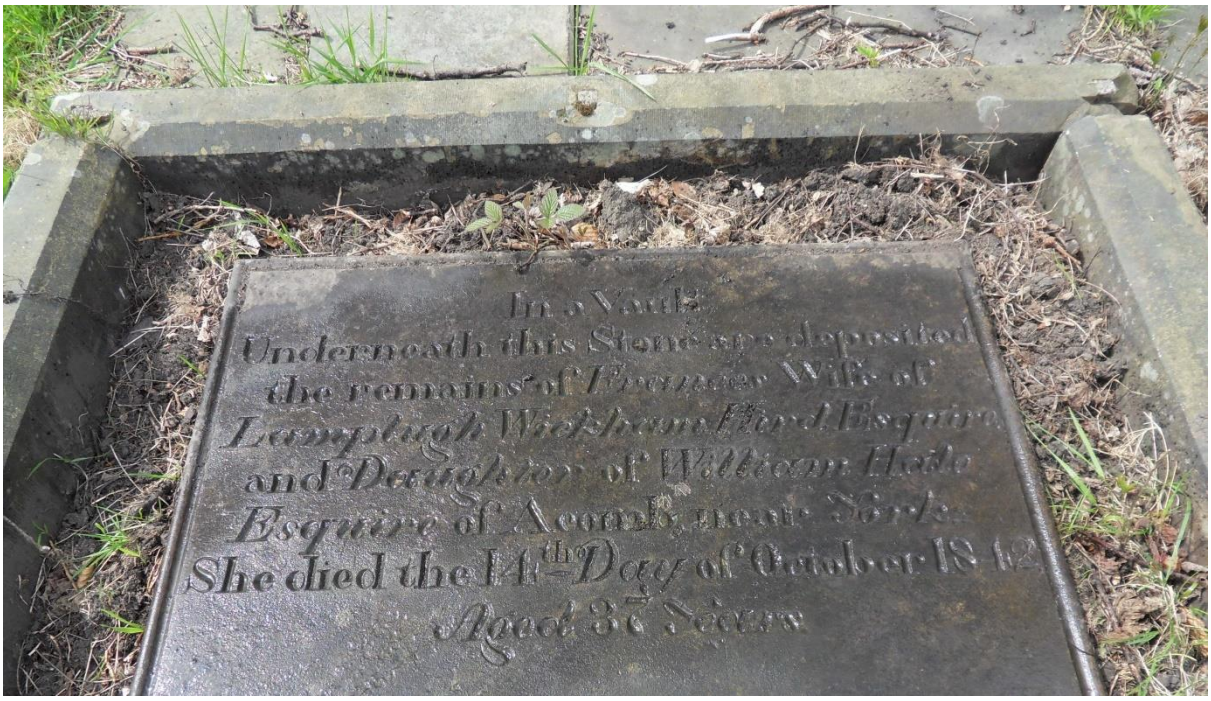
Frances Hird née Hale

(10th March 1805 – 14th October 1842)

This ledger stone below is over plot V*6 in the closed section of the churchyard. Originally there were iron railings around it, you can just see where they were. Unusually the memorial inscription refers to a vault and gives the names of the deceased lady's husband and father.



In a Vault

Underneath this Stone are deposited

the remains of Frances Wife of

Lamplugh Wickham Hird Esquire

and Daughter of William Hale

Esquire of Acomb near York

She died the 14th Day of October 1842

Aged 37 Years

What follows is the lady's story.

As the memorial inscription states Frances Hird was the daughter of William Hale of Acomb York. Father William Hale, the son of 'John Hale, Colonel' of Guisborough in the North Riding of Yorkshire was baptised at Guisborough on 12th August 1771.

Grandfather General John Hale (1728 – 1806)

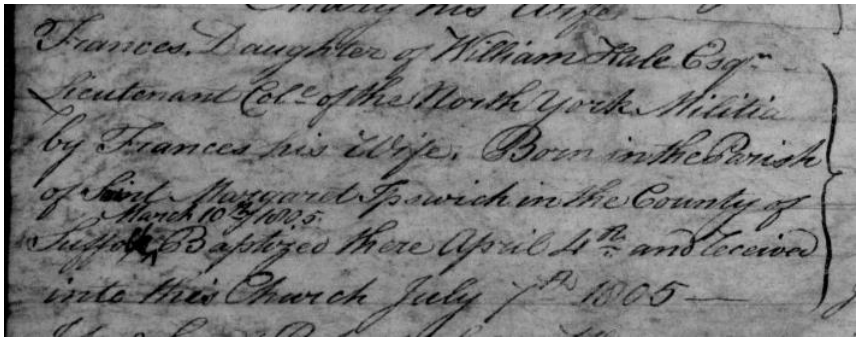
As a young officer William Hale's father John Hale took part in suppressing the 1745 rebellion and served as a commander of the 47th Foot under General James Wolfe. He married Mary Chaloner on 11th June 1763, and they went on to have twenty-one children. The two portraits of the couple (pictured below) were painted by Sir Joshua Reynolds and now hang in Harewood House almost certainly because Anne Chaloner, Mary's sister, married Edward Lascelles, 1st Earl of Harewood.

Mary was painted as Euphrosyne, one of the three Graces.

John Hale would rise through the ranks eventually becoming a general.

Father William Hale (1771 – 1856)

William Hale married Frances Webster on 18th November 1803 in the Stockton on Tees parish. He was another military man as was recorded on the parish record below in the Guisborough parish records for his daughter, Frances.



