

**Little Sharp Shooter**  
**Before 6<sup>th</sup> October 1867 - 11<sup>th</sup> January 1869**  
**and family.**



Although the memorial inscription above reads 1868 the fact that Sharp was buried on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1869 clarifies the year if not the date of death. Sharp Shooter was baptised at St Matthew's Church on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1867 but died aged just 1 year and 4 months and was buried with many of his siblings and eventually his mother in plot R67 of St Matthew's churchyard.

Sharp Shooter's name is intriguing but there is a simple explanation. And as so often happens when genealogical digging (pun intended!) in this churchyard a connection has been found to other individuals who have already been researched.

Sharp Shooter was the son of William Shooter and his wife Naomi Shooter nee Sharp – obvious really!! Naomi Sharp was the daughter of Joshua and Martha Sharp who we have met before and therefore the sister of Samuel Sharp, the father of Fanny Sharp the grave digger's wife, and also sister of Andrew Sharp the father of the WW1 soldier, Private Edgar Sharp(e).

This is the Sharp / Shooter family story

many of whom were buried in St. Matthew's churchyard

Naomi Sharp must have been born about 1834 the daughter of "Woolcomber" Joshua Sharp and his second wife Martha Appleyard. Naomi's name gets various spellings in the different censuses! Her half-brother Henry Appleyard died just a couple of weeks after the 1841 census and was buried within the closed churchyard on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1841.

1841 census

Joshua Sharp 35 Wool comber  
 Martha ditto 30  
 Mark ditto 13  
 Sarah ditto 12  
 Naomi ditto 7  
 Susannah ditto 4  
 Edwin ditto 2  
 Henry Appleyard 15  
 Address Birkeby Lane, Bailiffe Bridge

1851 census

Joshua Sharp Head 57 Wool comber  
 Martha ditto Wife 44  
 Nanney ditto Dau 17 Jobber at Mill  
 Lucy ditto Dau 15 Worsted spinner  
 Edwin ditto Son 13 Worsted Spinner  
 Lewis ditto Son 9 Scholar  
 Sam ditto Son 7 Scholar  
 Ann Sharp Dau 6 Scholar  
 Andrew Sharp Son 2  
 Address Bailiffe Bridge

There is a Q1 1856 Halifax birth registration for an Elijah Shooter Sharp. He must be the three-year-old Elijah "son of William and Naomi Shooter", the first name on the memorial inscription above plot R67. He died on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1859 and was buried within the closed churchyard on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1859.

His parents, Naomi Sharp and William Shooter married at Hartshead on 16<sup>th</sup> October 1859. William was the son of another William Shooter and his wife Jane nee Wainwright.

1841 census

William Shooter 40 Woolcomber  
 Jane Shooter 45  
 Jesse Shooter 15  
 Zillah Shooter 12  
 Luke Shooter 10  
 William Shooter 8  
 Hannah Shooter 6  
 Eliza Shooter 4  
 Elijah Shooter 2  
 Address  
 Scothills, Clayton, High Hoyland

1851 census

William Shooter Head 51 Woolcomber  
 Jane Shooter Wife 55  
 Luke Shooter Son 20 Woolcomber  
 William Shooter Son 18 Woolcomber  
 Hannah Shooter Dau 16 Worsted Reeler  
 Eliza Shooter Dau 14 Worsted spinner  
 Elijah Shooter Son 12  
 Worsted spinner/Scholar 1/2 time each  
 Zillah Wainwright  
 Granddau 5 Scholar  
 Address Scothills, West Clayton

“Silk Boiler” William Shooter and his wife Naomi of Clifton baptised a son Jesse Shooter on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1861 at St. Matthew’s Church, Lightcliffe. On census night 1861 2-month-old Jesse Shooter was with his parents 28 year old William Shooter, “Silk Boiler” and 26 year old “Nehemiah” (Naomi), “Silk Weaver” at an address in Bailiffe Bridge. Next door was Naomi’s widower father Joshua Sharp and some of her unmarried siblings. Jesse’s Shooter grandparents, William a 61 year old “Cloger” [sic] and 65 year old Jane along with their 26 year old daughter Hannah, a “Worsted Spinner” resided at Turnpike Hill, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse.

