

## William Robinson

(before 27<sup>th</sup> December 1795 – 25<sup>th</sup> September 1844)

William Robinson was the fifth of the six sons of John and Hannah Robinson. [Remember the fourth son, another John, is thought to have died in infancy]. On 27<sup>th</sup> December 1795 William was baptised, as all his brothers were, at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe. He married Hannah Woodhead on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1820 at St. John's Church, Halifax with his brothers, George and Charles, witnessing the event. As an 'Ironmonger' of Halifax was he involved with his father and some brothers in the family card making business, John Robinson & Sons? Perhaps not. Did he have any further connections with Lightcliffe? Yes, read on.

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1813-1935 for Hannah Woodhead  
Halifax, St. John the Baptist > 1820

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*William Robinson* of *Halifax*, of *this* Parish  
*Ironmonger a Bachelor*  
and *Hannah Woodhead* of *Brighouse* of *this* Parish  
*Spinster*  
were married in this *Church* by *Licence* with Consent of  
this *teenth* Day of  
*August* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and *twenty*  
By me *James Knight Curate*  
This Marriage was solemnized between us { *William Robinson*  
*Hannah Woodhead*  
In the Presence of { *Geo Robinson*  
*Charles Robinson*

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Again if we turn to the *History, Directory & Gazetteer of Yorkshire, Vol. I: West Riding, 1822* we find that William Robinson was an Ironmonger in New Market Street, Halifax which just happened to be where his older brother Dan had his chemist and druggist business. Coincidence? Again, perhaps not.

*Ironmongers.*  
Adam William, Hall end  
Asfieri Paul, Union street  
Barrowclough Joseph, (lock and key  
manufacturer) Swine market  
Cros ley David, Crown street  
Fourness Samuel, Crown street  
Perkinton Thomas, 22, Crown street  
Ramsden James, Cow market  
Robinson William, New market street  
Wainhouse Robert, Northgate

Ironmonger William Robinson and his wife Hannah lived in Brighouse, where she was from, when they baptised their first two children at St. Matthew's Church: Eliza Sarah on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1823 and Henry on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1825. But then there must have been a move back to Hipperholme before son Edward was baptised, again at Lightcliffe, on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1827. The baptism of their youngest daughter, Hannah, who was born on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1830 took place at St. Peter's Church, Leeds on 19<sup>th</sup> January 1831. This baptism record indicates that there was another relocation to Waterloo street, Leeds. Subsequent Leeds marriages of two of the Robinson children in 1847 and 1853 give their abode as Mill Hill and their father as William Robinson, an Ironmonger. When son Henry married in 1847, he was a "Butcher". These facts back up the theory that the household listed below for the 1841 census was probably the correct family. But why was William recorded as a Porter?

1841 census

William Robinson	40 Porter
Hannah Robinson	40
Henry Robinson	15 Butcher's App
Hannah Robinson	10

Address **Leeds**

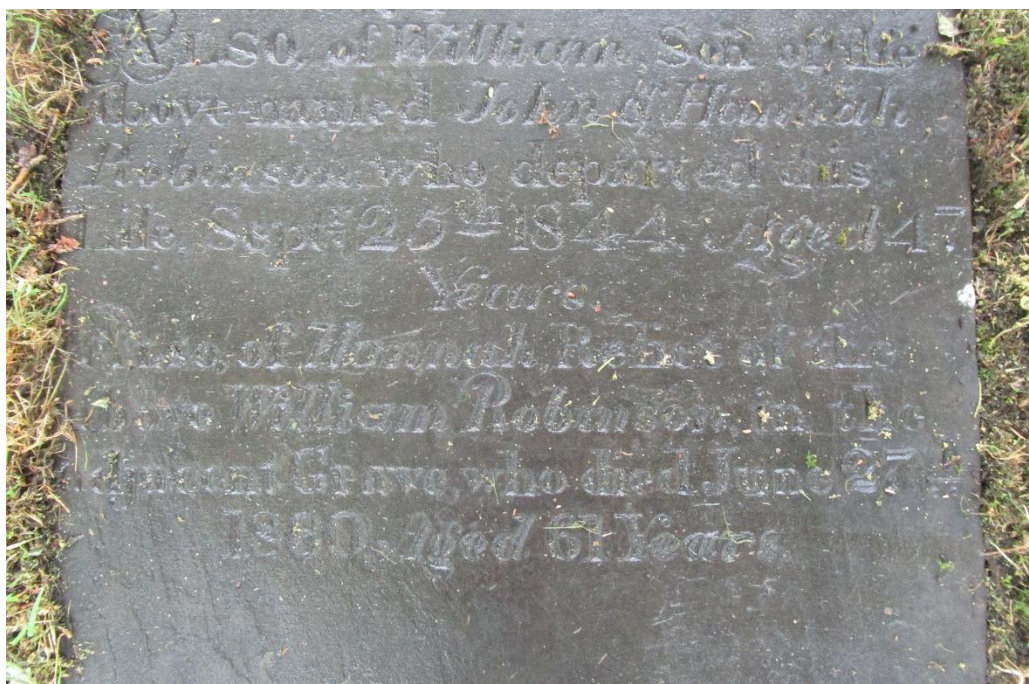
What is certain was that when he died on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1844, he was brought back from Leeds to Lightcliffe to be buried with his parents John and Hannah Robinson in plot Z\*3 on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1844 when the Rev. Wm Gurney officiated. This left his widow and daughter, both Hannahs, together in Leeds at the time of the 1851 census.

1851 census

Hannah Robinson	51 Dress maker
Hannah Robinson	20 Dress maker

Address **26 Rider St., Leeds**

When sixty-one-year-old Hannah died on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1860 she too was brought from Kirkstall to Lightcliffe for burial on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1860, again the Rev Gurney officiated.



IN MEMORY OF HANNAH  
WIFE OF JOHN ROBINSON OF SOUTHEDGE HOUSE  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 1833  
AGED 72 YEARS.

ALSO OF THE ABOVE JOHN ROBINSON  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THE THIRD DAY OF APRIL 1836  
AGED 74 YEARS

ALSO OF WILLIAM SON OF THE ABOVE  
NAMED JOHN & HANNAH ROBINSON  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 1844  
AGED 47 YEARS

ALSO OF HANNAH RELICT OF THE ABOVE  
WILLIAM ROBINSON IN THE ADJACENT GRAVE  
WHO DIED JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> 1860  
AGED 61 YEARS.

The memorial inscription states that Hannah was buried in an adjacent grave, but the burial records give, perhaps mistakenly, plot Z\*3.

Again, we will leave William and Hannah's Robinson children as they do not appear to have had any further connections with Lightcliffe.

If you missed the previous write ups about this family Robinson read

**John Robinson and Sons**

**Thomas Robinson Card Marker, Currier and Wire Drawer**

**George Robinson of Lower Brear on the Shibden Hall estate**

**Dan Robinson Chemist and Druggist**

and then to complete this Robinson story read

**Charles Robinson Surgeon**

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