Frances, Daughter of William Hale Esqre
Lieutenant Colo of the North York(s) Militia
By Frances his Wife, Born in the Parish
Of Saint Margaret Ipswich in the County of
Suffolk ^ Born 10th March 1805
Baptised there April 4th and received
into this Church July 7th 1805

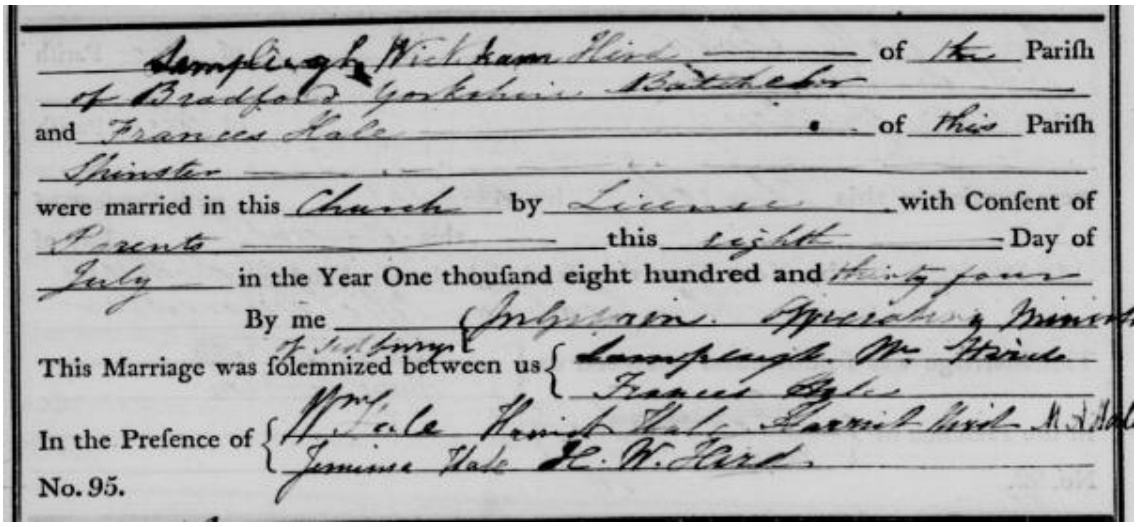
There is a 4th April 1805 baptism record for a Frances Hale daughter of William Hale and his wife Frances née Webster at St. Margaret's Church, Ipswich. Clearly with an army officer father, the family moved around the country. The baptism records for other Hale children show that some were born in Richmond, North Riding of Yorkshire and then from 1814 in Acomb, York.

It was from Acomb that Frances Hale married Lamplugh Wickham Hird, an event anticipated in a letter dated 1st July 1834 from William Priestley of New House, Lightcliffe to the husband of his cousin Elizabeth Sutherland née Walker, namely George Mackay Sutherland. These William Priestley letters which are held by the West Yorkshire Archive Service have only just been transcribed by Caroline Maillare, Martin Walker and Deb Woolson.

"Dear Sir,

My Aunt has just informed me that, it appears from a letter received from Elizabeth, you had it in contemplation to visit Yorkshire this summer, but that Ann Walker's absence on the Continent prevents you from putting your plans into execution; – my object in writing to you is to say that, we shall be particularly glad to receive you here, and, to afford to you every accommodation in our power for as long a period as may be convenient and agreeable to yourself; –indeed, on Ann's return, we are at a loss to divine where she intends to take up her abode, as there is a rumour afloat that, Lidget either is, or, is about to be let to Mr Lamplugh Hird, who is on the eve of marriage to a Miss Hale of Acomb near York:"

The marriage between Lamplugh Wickham Hird and Frances Hale did take place on 8th July 1834 at Acomb as recorded in this parish record.



Lamplugh Wickham Hird of the Parish of Bradford Yorkshire Bachelor
and Frances Hale of this Parish Spinster
were married in this Church by Licence with Consent of Parents this eight Day of July in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty four
By me [illegible]
This Marriage was solemnized between us { Lamplugh Wm Hird / Frances Hale
In the Presence of { Wm Hale Harriet Hale Harriet Hird / Jemima Hale E. W. Hird
No. 95.

The Bradford Observer for 19th July 1834 carried the marriage announcement which also appeared in a number of other local and national newspapers.

MARRIAGES.

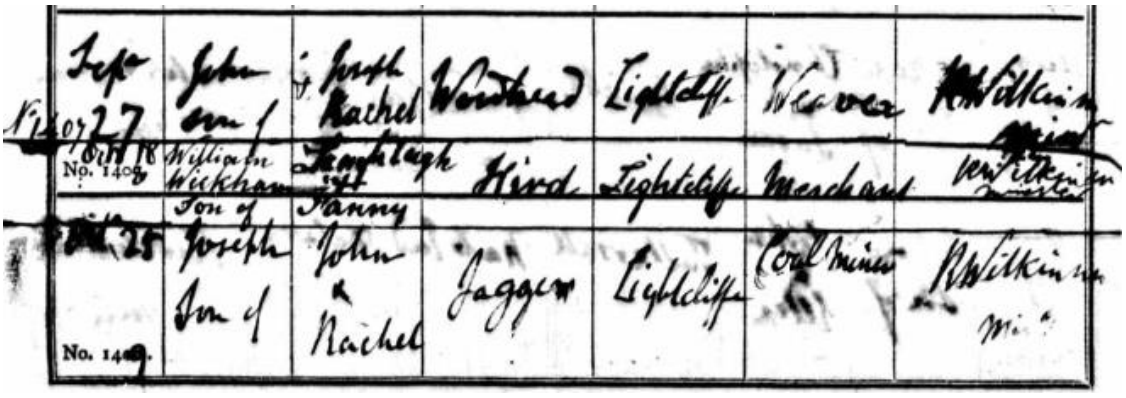
On Tuesday, at Acomb, by the Rev. John Gilpin, B.D. Lamplugh Wickham, second son of the Rev. Lamplugh Hird, A.M. of Low Moor, near this town, prebendary of York, and vicar of Paull, to Fanny, second daughter of William Hale, Esq. of Acomb.

The young couple, perhaps after a honeymoon somewhere, then moved into Lidgate House, Lightcliffe. This Crow Nest estate house had previously been the residence of Ann Walker before she moved to Shibden Hall to live with Anne Lister.