Much would happen in the next decade. “Silk Boiler” William and his wife Naomi Shooter of Lightcliffe baptised three more children at St. Matthew’s Church; Jane on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1862, Sharp on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1867 and Hannah Matilda on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1870. But only Hannah Matilda survived. Eight-year-old Jane died on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1871 and was buried with her brother in plot R67 on 7<sup>th</sup> January 1871. As previously recorded little Sharp Shooter was the first to occupy this plot when he was buried there two years previously. William Shooter also lost his father, William Shooter senior aged 67 who was also buried in the churchyard on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1867 in plot T11. William Shooter senior had been baptised at West Clayton on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1800, the son of yet another William Shooter and his wife Rachel.

1871 census

Willm Shooter Head 39 Silk Boiler  
Nanny ditto Wife 37  
Joseph ditto Son 10 Scholar

[should be Jesse]

Hannah Matilda ditto Dau 1  
Henry Greenwood Lodger 57  
Address Lightcliffe, Hipperholme cum  
Brighthouse

Next door

Jane Shooter Head 75 Widow  
Housekeeper

1871 census

Joshua Sharp Head 82  
Widower Wool comber  
Andrew Sharp Son 21 Coal Miner  
Address Bailiffe Bridge

Eighty-year-old – he age does vary! - Joshua Sharp of Clifton, was buried in an unknown grave in the closed part of the churchyard on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1872. Another grandson, Lewis Shooter, was born in 1875 but no baptism record has been found. Then Lewis’s 81-year-old grandmother, Jane Shooter nee Wainwright, died on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1877 and was buried with her husband in plot T11 on 9<sup>th</sup> February 1877. Her son William passed away aged just 45 on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1878 and was buried with some of his children in plot R67 on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1878. This helps explain the nature of the large Shooter/Sharp household in Bailiffe Bridge on census night 1881.

1881 census

Naomi Shooter Head 45 Widow  
Jesse Shooter Son 20 Dyers Labourer  
Hannah Matilda ditto Dau 11  
Worsted Spinner  
Lewis Shooter Son 6

Andrew Sharp Head 32 Dyer  
Lydia ditto Wife 28  
Herbert Sharp Son 7 Scholar  
Martha ditto Dau 5 ditto  
Susan Sharp Dau 3  
Eliza Sharp Dau 9 months  
Address Bailiffe Bridge all at same  
schedule No 150

Twenty-six-year-old Jesse Shooter married 27-year-old Fanny Hoyle on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1887 at the parish church Halifax. He was a "Dyer" and both gave their residence as Lightcliffe. No father was named for Fanny, but William Shooter Labourer was recorded as Jesse's father. Dyer Jesse Shooter of Lightcliffe and his wife Fanny baptised two children at St. Matthew's Church before the next census, Jane on 29<sup>th</sup> November 1887 and Willie on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1889.

1891 census

Naomi Shooter Head 55 Widow  
 Hannah Shooter Dau 21 Carpet Setter  
 Lewis Shooter Son 16  
                                     Labourer Carpet Works  
 John W Jones Boarder 16  
                                     Tailor's Apprentice  
 Address 1 Turnpike House, Lightcliffe  
 Rd., Hipperholme cum Brighouse

1891 census

Jesse Shooter Head 30 Dyer's Labourer  
 Fanny S ditto Wife 31  
 Jane ditto Dau 3  
 Willie Shooter Son 1  
 Address 2 Turnpike House, Lightcliffe  
 Rd., Hipperholme cum Brighouse  
 the next door to his widowed mother.

Another son Fred Shooter was born at Norwood Green on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1892 but his parents Jesse and Naomi Shooter did not have him baptised until 9<sup>th</sup> October 1892 at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe. This was after they lost two-year-old Willie Shooter on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1892. He was buried in a new Shooter grave plot R68 owned by his father, on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1892. Two daughters Elsie and Annie were born in the Bradford district in 1893 and 1896 respectively.

Although Hannah Matilda Shooter married John Marsden in 1900 and they continued to live with her mother and brother.

