

1. The family of George Watkinson (GW3) and his wife Alice Mary nee Cockroft of Woodfield and The Grange, Lightcliffe

After eighty-eight-year-old George Watkinson (GW2) died on 29th May 1903 his eldest son, George Watkinson (GW3) inherited Woodfield but he passed away just two years later.

Watkinson George of the "Grange" Lightcliffe Halifax died 30 August 1905
Probate London 6 October to the reverend George Watkinson clerk and Samuel
Lord Watkinson gentleman Effects £453 537 19s Resworn £453 960 14s 6d

And from the National Archives an Irish probate record.

Watkinson [53] George late of The Grange Lightcliffe near Halifax County York
Died 30 August 1905 Probate granted at London the 6 October 1905 to The
Reverend George Watkinson Clerk and Samuel Lord Watkinson.
Resealed at Dublin Effects in Ireland £300

He was buried with his wife at St Nicholas's Church, Newchurch, Rossendale.

Many of the baptisms, marriages and funerals of the extended Watkinson family were conducted by Rev George Watkinson (GW4) at Coley, Lightcliffe and Northowram churches and sometimes at Illingworth. But obviously not his own marriage!

- (a) **George Watkinson (GW4)** born 8th July 1872, married Lucy Walsh on 8th July 1902 at St Peter's Harrogate. Before 2nd April 1911 they had four children who were baptised by their father. Their son, obviously another George Watkinson (GW5), (17th March 1904 – 31st October 1972) was baptised on 27th April 1904 at St. John's Coley where his father was the curate. But then the Rev George Watkinson became the vicar of St. Matthew's Northowram although he and his family continued to reside at Woodfield, Hipperholme. Three daughters Phyllis Mary (11th February 1906 – 25 March 1999), Lucy Margaret (4th December 1907 - 29th March 1994) and Elizabeth Angela (27th December 1909 – 12th December 1985) were baptised at their father's church in Northowram in 1906, on 14th January 1908 and 2nd February 1910 respectively.