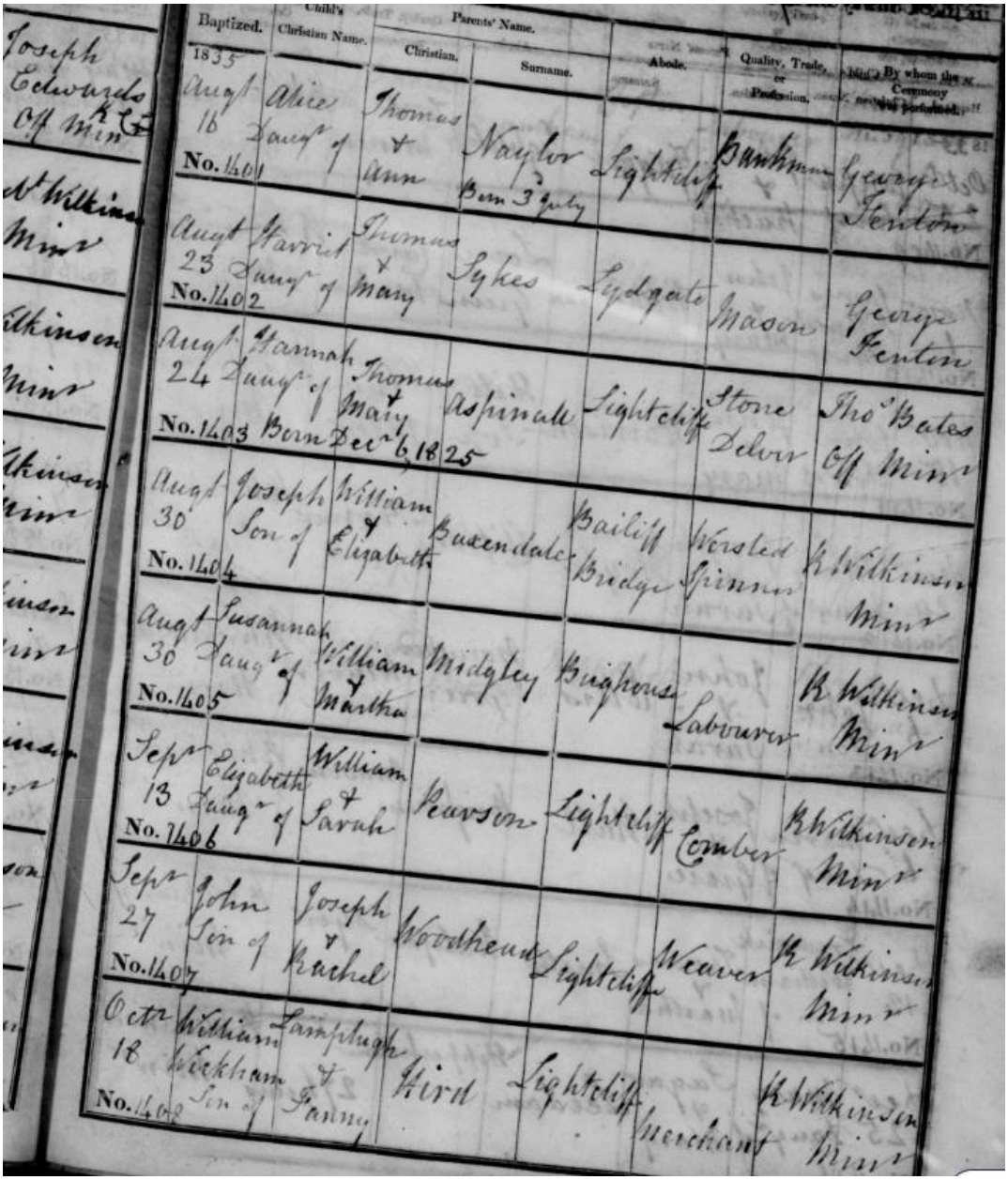
Anne Lister made this diary entry

> *Saturday 6 September 1834*
> *F58° at 8 40 am and haze and small rain - breakfast at 10 – had Washington with our rent accounts I received £190 in bills + 37 sovereigns + 1/4 leaving £50 in his hands, clear of all the payments – dawdling over 1 thing or other – wrote out journal of 27 th and 28 th ultimo - Mr Hird Lampleugh* [sic] *came at 1 ¾ and took Lidgate and all the land and the house furnished for 10 years at £100 per annum, the 1st ½ year's rent to be allowed for improvements – he staid about ½ hour and behaved handsomely.*

Lamplugh and Fanny's son William Wickham Hird was born at Lidgate and then baptised at St. Matthew's old church on 18th October 1835 as this rather messy parish record shows.



It looks as if the ageing Rev Robert Wilkinson – father of Ann Walker's friend Lydia Fenton née Wilkinson – initially missed entering this baptism in the Lightcliffe parish records and then had to squeeze it in and renumber! But the little boy's baptism was recorded more clearly on the transcribed Halifax records for Lightcliffe at the bottom of the page.



Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Name. Christian.	Parents' Name. Surname.	Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
1835						
Augt 16	Alice Daugr of	Thomas & Ann	Naylor	Lightcliffe	Bankman	George Fenton
No. 1401			Born 3 July			
Augt 23	Harriet Daugr of	Thomas & Mary	Sykes	Lydgate	Mason	George Fenton
No. 1402						
Augt 24	Hannah Daugr of	Thomas & Mary	Aspinall	Lightcliffe	Stone Delver	Tho Bates Off Minr
No. 1403	Born Dec 6, 1825					
Augt 30	Joseph Son of	William & Elizabeth	Busendale	Bailiff Bridge	Worsted Spinner	R Wilkinson Minr
No. 1404						
Augt 30	Susannah Daugr of	William & Martha	Midgley	Brighouse	Labourer	R Wilkinson Minr
No. 1405						
Sepr 13	Elizabeth Daugr of	William & Sarah	Pearson	Lightcliffe	Comber	R Wilkinson Minr
No. 1406						
Sepr 27	John Son of	Joseph & Rachel	Woodhead	Lightcliffe	Weaver	R Wilkinson Minr
No. 1407						
Octr 18	William Wickham Son of	Lamplugh & Fanny	Hird	Lightcliffe	Merchant	R Wilkinson Minr
No. 1408						