1901 census

Naomi Shooter Mother 64 Widow  
 Lewis Shooter Son 26  
                                     Labourer Size Maker  
 John Marsden Son in law 36 Wire drawer  
 Hannah Marsden Dau 31  
                                     Carpet Setter Worsted  
 Address Lower Crow Nest, Lightcliffe

1901 census

Jesse Shooter Head 40 Cotton Dyer  
 Fanny Shooter Wife 41  
 Jane Shooter Dau 13 Worsted Spinner  
 Fred Shooter Son 8  
 Elsie Shooter Dau 7  
 Annie Shooter Dau 5  
 Address 79 Malperton Rd., Bradford

Mother Naomi Shooter would see the births of her grandchildren, Leonard Marsden born on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1901 and Ethel Marsden born on 24 December 1903. In between these events her youngest son Lewis Shooter married Caroline Naylor on 18<sup>th</sup> December 1902 at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe. Caroline was the daughter of "Stone Mason" Joseph Naylor of Bramley Lane.

Then seventy-three-year-old Naomi Shooter nee Sharp passed away on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1908. Hers was the last burial in plot R67, which was then declared full, on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1908.

The Marsdens stayed in Lightcliffe but the Shooter brothers and their families had moved to Bradford by 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1911.

1911 census

Jesse Shooter Head 50  
 Foreman Cotton Dyer  
 Fanny Shooter Wife 51  
 Married 23 years 5 children 4 living  
 Jane Shooter Dau 23  
 Twister in Worsted Mill  
 Fred Shooter Son 18 Apprentice Dyer  
 Elsie Shooter Dau 17 Carpet Sewer  
 Annie Shooter Dau 15  
 Machine Presser at Dyeworks  
 Address 123 Ventnor Terrace, Bradford

1911 census

John Marsden Head 46  
 Thick Wire Drawer  
 Hannah M Marsden Wife 41  
 Married 10 years 2 children still alive  
 Leonard Marsden Son 9 School  
 Ethel Marsden Dau 7 School  
 Address East St., Lightcliffe

1911 census

Lewis Shooter Head 36 Dyers Labourer  
 Caroline Shooter Wife 34  
 Married 9 years no children  
 Address 150 Tennyson Place, Bradford

Naomi's grandson, Fred Shooter, married Edith E Hargreaves in 1913. But when the First World War started Fred joined the King's Own (Royal Lancashire Regiment) on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1914 at Preston. His civilian occupation was "Assistant Dyer" and his home address was 1 Mansley St., Bradford. He became a Corporal (service no 13779) with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. His service included 2 months in France and then 1 year and 7 months in Salonkia. This was where he contracted malaria which along with a "dilated heart" was the reason for his discharge on 4<sup>th</sup> October 1917.

Fred's father Jesse Shooter died on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1920 and was buried back in Lightcliffe in a new plot, S68, on 29<sup>th</sup> March 1920. But when his mother Fanny nee Hoyle died on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1928 she was buried in plot R68 with their young son Willie on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1928.

1939 register

**3 East Street , Brighouse M.B.,** Yorkshire (West Riding), England

John Marsden	12 Apr 1864	Male	Mill Drawer (Retired)	Married
Hannah Marsden	28 Jan 1870	Female	Unpaid D-D	Married
Leonard Marsden	03 Oct 1901	Male	Farm Labourer (Incapac)	Single
Ethel Marsden	24 Dec 1903	Female	Carpet Machinist	Single

**195 Willow Houses, Rochdale Road, Sowerby Bridge U.D.,** Yorkshire (West Riding) England

Lewis Shooter	23 Nov 1874	Male	Dyers Labourer	Married
Caroline Shooter	02 Jul 1889	Female	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married

**124 Otley Road, Aireborough U.D.,** Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Jane Shooter	19 Sep 1887	Female	Fish Friers Assistant Seeking Work	Single
Frank Smith	07 Jan 1878	Male	Fish Fryer Seeking Work	Married

**43 Dorset Street, Bradford C.B.,** Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Fred Shooter	06 Apr 1892	Male	Dyers Labourer	Married
Edith E Shooter	20 Dec 1891	Female	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married
Annie Hartley	15 Jan 1869	Female	Private Means	Widowed

When John Marsden and his wife Hannah Matilda Marsden nee Shooter died they were both buried in St.Matthew's churchyard in plot 1A63.

MARSDEN John of 3 East-street Lightcliffe Brighouse Yorkshire died 18 May 1942 Probate Wakefield 23 June to John William Hardy works insurance clerk. Effects £371 14s 2d.

John William Hardy was the husband of Elsie Shooter; they had married on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1920 in Bradford..