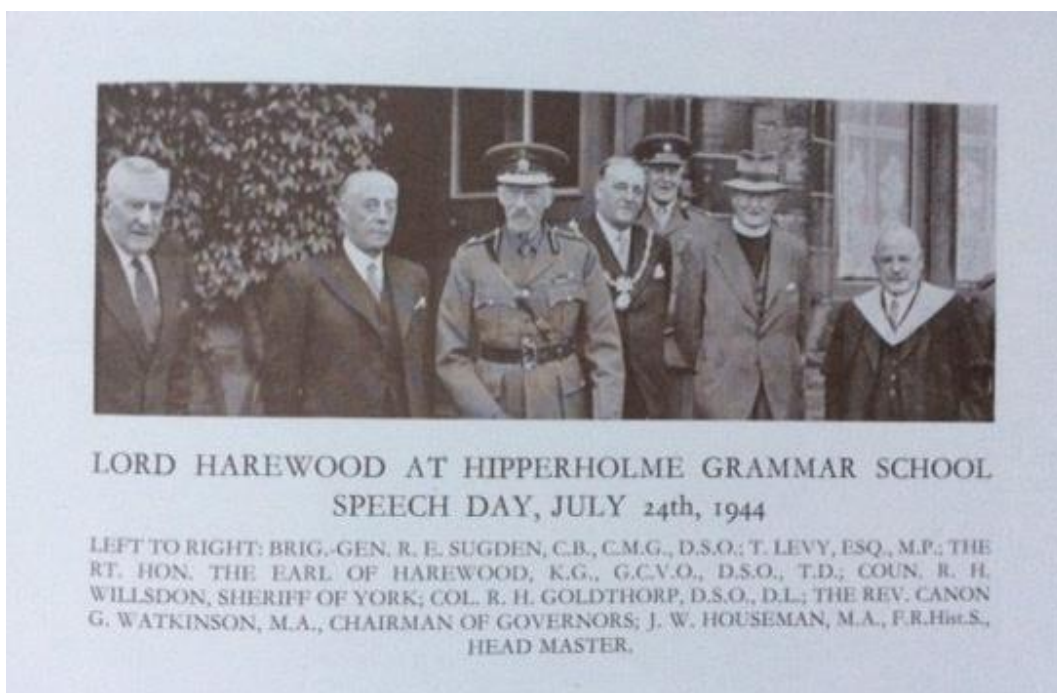
1911 census

George Watkinson	Head	38	Clergyman	Established Church
Lucy Watkinson	Wife	33		
George Watkinson	Son	7		
Phyllis Mary Watkinson	Dau	5		
Lucy Margaret Watkinson	Dau	3		
Elizabeth Angela Watkinson	Dau	1		
And 7 servants				
Address Woodfield, Hipperholme				

The 1913 arrival of Violet Stephanie Constance Watkinson (8th September 1913 – 25th March 2006) completed this Watkinson family.

For the 1939 register George and Lucy Watkinson are listed at Hargreaves Head, Shelf, with their daughter Lucy Margaret Clark and family. Daughter Lucy was married to Dr Thomas Lindsay Clark.

George Watkinson (GW4) was an honorary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral and as he remained living in Lightcliffe he was involved in the local community. On the death of his father he inherited Woodfield House where he set up a Sunday School in its grounds. He was a governor of Hipperholme Grammar School – pictured below second from the right - and a founder member of Lightcliffe Lodge of Freemasons.



WATKINSON Lucy of Woodfield Hipperholme Halifax (wife of the reverend Canon George Watkinson) died 19 January 1945 Probate Wakefield 22 March to the said the reverend Canon George Watkinson clerk Lucy Margaret Clark (wife of Thomas Lindsey Clark) and Elizabeth Angela Summers (wife of Gerald Frank Summers) Effects £4804 14s 10d

WATKINSON the reverend canon George of Woodfield Hipperholme Yorkshire honorary canon of Wakefield Cathedral died 23 April 1961 Probate Wakefield 24 October to George Watkinson retired farmer Eric Lambton Fothergill medical practitioner and Denis William Standeven director of a limited company. Effects £191 794 19s 10d

- (b) **Samuel Lord Watkinson** (27th January 1874 - 31st March 1915) was married by his brother in St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe to Annie Charteris on 22nd July 1909. Their family story is told elsewhere.

See the write ups about **The Charteris family** and **Samuel Lord Watkinson**.

- (c) **Ethel Mary Watkinson's** marriage on 29th October 1908 was also conducted by her brother Rev. George Watkinson (GW4) at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe. The Lightcliffe vicar, Rev. Richard Piers Whittington, could not have conducted the service as he was the bridegroom!

1908. Marriage solemnized at *St. Matthew's Church* in the *Parish* of *Lightcliffe* in the County of *York*.

When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
October. 29 th 1908.	<i>Richard Piers Whittington</i> <i>Ethel Mary Watkinson</i>	<i>39</i> <i>33</i>	<i>Bachelor</i> <i>Spinster</i>	<i>Clerk in Holy Orders</i>	<i>The Vicarage Lightcliffe</i> <i>The Grange Lightcliffe</i>	<i>Richard Thomas Whittington (deceased)</i> <i>George Watkinson (deceased)</i>	<i>Clerk in Holy Orders</i> <i>Woolstapler</i>

solemnized in the *Parish Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Established Church* after the manner by me.

Marriage solemnized by us, *Richard Piers Whittington* in the Presence of us, *Samuel Lord Watkinson* *George Watkinson* *Julia Margaret Whittington* *Emma Watkinson*

Richard P. Whittington 1907

From the board in St. Matthew's (new) Church Lightcliffe and then an explanation of the living

The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £290, including 16 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Vicar of Halifax, and held since 1907 by the Rev. Richard Piers Whittington, M.A. of Keble College, Oxford.