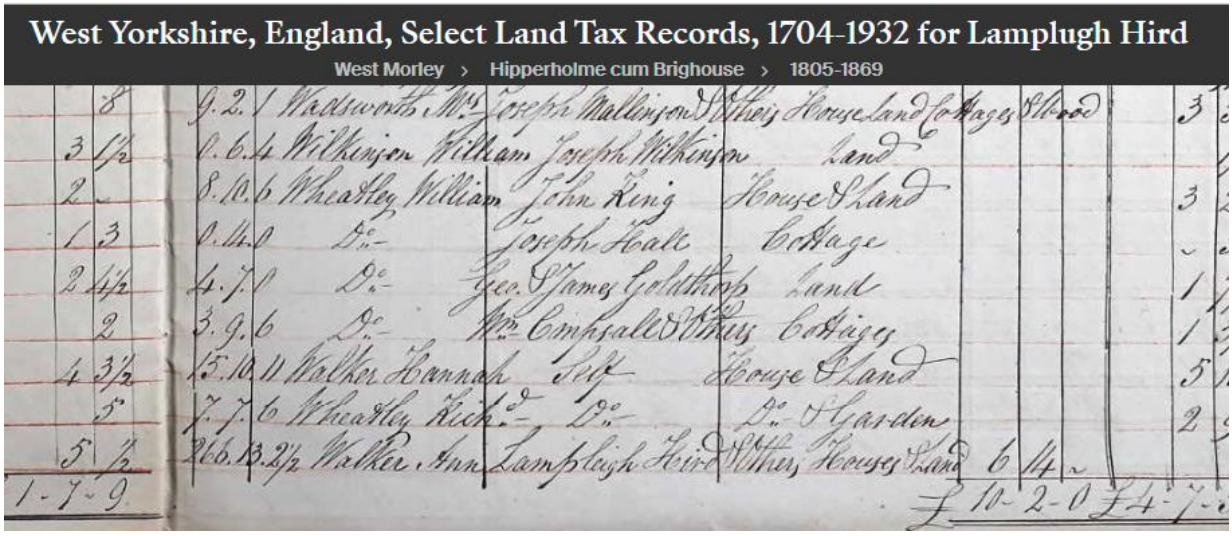
Notice - at the top of the page - Rev George Fenton, Lydia's husband, officiating at some Lightcliffe baptisms. He took some Lightcliffe services in St. Matthew's old church for his father-in-law as noted in Anne Lister's diaries.

Sunday August 23rd 1835 - Mr George Fenton did all the duty, preached 23 minutes tolerably, but unfortunate as to subject …..

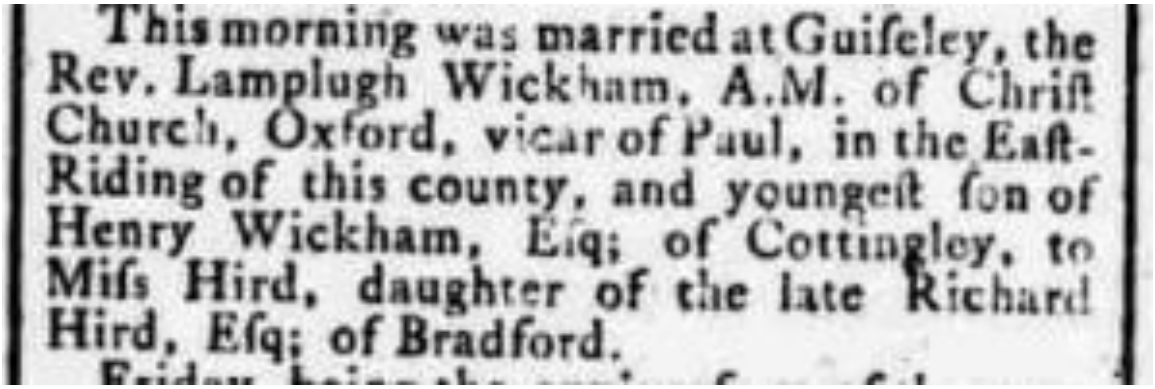
Sunday February 17th 1836 – Mr Fenton did all the duty – preached 22 minutes.

Perhaps Mr and Mrs Lamplugh Wickham Hird of Lidgate House also attended some of these services.

Lamplugh Hird's name appears on the 1835 records below as the occupier of 'House(s) & Land' whose proprietor was Ann Walker. But who was Lamplugh Wickham Hird?

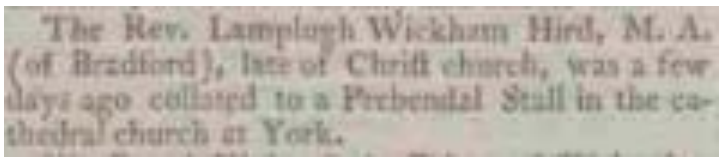


His paternal grandparents were Henry Wickham and Elizabeth Lamplugh who were married in Bingley on 16th February 1761. His father, their second son, was named Lamplugh Wickham for obvious reason. On 2nd February 1795 the, by then, Reverend Lamplugh Wickham married Sarah Elizabeth Hird as this announcement in the *Leeds Intelligencer* on 2nd February 1795 explains.

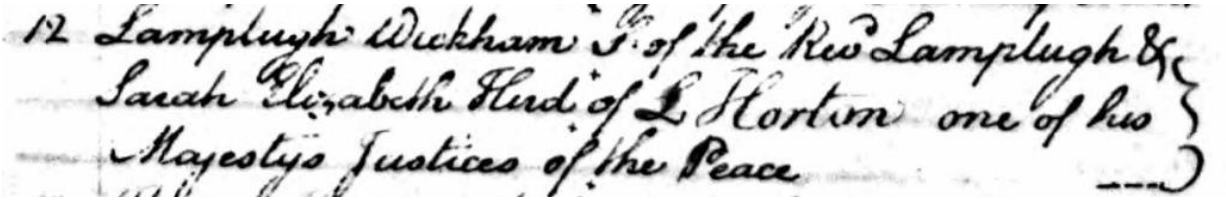

This morning was married at Guiſeley, the Rev. Lamplugh Wickham, A.M. of Chriſt Church, Oxford, vicar of Paul, in the Eaſt-Riding of this county, and youngeſt ſon of Henry Wickham, Eſq; of Cottingley, to Miſs Hird, daughter of the late Richard Hird, Eſq; of Bradford.

The late Richard Hird (1746 – 1794) died a very wealthy man after becoming one of the original partners in the Low Moor Ironworks, South Bradford. His heir was his eldest daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Hird. The terms of her father's will stipulated that if she married, her husband was to take the surname Hird which Lamplugh Wickham did on his wedding day becoming Lamplugh Hird.

Although this newspaper announcement from the *Stamford Mercury* 4th June 1802 uses both surnames.

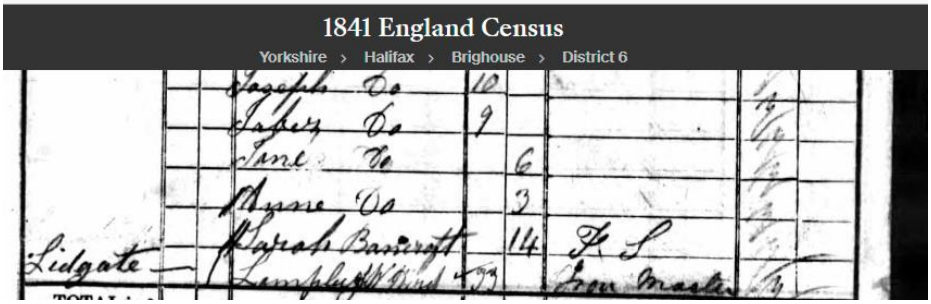

The Rev. Lamplugh Wickham Hird, M.A. (of Bradford), late of Chriſt church, was a few days ago collated to a Prebendal Stall in the cathedral church at York.

