow) with one male and two females: two of these were woollen power-loom weavers, and one a stone mason. William Shaw with one male and two females: he was a woollen hand-loom weaver and his wife was a woollen spinner.

1871 According to the Census two families occupied Ambrose. John Turner, a stone quarryman, and his wife; and William Shaw with one male and two females: he was a farmer of 14 acres and his son was an iron turner.

FOULRAKES

Grid Reference: SD 998044

Location: Kinders Lane, Greenfield (near Road End).

Description: The place name Foulrakes is derived from the Old English "Ful Hraca" meaning "rough path". The house is late 17th century, stone-built, with 1746 alterations and additions. The stonework has massive dark angle dressings. Gable apex has ball finial. Arched entrance door has ornamental fan and Doric pilasters. Coved mullion windows. Interior entrance door has lintel stone inscribed JA MA with fleur de lys and date 1746.

History:

1670 Ralph Andrew of Foulrakes, yeoman, seized of lands there (i.e. came into possession of) temp. Ch. 2nd. He married Sarah daughter of --- and had two children, John and Jonathan (see below). (Raines Mss. V. 8, pg. 278).

1679 Jonathan, son of Ralph Andrew of Foulrakes was seized of lands in Ault (sic) in 1679 in which year he made additions to the house there. He married Anne daughter of --- and had issue: Jonah Andrew of Lowside who died in 1732. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Simeon Taylor of Ault by his wife Sarah daughter of --- Radcliffe of Shaw Hall. Mrs. Andrew who was 60 years a widow died 4th April 1791. Jonathan Andrew left issue: Mary Andrew daughter and heir, born 1729. (Raines Mss. loc. cit.).

1688 John Andrew, son and heir of Ralph Andrew, was a yeoman and lived at Foulrakes. Oct. 29 1688 he married Esther, daughter of George Shaw of Boarshurst, yeoman. They had 5 children, John, Robert, George, Esther and Sarah.

1694 John Andrew, son of John and Esther, born at Foulrakes 1694, and died on Easter Monday 1777 aged 83. He married Mary Scholfield of Wellyhole who died Feb. 14 1764. They had one child, John (see below). (Raines Mss. Vol. 8, pg. 279).

1728 John Andrew was born at Foulrakes. He died Mar. 5 1811 aged 83. He married Mary, daughter and heir of Jonah Andrew of Lowside, gent (see above), who died Apr. 6 1817, aged 88. They had three children: John (see below), Jonah, born Apr. 2 1767, who later held lands at Lowside and had 2 daughters, and Malley, born Dec. 15 1760 who married John, son of John Radcliffe now (i.e. 1837) of Stonebreaks, gent. (Raines Mss. loc. cit.).

1749 Isaac Scholefield, clothier of Hollins, married Anne Scholefield of Foul-rakes. He died 1806 at Bradburys, aged 81, and she died 1807 aged 77. (Registers).

1756 Mary, daughter of John Platt, clothier, and Sarah his wife of Foulrakes, christened. Both Mary and her mother were buried on Christmas Eve of the same year. (Registers).

1763 Isaac Scholefield of Foulrakes, buried.

1764 Aug. 27th John Andrew Born. He died a bachelor, intestate. June 12 1830 when the estates passed to his two nieces as heirs at law. (Raines Mss. loc. cit.).