Seventy-eight-year-old John Marsden was buried on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1942. His wife was seventy-nine when she passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> November 1949; she was buried with her husband on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1949. This grave plot has no headstone.

Sixty-four-year-old spinster Jane Shooter became the last occupant of plot R68 when she was buried there on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1952.

SHOOTER Jane of 124 Otley-road Guiseley Aireborough Yorkshire spinster died 10 April 1952 Administration Wakefield 30 April to Annie Burton (wife of Robert Albert Burton) . Effects £472 7s 5d.

Jane's youngest sister Annie Shooter, resident at 105 Heath Terrace, Bradford had married Robert Albert Burton on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1927 in Bradford.

1939 register

**55 Steadman Terrace, Bradford C.B.,** Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Robert A Burton	27 Apr 1886	Male	Motor Driver Heavy Worker	Married
Annie Burton	28 Dec 1895	Female	Burler Mender Manufa	Married

**105 Heath Terrace, Bradford C.B.,** Yorkshire (West Riding), England

John W Hardy	01 Aug 1893	Male	Insurance Clerk Engineer	Married
Elsie Hardy	08 Sep 1893	Female	Carpet Sewer	Married
Leslie Hardy	05 Jul 1923	Male	Seeking Work (Not Previously Employed )	Single

Caroline Shooter of 1 Willow Terrace, Sowerby Bridge died on 27 May 1944 and her husband Lewis Shooter in 1955 in the Dewsbury district.

Ethel Marsden probably died aged 56 in the Claro district sometime in 1959. Leonard Marsden almost certainly died in the Halifax district in 1974 although his given date of birth 23 Oct 1901 does not quite agree with the 1939 register form.

Fred Shooter died in the Bradford district in 1965 and his wife Edith Ellen Shooter - born 20 Dec 1891 - in 1988 also in the Bradford district.

Annie Burton nee Shooter died in Bradford in 1972. Her husband had previously passed away in 1958. John William Hardy died in 1966 and his wife Elsie Hardy nee Shooter in 1977. Their son, Lesley Hardy born 5 July 1923 died in the Bradford district in 2005.

## Private Luke Shooter

**2<sup>nd</sup> August 1830 - 21<sup>st</sup> December 1890**

There is one more Shooter grave in St. Matthew's churchyard, plot I48 occupied by Luke Shooter and his second wife Margaret Shooter nee Hoyle. Luke was another son of William Shooter senior and his wife Jane nee Wainwright. He appears in the 1841 and 1851 censuses above and then again in 1871 when he and his wife, Ann, were living in Bailiffe Bridge. But his occupation in 1871 of "Pensioner" is probably the clue to where he was in 1861.

There is a British Army, Worldwide Index 1861 transcription.

First name	Luke
Last name	Shooter
Service number	974
Rank	Private
Unit or Regiment	101st Foot (Royal Bengal Fusiliers)
Regiment stationed at	Mooltan (Multan E.I.) (1862)
Year	1861
National Archives reference	WO12 / 9881
Category	Military, armed forces & conflict

and then there is a British Army Service record headed "101<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot" and dated 1869 for a Luke Shooter of Halifax. It looks, therefore, as if this member of the Shooter family saw military service in India. Luke Shooter married Ann Kay in 1869 but she died in 1873 and was buried at St. Martin's, Brighouse. Forty four year old widower Luke Shooter then married 45 year old spinster Margaret Hoyle on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1875 at St. Peter's Church, Birstall. Although they were both resident at the time in Cleckheaton Margaret was originally from Bailiffe Bridge. Her parents Joseph and Sarah Hoyle had had her baptised at St. Matthew's Church on 12<sup>th</sup> April 1829.

The Will of Luke Shooter late of Common Side Scholes Cleckheaton in the Parish of Birstal in the County of York Labourer who died 21 December 1890 at Common Side was proved at Wakefield by Joseph Seed of Hartshead Moor Cleckheaton Card Maker's Manager one of the Executors. Personal Estate £55 7s 7d.

SHOOTER Margaret of 28 Dean-street West Vale Halifax widow died 27<sup>th</sup> March 1907 Probate Wakefield 29 April to Edward Brook cotton-carder.  
Effects £138 7s 6d

Sixty-year-old Luke Shooter was buried on 24<sup>th</sup> December 1890 and his seventy-seven-year-old wife on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1907 when the grave, I48, was declared full.

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