The Hirds had two sons, Henry and Lamplugh, and a number of daughters all of whom were given the surname Hird. Their youngest son's baptism was recorded on 12th July 1807 at St. Peter's Church, Bradford. He was given the middle name Wickham as had his older brother Henry.

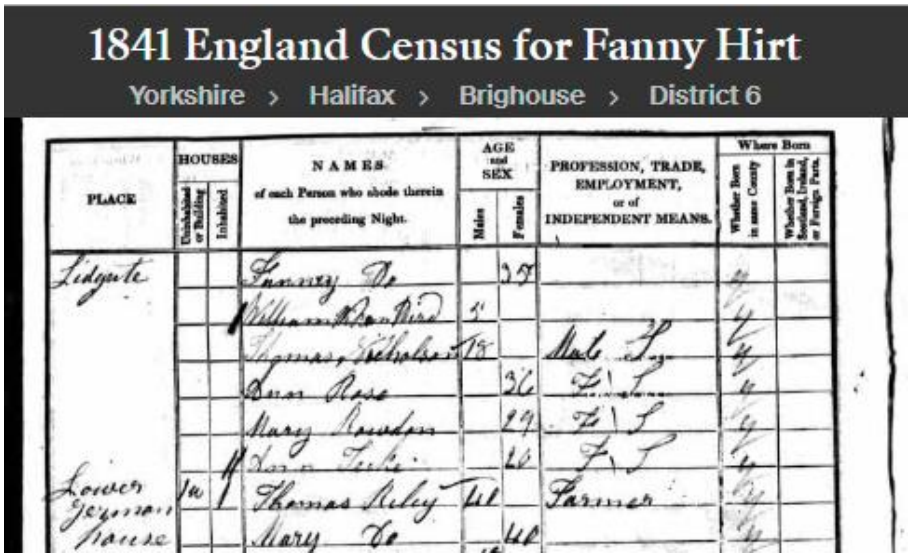

12 Lamplugh Wickham S. of the Rev Lamplugh &
Sarah Elizabeth Hird of Horton one of his
Majesty's Justices of the Peace

Sarah Elizabeth Hird died in 1812 and then a year later widower Rev. Lamplugh Hird married Hannah Frances Lascelles in Thirsk on 13th July 1813. Eldest son Henry Wickham Hird married Mary Benyor on 21st January 1836 at St.John's Church, Roundhay, Leeds.

On 6th June 1841 'Iron Master' Lamplugh W Hird was still at Lidgate (bottom of the sheet)

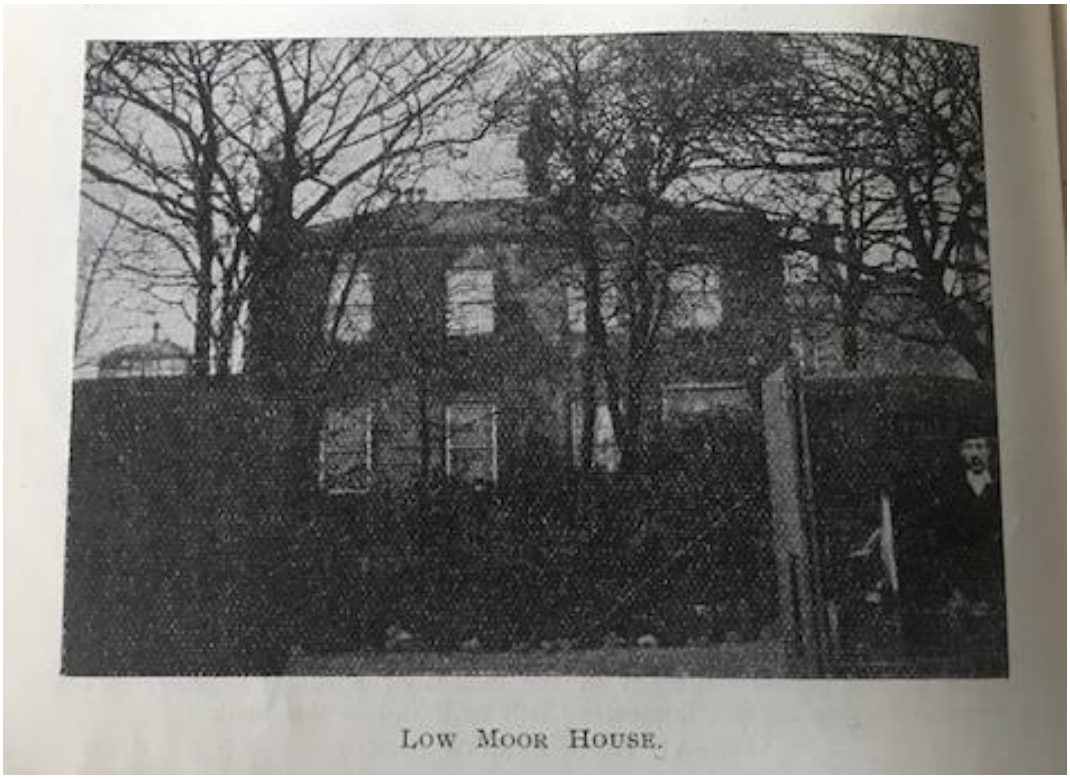


with his wife,Fanny, son, William, and servants. His father was in York and his older brother, Henry, also an 'Iron Master' was living in North Brierley.



1841 census
Lamplugh Hird 70 Clergyman
Harriet ditto 35
5 servants
Address Bootham, York

1841 census
Henry Hird 40 Iron M[aster]
Mary Hird 40
6 servants
Address
Low Moor House, North Brierley, Bradford



LOW MOOR HOUSE.