1768 James, son of Joseph Scholefield, clothier, and Mary his wife of Foulrakes, christened. (Registers).

1783 James, son of Joseph Kenworthy, clothier, and Sarah his wife of Foulrakes, christened. (Registers).

1788 John, son of George Radcliffe, clothier, and Alice his

- wife of Foulrakes, christened. (Registers).
- 1792 John Andrew of Foulrakes was one of the receivers of the Rents of the Manor. (Minutes of Meetings of the Committee of the Manor of Saddleworth & Quick, Museum Archives).
- 1812 John Mallalieu the elder of Foulrakes, cotton spinner, dealer and chapman, declared bankrupt. (Manchester Mercury, May 19th).
- 1815 & 1817 Ralph Bradbury, woollen manufacturer, lived at Foulrakes. (Wardle & Bentham's Directory).
- 1823 Baines Directory records John Andrew of Foldrakes, gent.
- 1832 & 1837 John Hinchliffe and Samuel Wrigley are included under Foulrakes in the Poll Lists.
- 1834 Reference to Mary and Elizabeth Holme Wrigley of Foulrakes in the Commissioners Award (Hewkin Collection).
- 1848 According to the Poll List Samuel Wrigley lived here.
- 1851 In the Census Samuel Wrigley of Foulrakes was listed as a farmer of 18 acres. His family consisted of 2 males and 2 females, and one of his sons was a farm labourer.
- 1853 White's directory lists Samuel Wrigley of Foulrakes, gentleman.
- 1857 David Mallalieu of Foulrakes was one of the first shareholders in the Greenfield Co-op. Society.
- 1871 The Census lists 2 families at Foulrakes. Hugh Barber with one male and four females. He was a flannel finisher. Jonathan Hirst with one male and three females. He was a farmer of 13 acres; one was a woollen warper, one a woollen weaver and one a woollen winder.
- 1885 According to the Poll List William and John Greenhough lived at Foulrakes.

YEW TREE

Grid Reference: SE 005086

Location: In Thornsclough, Diggle, below Huddersfield Road, 740 feet above sea level.

Description: Two storey, stone farmhouse. Ground floor and top floor rear deep set chamfered mullion windows. Top floor front later sash windows. Old flag roof. On valley floor near site of former mill is row of three stone cottages, two storeys, flag roof, sash windows.

History: 1629 James Broadbent of Yew-tree mentioned in will of George Broadbent of Harrop, dated 3rd Aug. (H.S. Broadbent).

1722 Margaret, daughter of Abraham Wood, clothier, of Yewtree buried. Abraham Wood clothier of Yew-tree buried Feb. 10 1737. (Registers).

1726 James Wood, clothier, of Yew-tree, married Anna Broadbent of Green. (Registers).

1728 May 2nd: Jonah Broadbent clothier of Thurstons married Ann Wood of Yew-tree. (Registers).

1728 May 5th: John, son of Mary Wood spinster of Yew-tree, by Robert Broadbent, clothier, of Dig-lee, christened. On June 2nd Robert Broadbent married Mary Wood of Yew-tree, and their son James was christened Aug. 9th 1730.

1728 Nov. 14th: Abraham Wood, clothier of Yew-tree, married Sarah Broadbent of Green. On Oct. 31 1731 their son Joseph was christened; he was buried Feb. 11 1732. On May 20th 1733 their son John was christened; on Feb. 1st

