

**Continued from Early Flather family part 1**

**3. Joseph Flather and Hannah Flather nee Hardwick**

**Plot G'16**



**IN MEMORY OF SUSANNA THE DAUGHTER OF JOSEPH  
AND HANNAH FLATHER OF NORTHOWRAM WHO DIED  
SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 1797 AGED 8 YEARS**

**ALSO OF HENRY SON OF THE ABOVE SAID JOSEPH AND  
HANNAH FLATHER WHO DIED APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> 1798 AGED 11  
YEARS**

**ALSO OF THE ABOVE SAID JOSEPH FLATHER WHO DIED  
AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> 1798 AGED 43 YEARS**

**ALSO OF HANNAH WIFE OF THE ABOVE SAID JOSEPH  
FLATHER WHO DIED AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> 1804 AGED 53 YEARS**

**ALSO OF JOSEPH SON OF THE ABOVE SAID JOSEPH AND  
HANNAH FLATHER WHO DIED OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 1825 AGED 54  
YEARS**

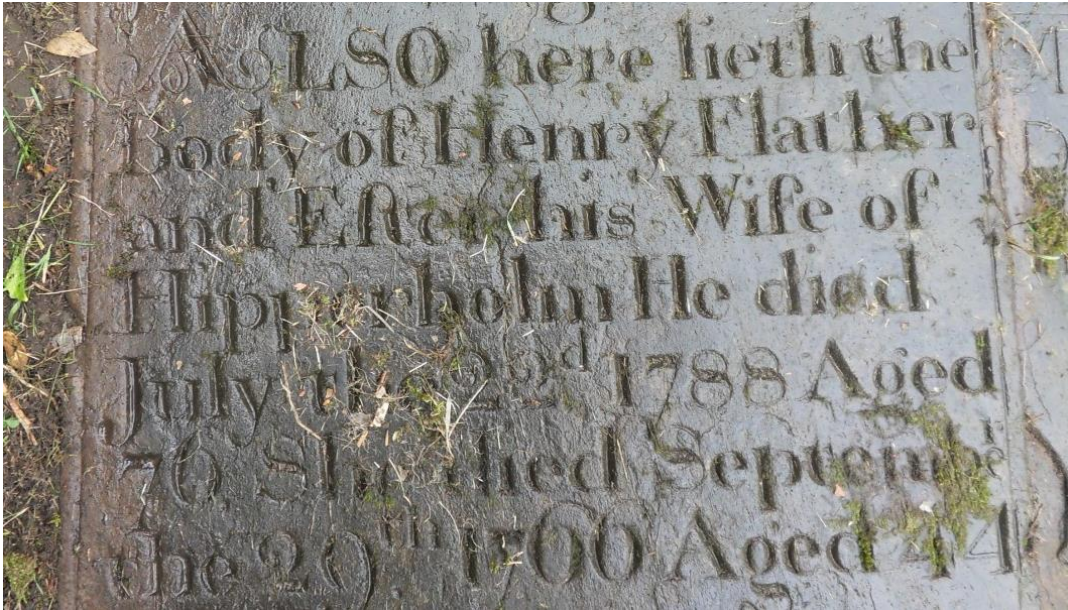
**LONG IN THIS WORLD I'VE BEEN IN PAIN  
AND ALL PHYSICIANS WERE IN VAIN  
TILL CHRIST IN MERCY GAVE THE REST  
AND CALLED ME HERE WHERE I AM BLEST**

Joseph Flather was baptised on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1755 at St. John's Church, Coley. He was the fourth child of Henry Flather and his wife Esther Flather nee Woodhead. On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1782, he married Hannah Chadwick in Halifax. They probably had these four children.

1. Joseph Flather was baptised on 13<sup>th</sup> February 1785 at St. John's Church, Coley. He died on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1825 and was buried in St. Matthew's Churchyard on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1825 when his abode was given as Great Horton.
2. Henry Flather was baptised on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1787 at St. John's Church, Coley. He died on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1798 aged 11 years and was buried in the family grave on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1798. [Spelt FLADDER on original Lightcliffe register]
3. Susanna Flather was baptised at St John's Church, Coley in July 1789. She died on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1797 aged 8 years and was the first occupant of the family grave when she was buried there on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1797.
4. Abraham Flather was baptised on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1793 again at St. John's Church, Coley. He married Jane Greenwood on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1814; they had two daughters, Sarah born 1817, and Jane born 1825. Abraham Flather appears to have died between the 1851 and 1861 censuses.



## 5. Henry Flather and Esther Flather nee Woodhead



**The bottom half of a ledger stone on plot G'19**

In a different font, so presumably added later, the inscription reads :-

**ALSO HERE LIE THE  
BODY OF HENRY FLATHER  
AND ESTER HIS WIFE OF  
HIPPERHOLME. HE DIED  
JULY THE 2<sup>ND</sup> 1788 AGED 76  
YEARS . SHE DIED SEPTEMBER  
THE 29<sup>TH</sup> 1766 AGED 44 YEARS.**

Henry Flather was baptised on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1712 at St. John's Church, Halifax the son of Richard. He married Esther Woodhead on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1748 again at the Halifax parish church. They had the following children: -

1. Richard Flather was baptised at St. John's Coley on 24<sup>th</sup> December 1748/9. He may be the Richard Flathers [sic] son of Henry who was buried at St. Matthew's Churchyard on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1750.

2. Ann Flather was baptised at St. Matthew's Church on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1751 and then 83 years later was buried there on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1834.



3. Sarah and/or Samuel Flather was/were baptised on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1753 at St. John's Church, Coley with father Henry. No further information has been found.
4. Joseph Flather was baptised on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1755 and married Hannah Hardwick. See above.
5. John Flather was baptised on 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 1757 at St. John's Church, Coley and married Ann. See above.
6. Thomas Flather was baptised on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1759 at St. John's Church, Coley and married Elizabeth (Betty) Birkett. See above.
7. Henry Flather was baptised on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1763 at St. John's Church, Coley but died aged 3 and was buried on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1766 at St. Matthew's Church.

Henry had an older brother John Flather baptised 4<sup>th</sup> April 1708. He married Grace Greenwood on 13<sup>th</sup> January 1732. They had three children.

1. Mary Flather was baptised on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1736 at Northowram but died of smallpox on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1736.
2. Hannah Flather was baptised on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1737 at Northowram. She married William Brigg on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1762 and died on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1801.
3. Thomas Flather was baptised on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1741 at Northowram.

Henry and Esther Flather's memorial inscription is on a ledger stone under the inscription to a Richard Flather and his wife Elizabeth so they were probably Henry's parents.

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