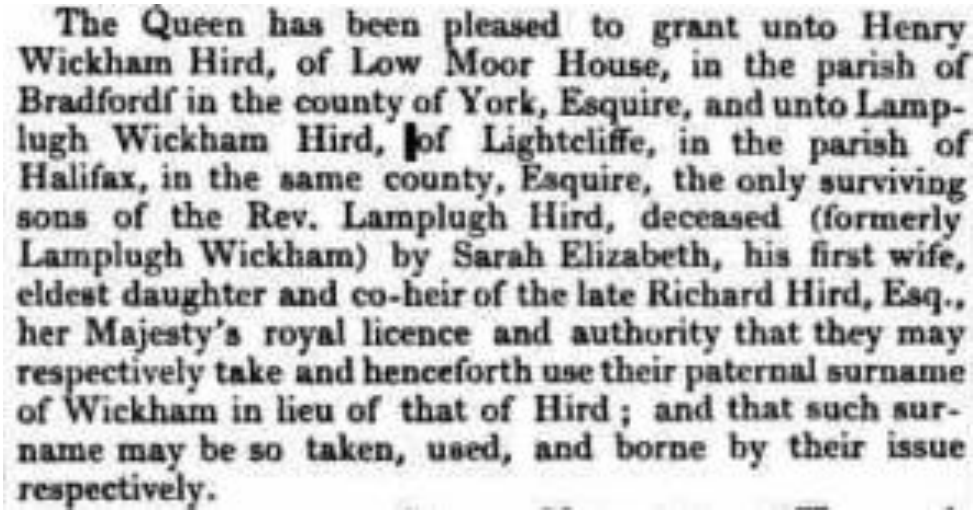
Low Moor House was always the property of the ironworks company. It started out as a much smaller building which over the years was gradually enlarged. Company partners and agents including the Hardys and then the Hirds / Wickhams lived there at times.

Back in Lightcliffe Frances (Fanny) Hird née Hale, the wife of partner Lamplugh Wickham Hird, died on 14th October 1842. She was buried in St. Matthew's churchyard, Lightcliffe on 20th October 1842 in a vault in plot V*6 as the image at the beginning of this article explains.

Not long after, on 5th December 1842, Lamplugh Wickham Hird lost his father. Reverend Lamplugh Hird was buried at St. Olave's Church in York on 10th December 1842. His name appears on the *Prerogative & Exchequer Courts Of York Probate Index, 1688-1858* [below] and on an *Index To Death Duty Registers 1796-1903* but there was also a later probate record granted in May 1858.

428 Hird The Revd Lamplugh form of Low Moor House P. Bradford but late of Bootham near York . . . . Prog } T. 1500

After their father's death his two sons reverted back to the original family surname of Wickham as announced in the *Bradford Observer 23 February 1843.*



The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Henry Wickham Hird, of Low Moor House, in the parish of Bradfordf in the county of York, Esquire, and unto Lamplugh Wickham Hird, of Lightcliffe, in the parish of Halifax, in the same county, Esquire, the only surviving sons of the Rev. Lamplugh Hird, deceased (formerly Lamplugh Wickham) by Sarah Elizabeth, his first wife, eldest daughter and co-heir of the late Richard Hird, Esq., her Majesty's royal licence and authority that they may respectively take and henceforth use their paternal surname of Wickham in lieu of that of Hird; and that such surname may be so taken, used, and borne by their issue respectively.

In 1844 the 10-year lease on Lidgate House was up and Lamplugh Wickham Wickham and his son William moved out. From other records it is known that Ann Walker's land agent Samuel Washington and family moved in as they vacated Crow Nest mansion which was then rented out to Titus Salt (later Sir Titus Salt) and his family.

It looks as if widower Lamplugh Wickham Wickham moved into Low Moor House and his brother Henry moved to Kirklees Hall. On 24th August 1848 the widower Lamplugh Wickham Wickham married Mary Stone of Bilsworth, Northamptonshire.

1851 census
Henry H Wickham Head 50
Magistrate & Deputy Lieutenant & one of the chairmen of the Quarter Sesstio of the West Riding of York. Landed Proprietor
Mary Wickham Wife 51
10 servants
Address Kirklees Hall, Hartshead cum Clifton

1851 census
Lamplugh W Wickham Head 43
Justice of the Peace & Iron master
Mary Wickham Wife 32
7 servants
Address Low Moor House, Hill Top, North Brierley

His son William Wickham Wickham was at Eton College having started there in 1850.

Henry Wickham Wickham's wife Mary died in 1852. She was buried at Hartshead on 13th October 1852. This was also the year her husband became Member of Parliament for Bradford, a position Henry Wickham Wickham held until his death. From 1859 to 1861 he shared this position with Titus Salt who had rented Crow Nest mansion and then was able to return there when he bought it from Ann Walker's heir Evan Charles Sutherland Walker.

On 22nd May 1858, over fifteen years after his death, there was this probate record for the Reverend Lamplugh Hird. It helpfully gives his sons' residences.

> The Will of the Reverend Lamplugh Hird formerly of Low Moor House in the Parish of Bradford in the County of York and late of Bootham in the Suburbs of the City of York Clerk deceased who died 5 December 1842 at Bootham aforesaid was proved at the Principal Registry by the oaths of Henry Wickham Wickham of Kirklees in the Parish of Dewsbury in the said County Esquire and Lamplugh Wickham Wickham of Low Moor House aforesaid Esquire the Sons and the Executors, Probate of the said Will being granted under certain Limitations.

But three years later they were both at Lamplugh's new home Chestnut Grove, Tadcaster.

1861 census

Lamplugh W Wickham	Head	53	
	Justice of the Peace W.R. Yorks and Deputy. Proprietor of Coal and Iron Works		
Mary Wickham	Wife	42	
William Wickham	Son	25	Justice of the Peace W.R. Iron Master
George S Wickham	Son	7	
Fanny M Wickham	Dau	6	
Harry Wickham	Son	5	
Henry W Wickham	Brother	60	Widower Magistrate, J.P. W.R. Yorks, Dep Lieut

15 servants

Address Chestnut Grove, Clifford cum Boston,

The Bradford M.P. Henry Wickham Wickham died on 23rd September 1867. He was buried back with his wife at St. Peter's Church in Hartshead on 28th September 1867.