England, Oxford Men and Their Colleges, 1880-1892

Oxford Men and Their Colleges, 1880-1892, 2 Volumes

Whittington, Richard Piers, born at Thornhill Lees, Yorks, July, 1869; is. Richard Thomas, cler. **KEBLE**, matric. 13 Oct., 88, aged 19 (from Winchester), B.A. 92; **HONOURS**:—3 classical mods. 90, 3 history 92.

1911 census

Richard Piers Whittington Head 41 Clergyman
 Ethel Mary Whittington Wife 35
 2 servants
 Address **The Vicarage, Lightcliffe**

A new vicar took over at Lightcliffe in 1911 when Rev. Whittington became Vicar of Brighouse (1911 – 1916) and then Vicar of Penistone. In 1939 he and Ethel resided at The Vicarage in Osgoldcross, Wakefield. They do not appear to have had any children.

Along with his brother in law Rev. Richard Piers Whittington conducted a number of the extended Watkinson family's church services.

WHITTINGTON the reverend canon Richard Piers of 1 Hillside, Charmouth, Bridport Dorsetshire clerk died 14 January 1948 Probate Wakefield 12 May to Ethel Mary Whittington widow and Julia Winifred Whittington spinster. Effects £9605 14s 4d

WHITTINGTON Ethel Mary of 1 Hillside Charmouth Bridport Dorsetshire widow died 3 February 1953 Probate Wakefield 30 April to George Allen Coutts architect Margaret Mary Coutts and Julia Winifred Whittington spinsters Effects £30237 9s 4d.

- (d) Another sister **Alice Helena Watkinson** was married by her brother Rev. George Watkinson (GW4) to James Allan Coutts on 1st September 1908 again at Lightcliffe. He was a doctor, the son of another James Allan Coutts, also a doctor. Their eldest son, George Allan Coutts, was born on 8th July 1909 in the Haslingden district of Lancashire but he was baptised by his uncle George (GW4) at St. John's, Coley on 21st September 1909. A daughter Margaret Mary Coutts was born 2nd August 1910 in Lancashire.

1911 census

Alice Helena Coutts	Head	34
George Allan Coutts	Son	1
Margaret Mary Coutts	Dau	8/12
2 servants		
Address 65 Hopton St., Southport, LAN		

Alice's husband was resident elsewhere perhaps at his surgery.

1911 census

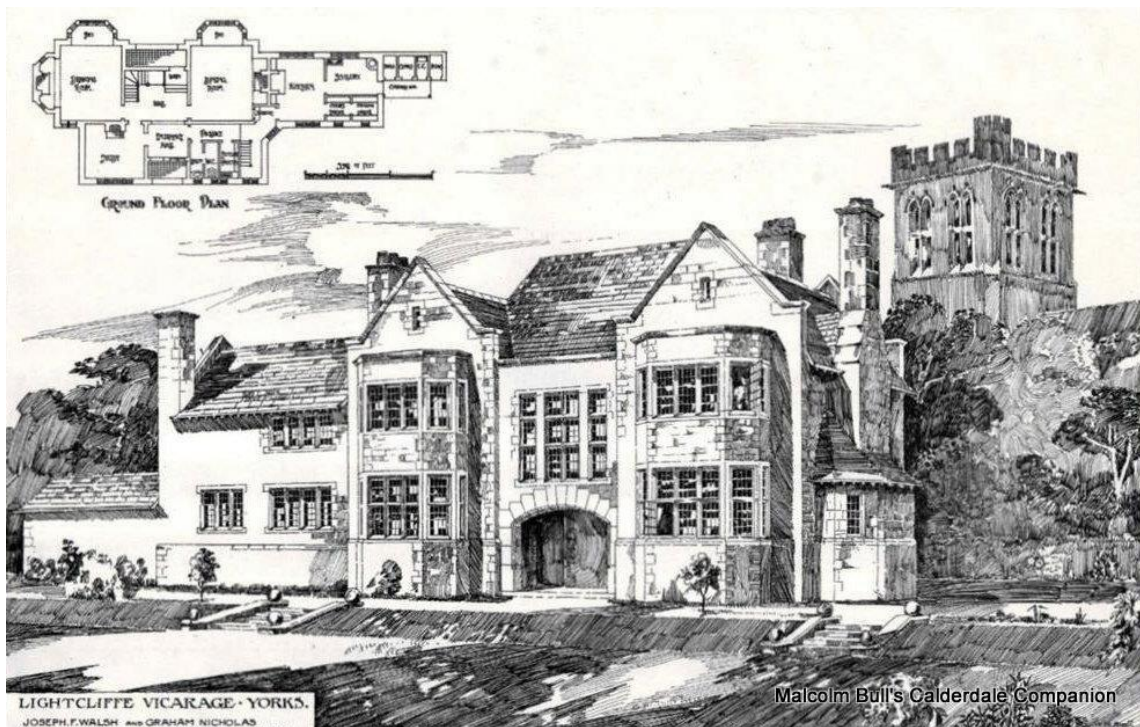
James Allan Coutts	Head	40
Physician & Surgeon		
Theodor Constantine Somerville	Partner	32
Physician & Surgeon		
2 servants		
Address		
Baltic House, Waterfoot, Rawenstall, LAN		

