

4. Emma Watkinson daughter of George Watkinson (GW2) and Jane Hebblethwaite.

Emma was born in 1850 and baptised at St. John the Baptist Church, Halifax – now Halifax Minster – on 16th October 1851. Although not at the family home on the census nights in 1861 and 1871 she had returned to live with her parents at **Woodfield House** by 1881. She never married.



Her mother died in 1890 and her father in 1903. After that she moved to The Longlands, Lightcliffe, built for her in 1904.

1911 census

Emma Watkinson Head 57

2servants

Address **The Longlands, Lightcliffe**

She died there on 30th November 1923.

WATKINSON Emma of the Longlands Lightcliffe Yorkshire spinster died 30 November 1923 Probate London 26 February [1924] to George Taylor Ramsden company director and Clement Vernon Wright manufacturer Effects £32267 4s 7d

George Taylor Ramsden was a nephew, the eldest son of her sister Fanny Ramsden and her husband the brewer, John Taylor Ramsden.

Read **Fanny Watkinson and the Stone Trough Brewery** to find out more about Emma's other Ramsden nephews and nieces.



In her will Emma Watkinson left money to a number of good causes including the Royal Hospital Halifax. But she also left land and money to build some almshouses in Lightcliffe in memory of her parents.

The Watkinson almshouses comprised 4 cottages, 2 detached and 2 semi-detached. They were built *“to provide accommodation for alms people being descendants of George and Jane Watkinson or persons who have resided for not less than three years in the ecclesiastical parishes of St. Matthew Lightcliffe, St. Matthew Northowram and St. John Coley”*

They were designed by the architect Joseph Frederick Walsh who, as already mentioned in **George Watkinson the Younger**, took Emma Watkinson's great nephew, George Allan Coutts, into the practice Walsh, Wilkinson and Coutts as a partner.

The stories of Emma's other brothers

John Watkinson Colliery Owner

Samuel Watkinson of Shelf Hall

are also on the website.



THESE FOUR HOUSES WERE ERECTED IN 1926 AND ENDOWED BY *EMMA WATKINSON* (WHO DIED 30TH NOVEMBER 1923) IN MEMORY OF HER FATHER AND MOTHER, *GEORGE AND JANE WATKINSON*



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