> The Will of Henry Wickham Wickham late of 3 Chapel-street South-Audley-street in the Parish of St. George Hanover-square in the County of Middlesex and of 12 Clarendon-place Leamington in the County of Warwick Esquire deceased who died 23 September 1867 at 12 Clarendon-place aforesaid domiciled in England was proved at Birmingham by the oath of Lamplugh Wickham Wickham of Chestnut Grove near Tadcaster in the County of York the Brother the sole Executor.
> Effects under £90,000 in the United Kingdom Resworn at the Stamp Office July 1868 Under £100,00

Lightcliffe born William Wickham Wickham married Katherine Henrietta Fairfax on 27th October 1868 as reported in *Tadcaster Post, and General Advertiser fo Grimstone 29 October 1868*

> On the 27th inst., at St.Andrew's Church, Newton Kyme, by the Rev. John William Chaloner, rector, assisted by the Rev. E.J. Houghton, vicar of Boston Spa, William Wickham Wickham, Esq., eldest son of Lamplugh Wickham Wickham, Esq., of Ches[t]nut Grove, Boston Spa, to Katherine Henrietta, third daughter of Thomas Fairfax, Esq., of Newton Kyme.

The Reverend Chaloner was probably a relative of his great grandmother Mary Chaloner.

Their eldest son Thomas Lamplugh Wickham was born on 24th October 1869 and then baptised at Newton Kyme on 28th November 1869.

1871 census

Lamplugh W Wickham	Head	63	J.P. West Riding & D.L. Iron Master & Land Owner
Mary Wickham	Wife	52	
Fanny M Wickham	Dau	16	Scholar
Harry Wickham	Son	15	Scholar

13 servants

Address

Chestnut Grove, Clifford cum Boston, Yorkshire

1871 census

William W Wickham	Head	35	
			Justice of the Peace Landowner
Katharine H Wickham	Wife	28	
Thomas L Wickham	Son	1	
Reginald W Wickham	Son	1/12	
Georgiana H Hodgson	Visitor	29	

9 servants

Address Swinnow Hall, Wetherby

A 1872 newspaper article about Cottingley House gives more details about the Wickham family.

Bradford Observer 25 February 1875

Cottingley House, previously mentioned, is a large old mansion, but was evidently built at two periods, as is indicated by its appearance, In the latter part of last century it was tenanted by a fine specimen of the country squire of the "good old times", in the person of Colonel Wickham, who was the scion of an ancient house, claiming within its circle two bishops of Winchester, an archdeacon and dean, &c. From Henry Wickham, rector of Guiseley, who died in 1772, sprang Colonel Henry Wickham , of Cottingley, who married in 1761 Elizabeth, heiress of the Rev. William Lamplugh, also of Cottingley (of the family of Archbishop Lamplugh of York), and vicar of Dewsbury. The colonel had two sons (besides daughters), the eldest being an Under Secretary of State in 1798, a Privy Councillor and Secretary for Ireland, 1800-4, and a Lord of the Treasury in 1806. The other son, the Rev. Lamplugh Wickham, afterwards of Low Moor, married the daughter and heiress of Richard Hird, Esq., of Rawdon, and on the day of his marriage assumed the name of Hird. He was the father of the late member for Bradford, Mr. H. W. Wickham, and of the present Mr. Lamplugh Wickham.

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In Colonel Wickham's time the scales of Justice were held by few hands, and the colonel's judgement was sought by all the countryside.

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Colonel Wickham died at Cottingley House in 1804. The family afterwards removed to York, where Mrs Wickham died, and both are buried at Bingley Church.

Then extracts from an article about the Low Moor Company tell you more. It was published in various newspapers including the

Wetherby News, and Central Yorkshire Journal 09 October 1879

FORTUNES MADE IN BUSINESS

THE LOW MOOR COMPANY

From London Society for October --- Continued

Mr Richard Hird, the senior partner in the original Low Moor Company, resided at Rawdon, midway between Leeds and Bradford …..

The Hirds were settled upon a considerable estate at Rawdon from an early part of the sixteenth century.

Mr Richard Hird inherited all this property and was counted a wealthy man.

Mr Hird had two daughters, the eldest of whom became heiress of the Rawdon estate and married in 1795 the Rev. Lamplugh Wickham of Low Moor House, who, pursuant to the will of his father-in-law, assumed the surname of Hird on the day of his marriage.

The Rev. Lamplugh Hird was prebendary of York and vicar of Paul, in the East Riding, and not only attended to his pastoral duties, but maintained a close connection with the Iron Works. He was a magistrate and deputy lieutenant of the West Riding and used to hold magisterial sittings for the dispensation of justice in Low Moor Chapel House. His first wife died in 1812, and in 1813 he married Hannah Frances, the daughter of the Rev. Lascelles Sturdy Lascelles, by whom he had one daughter. By

his first wife he had nine children, and on his death in 1842 his family resumed the paternal name of Wickham, of which they had some reason to be proud; for they claimed to be descended in direct succession from the ancient house of Wykeham, two members of which had filled the episcopal chair of Winchester – William de Wykeham founder of New College, Oxford, and Winchester College, who died in 1404, after having held the see for thirty-seven years; and William Wickham who was successively Bishop of Lincoln and Bishop of Winchester, and died in 1595.

After the death of the Rev. Lamplugh Hird, his two sons, Mr Henry Wickham Wickham and Mr Lamplugh Wickham Wickham, represented their family in the Low Moor firm, and assisted with great tact and energy in the carrying forward of the commercial undertaking which had now grown to such large dimension.

Mr Henry Wickham Wickham was drafted into the business in early manhood. He was born in the year 1800, and received his education, first at the Bradford Grammar School, and afterwards at Oxford. With the view of fitting himself for the position to which he had been taught to look forward from his childhood, he devoted himself with great assiduity to the study of metallurgy; …

… and exercised general superintendence over the works. In 1833 he was made a West Riding magistrate, and showed himself such an able and careful administrator, that in 1842 he was appointed chairman of quarter sessions.

Mr Wickham continued to represent Bradford until the day of his death, which occurred in September 1876.

Mr Lamplugh Wickham Wickham is now the principal managing partner of the Low Moor Works, and resides at Chestnut Grove, Boston Spa. For the long space of half-a-century Mr Lamplugh Wickham has been actively engaged in connection with the works, and much of the success which has attended the undertaking during that period has been due to the ability and energy evinced by him. He is a magistrate and deputy-lieutenant of the West-Riding; and although he never attempted to make for himself a public career, he associated with many prominent public movements, and both as a country gentleman and a man of business has earned an honoured name.

1881 census

Lamplugh W. Wickham	Head	73
	J.P. W.Riding & Ironmaster	
Fanny Mary Wickham	Dau	26
Henry Wickham	Son	25
	Lieut. Scots Guards	
James Charles Kardrop	Visitor	26
	Writer to the ?Signet?	