Another son Robert Piers Coutts was born on 29th December 1916 in Lancashire.

COUTTS James Allan of 21 Cambridge-road Southport Lancashire died 16 October 1936 Probate Liverpool 26 November to Alice Helena Coutts widow. Effects £13 708 17s 11d Resworn £13 528 5s 8d.

By the time the 1939 register was taken widow Alice Helena Coutts, with her daughter and youngest son, were resident at 9 Park Edge, Harrogate. Her eldest son has not been found at this time, but he does appear to have also moved to Yorkshire probably to Halifax. George Allan Coutts was a partner in the firm of architects Walsh, Wilkinson & Coutts. This firm designed, amongst other buildings and before George Coutts time, the Vicarage for St. Matthew's Church at Lightcliffe in 1898. They also designed the Watkinson Almshouses at Lightcliffe built in 1926, when George Coutts might have been involved, with money left by his great aunt Emma Watkinson daughter of George (GW2). See later notes about **Emma Watkinson of Longlands**

The architect's drawing of Lightcliffe Vicarage from *The Building News* [18th July 1901] via Malcolm Bull's Calderdale Companion has the name Joseph F(rederick) Walsh on it.



COUTTS George Allan of Flat 1 Savile Lea Savile Road Halifax died 27 March 1967 at The General Hospital Halifax Probate to Rosemary Salmon Coutts widow and Robert Piers Coutts schoolmaster. £16 421

COUTTS Alice Helena of Birch Trees Angley Rd Cranbrook Kent died 5 November 1969 Probate Leeds 19 February [1970] £32 217

COUITS Margaret Mary of Hillside Residential Hotel Cranbrook Hawkhurst Kent died 5 May 1973 Probate Brighton 18 October £37 862

Margaret Mary Coutts was buried at All Saints Church, Staplehurst, Maidstone, Kent. Her younger brother, Robert Piers Coutts, who appears to have been a 2nd Lieutenant in the West Yorkshire Regiment in WW2 died on 4th October 2010 with probate granted at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on 10th January 2011.

The Lady Chapel. St Matthew's (new) Church, Lightcliffe

From the St. Matthew's Church Centenary booklet.

Lady Chapel: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of
George Watkinson and Samuel Lord Watkinson
both of whom held office as churchwarden. This
Lay Chapel has been given by GW FMW & AHC
Feast of St. Matthew 1925

The donors would appear to be the remaining family of George Watkinson (GW3) the Younger and his son Samuel Lord Watkinson ie eldest son & brother Canon George Watkinson (GW4) and daughters, the married sisters Ethel Mary Whittington (if the FMW should really be EMW) and Alice Helena Coutts (AHC)

Now read about the other Watkinson families: -

John Watkinson Colliery Owner,

Samuel Watkinson of Shelf Hall,

Emma Watkinson of Longlands

and

Fanny Watkinson and the Stone Trough Brewery

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