- 1736 their son James was christened; and on May 17 1741 their son Abraham was christened. Abraham Wood, clothier, of Yew-tree was buried Apr. 16 1774, and on Mar. 31 1787 Sarah Wood, widow, was buried. (Registers).
- 1731 Jonah, son of Ann Broadbent, widow of Yew-tree was christened. (Registers).
- 1738 Abraham Wood of Yew Tree was a warden of Saddleworth Church.
- 1742 Nov. 18: Robert Wood of Yew-tree clothier married Anne Schofield of Broadmeadow. (Registers).
- 1744 Jan. 15: John Bottomley, clothier, of Yew-tree buried. (Registers).
- 1750 Feb. 7: Alice Platt, clothier, of Yew-tree buried. (Registers).
- 1752 John, son of Sarah Broadbent spinster of Grange by John Scholefield of Yew-tree clothier christened. On Apr. 8 1753 Jonathan son of Martha Lawton of Harropp spinster by John Scholefield clothier of Yew-tree christened. Jonathan was buried June 9 1753. May 9 1756 John Scholefield late of Yew-tree denounced excommunicate. (Registers).
- 1753 Joshua Mallalieu of Yew-tree clothier married Mary Bentley of Grange. (Registers).
- 1759 Oct. 21: John Wood of Yew-tree clothier denounced excommunicate. Aug. 3 1760 John, son of Deborah Shaw spinster of Carr by John Wood of Yew-tree christened. (Registers).
- 1762 John Wood married Ann Gartside. He died at Yew-tree June 24 1806 aged 79, and his wife died July 29 1824 aged 86. John Wood junior their first son was born at Castlehill 1763 and died November 1799 aged 36. They had many more children when they lived at Yew-tree: Joseph was christened Aug. 26 1764; Sally May 24 1767 (buried Oct. 4 1769), Mary Sept. 25 1768 (died July 6 1842 aged 73), Ann June 9 1771 (died Oct. 24 1853 aged 82), Abraham Aug. 23 1773 (died 20 Jan. 1816 aged 42), Sarah Feb. 20 1774 (died June 10 1857 aged 83), James Aug. 21 1776 (died Oct. 5 1825 aged 49), Hannah May 23 1779, Betty July 24 1781 (buried July 4 1783), Betty July 24 1783 (died Mar. 20 1855 aged 69). (Registers).
- 1777 View Tree or Yew Tree was listed as part of the Shaw Hall Estate, tenant John Wood, 30 acres 2 roods 9 perches, rent £24 - 1 - 6.
- 1780 Aug. 20: Hannah, daughter of James Wood, clothier, and Sarah his wife of Yewtree christened. Hannah died 28 Dec. 1832 aged 52. Their son John was christened Mar. 31 1782, and their son William Sept. 19 1784. John was buried Apr. 19 1794. They had three more daughters: Alice, christened June 24 1787, Mally, christened Apr. 25 1790, and Betty, christened Dec. 30 1792. James Wood of Yewtree was buried May 1 1794. (Registers).
- 1781 Nov. 11: Thomas son of Benhamin Haigh clothier and Deborah his wife of Yewtree christened. Thomas Haigh of Lee died 2 Dec. 1835 aged 54, and Betty his wife died 7 July 1854 aged 71. (Registers).
- 1784 June 1: James Wood, clothier and bachelor of Yewtree, buried. (Registers).
- 1786 Dec. 31: John, son of Ann Broadbent spinster of Deanhead

- by Joseph Wood of Yewtree christened. He died in his first year. Apr. 13 1789 Joseph Wood married Ann Broadbent. They had seven more children: Aug. 23 1789 their daughter Anne was christened, she died 17 Apr. 1849 aged 59; July 10 1791 their son William was christened, he died 17 Apr. 1813 aged 21; Jan. 25 1793 their daughter Mally was christened; Jan. 26 1794 their son James was christened, he was buried Apr. 16 1795; Dec. 6 1795 their son Ben was christened; Oct. 26 1797 their son Abraham was christened, he died 9 Apr. 1812 aged 13: Joseph Wood of Yewtree died Apr. 2 1842 aged 77, and Ann his wife died Nov. 10 1829 aged 62. (Registers).
- 1788 Jan. 6: Ralph, son of George Bradberry, clothier, and Mally his wife of Yewtree christened. (Registers).
- 1788 Aug. 24: Ann, daughter of Edmund Buckley, clothier, and Alice his wife of Yewtree christened at Dobcross. She was buried Jan. 10 1789. On Mar. 8 1790 their son Edmund was christened. (Registers).
- 1790 John Wood of Yewtree was a warden of Dobcross Chapel.
- 1791 Farrar Estate Sale: Abraham Wood of Yewtree, 30 acres 2 roods 9 perches. John Wood has erected a new house but a few years back from 1789. Fields: Croft, Spout Meadow, Crombery Meadow, Great Meadow, Steelbuts, Lower Flatt, Upper Flatt, Bankstile, Clayfield, Faugh, Heywood, Lower Old Intake, Upper Old Intake, Hirst Field.
- 1793 Benjamin Ratcliffe of Yewtree buried. (Registers).
- 1810 The Saddleworth Enclosure Records mentioned Ann Wood of Yewtree, 30 acres 2 roods 9 perches.
- 1825 Baines Directory listed James Wood of Yewtree, woollen manufacturer.
- 1851 The Census included Joshua Wood of Yewtree, farmer of 68 acres. He had a family of 3 sons, one of whom was a farm labourer.
- 1853 White's Directory listed Joshua Wood of Yewtree, land agent.

The Society would welcome any further information on the houses and hamlets mentioned here, and on any other property of possible interest in Saddleworth. The Gazetteer will also encompass turnpike roads, canals, railways, bridges, mills, etc. Information should be sent to the Editor of the Bulletin -

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