15 servants

Address

Chestnut Grove, Clifford cum Boston, Yorkshire

This was an impressive list of servants; Housekeeper, Ladies' Maid, Cook, Kitchen Maid, House Maids, Laundry Maids, Still Room Maid and a Scullery Maid and then Butler, Valet, Under Butler and Footman.

1881 census

William Wickham Wickham	Head	45
	County Magistrate	
Katharine Henrietta Wickham	Wife	38
Henry Francis Wickham	Son	7
Alice Wickham	Dau	5
Florence Wickham	Dau	5
Katharine Wickham	Dau	3
Charles Geo. Wickham	Son	1
Beatrice G. Taylor	Governess	18

13 servants

Florence H. Lamb	Visitor	25
Evelyn Constance C. Lamb	Visitor	23

Address Newton Kyme Hall, Tadcaster

Thomas Lamplugh Wickham	Boarder	11

Address

Palmer Flatt Boarding School, Aysgarth, N.R.Y

Lamplugh Wickham Wickham died at Chestnut Grove on 2nd January 1883

Brighouse & Rastick Gazette 06 January 1883

DEATH OF MR L.W. WICKHAM

The death is announced of Mr. Lamplugh Wickham Wickham brother of the late Mr. H. W. Wickham, formerly member of Parliament for Bradford. The deceased gentleman was the youngest son of the late Rev. Lamplugh Hird, of Low Moor House, Bradford, who changed his paternal surname of Wickham on his marriage to the eldest daughter of Mr. Richard Hird, of Rawdon. Upon the death of his father the subject of our notice resumed his patronymic of Wickham. He was twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united in 1834, was Frances, daughter of Colonel William. Hale, of Acomb, York; and his second wife, whom he married in 1848, was Mary, the daughter of Mr. George. Stone, of Bilsworth Hall, Northampton. This lady died in 1877. He had issue by both wives, viz., by his first wife, one son, Mr. Wm. Wickham Wickham, now of Newton Kyme; and by his second wife, two sons and a daughter, the sons being Major Geo. Lamplugh Wickham Wickham, of the Horse Guards Blue; and Lieutenant Henry Wickham Wickham of the 1st Battalion of Scots Guards, both of whom served the country in the late Egyptian war. .A member of the firm Hird, Dawson, and Hardy, now carrying on business at Low Moor as the Low Moor Iron Company deceased was also for many years the managing partner in the firm. On his retirement from that responsible position some years ago, the workpeople presented him with his portrait. He was a justice of the peace for the West Riding. The deceased gentleman was well known in the hunting field and was personally exceedingly popular. His death took place on Tuesday at his residence, Chestnut Grove, Boston Spa, after some weeks' illness. Mr Wickham who was in the seventy fifth year of his age, was well known in the neighbourhood of Clifton, and many of the inhabitants still speak of him with the greatest respect.

WICKHAM { Lamplugh Wickham Esq.

Personal Estate £429,170 10s. 8d.

14 March. The Will with a Codicil of Lamplugh Wickham Wickham late of Chestnut Grove in the Township of Clifford - cum - Boston in the Parish of Bramham in the County of York Esquire who died 2 January 1883 at Chestnut Grove was proved at Wakefield by William Wickham Wickham of Newton Kyme near Tadcaster in the said County Esquire the Son and George Lamplugh Wickham and Henry Wickham both of Chestnut Grove Esquires the Sons the Executors.

Is the portrait overleaf the one presented to him by the Low Moor Iron Company workforce?

It currently hangs at the top of a flight of stairs at Burton Agnes Hall, Driffield with the telling name label and the correct dates. After I spotted it on a recent visit there, I contacted the Burton Agnes Estate office. They have confirmed that it is Ann Walker's tenant – there cannot be many, if any, other Lamplugh Wickhams! But how did this portrait end up there?

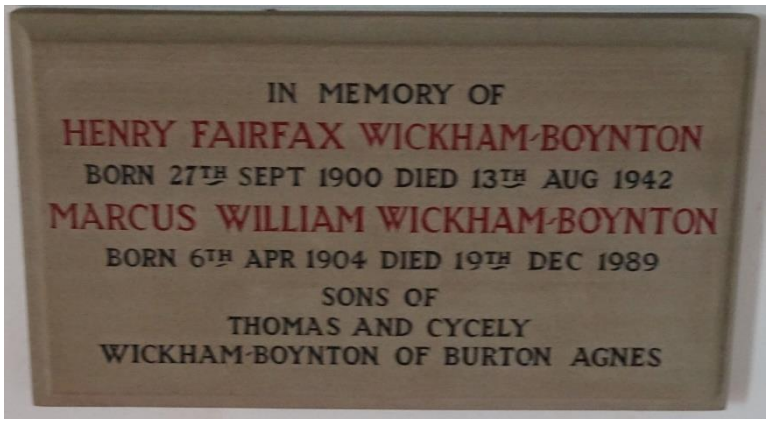
His grandson Thomas Lamplugh Wickham, son of Lightcliffe born William Wickham Wickham, was the link. Thomas married Cycely Mabel Boynton on 8th November !899. Cycely was the only child and so heir of Sir Henry Somerville Boyton, 11th Baronet of Burton Agnes.

History repeated itself when Thomas took the surname Wickham-Boyton on his marriage to Cycley. They had two sons Henry Fairfax Wickham-Boynton and Marcus William Wickham-Boyton. The Burton Agnes estate passed to Cycely on the death of her father and then to her son Marcus. And then to a distant cousin Simon Cuncliffe-Lister a grandson of Viscount William Whitelaw and son of 3rd Earl of Swinton but that is another – non Lightcliffe - story.

Apparently, Thomas Lamplugh Wickham brought a number of paintings from the Chestnut Grove mansion to Burton Agnes Hall including that of his grandfather Lamplugh Wickham Wickham, one time resident of Lidgate House, Lightcliffe.

The two plaques in Burton Agnes church fill you in on the Wickham-Boytons. Notice that Lightcliffe born William Wickham Hird then Wickham, a wealthy man, gets a mention.

WICKHAM William Wickham of Chestnut Grove Boston Spa **Yorkshire** died 25 September 1919 Probate **London** 11 December to Thomas Lamplugh and Reginald William Wickham esquires. Effects £131927 3s. 5d.



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