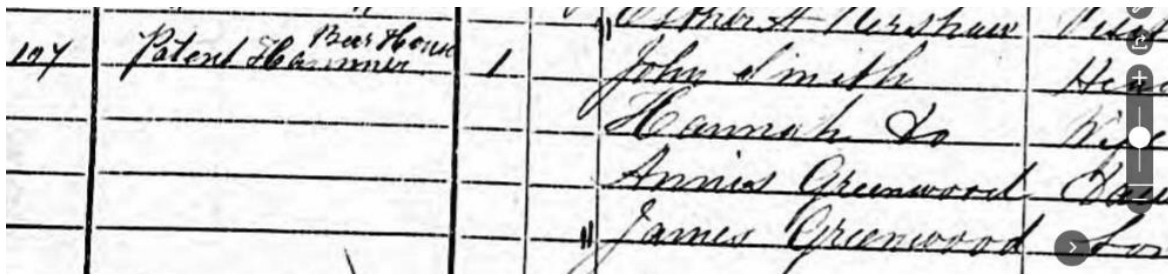


The Patent Hammer Inn and Judy Woods



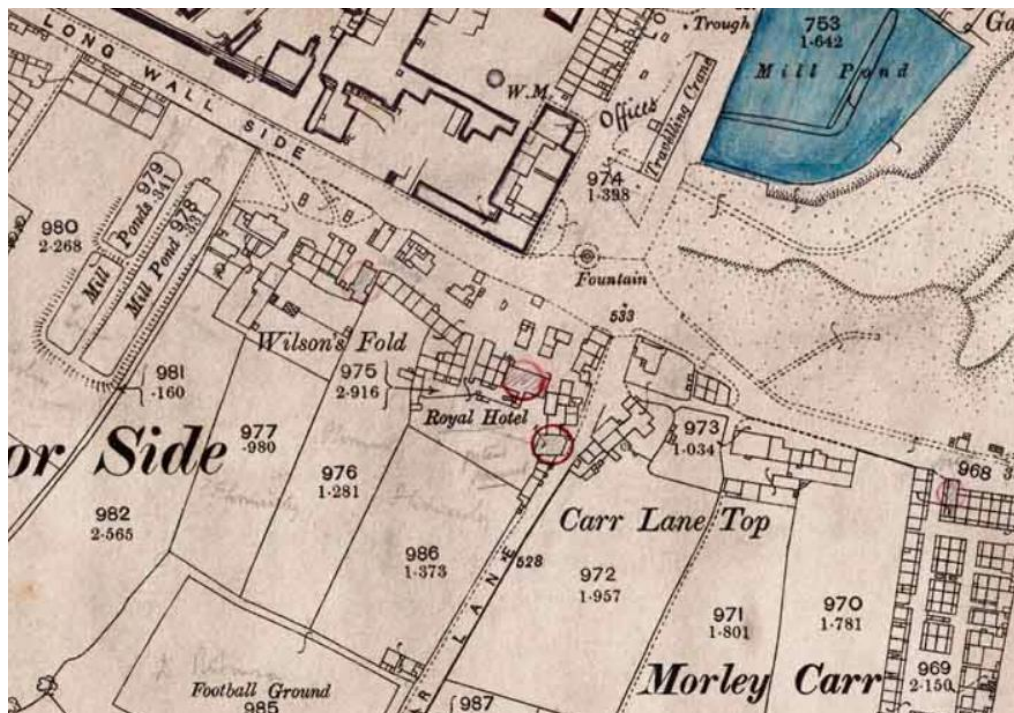
Mary Twentyman of the Low Moor History Group,

<http://www.sblha.com/>

after reading the articles about the Smith family, very kindly provided the name of the Low Moor public house on the 1871 census form above mentioned in the article

[The families of James, Thomas and Benjamin Smith part 1.pdf \(lightcliffchurchyard.org.uk\)](http://lightcliffchurchyard.org.uk/)

Once you know that it was called the Patent Hammer Inn, you can decipher the enumerator's writing! It was a typical small stone-built building situated on Carr Lane, [circled in red on the map just below the Royal Hotel]. It was just across the road from the iron works, a source of refreshment for the men working at the forge. No images of it have been found.



In 1851 William Sucksmith was the Innkeeper at an unnamed Inn at the New Works Road end of Carr Lane and it is likely this was named the Patent Hammer later in the decade in honour of the huge Wilson's Patent Steam Hammer installed in the forge at Low Moor in 1855. Robert Wilson, the works manager at the Patricroft works of James Nasmyth had modified his employer's invention by the addition of a balanced pressure cylindrical valve and this machine was the pride of Low Moor iron works.

It is not known who became the licensee after John Smith left to run the Salt Horn Inn, Low Moor but in 1901, 1911 and 1921 the landlord was Edwin Lightowler as the address page for the 1911 census confirms.

Name of Head of Family or Separate Occupier.	Mr E Lightowler
Postal Address	Passant Hammer Inn 10 Carr Lane
	LOW MOOR
	BRADFORD

Mary Twentyman also spotted the North siblings in the Smith article.

1851 census

Benjamin Smith Head 46
Farmer and Cattle Dealer occupying 11 acres of Land employing 2 outdoor servants
Martha Smith Wife 39 Farmer's Wife
Rachel Smith Dau 16 Dressmaker's Ass
James Smith Son 7
Benjamin Smith Son 11 Mo
Benjamin North Lodger 22 Gardener
Address Norwood Green

Martha was the eldest child of Joseph (Ellis) North and his first wife Elizabeth Hodgson and Benjamin was the youngest. The family lived at Horse Close Bridge, North Bierley.

1841 census

Joseph North 50 Gardener
Betty North 50
William North 20 Gardener
Isaac North 20 ditto
Abraham North 15 Iron Miner
Leah North 15
Nancy North 13
Benjamin North 10
Address Horse Close Bridge, North Bierley

1841 census

Benjamin Smith 30 Cow Dealer
Martha Smith *née North* 25
Rachel Smith 6
Address Norwood Green

After their mother died on 19th July 1846 their father, a gardener, married a widow Judith Jowett on 27th August 1847. This was Judith's third marriage. She had previously been married to Joseph Barraclough and then Isaac Jowett. Joseph North died on 3rd April 1850.

1851 census

Judith Ellis Head 56 Gardeness employing 1 man
John Barraclough Son 28 Gardener
Address Horse Close Bridge, North Bierley

1861 census

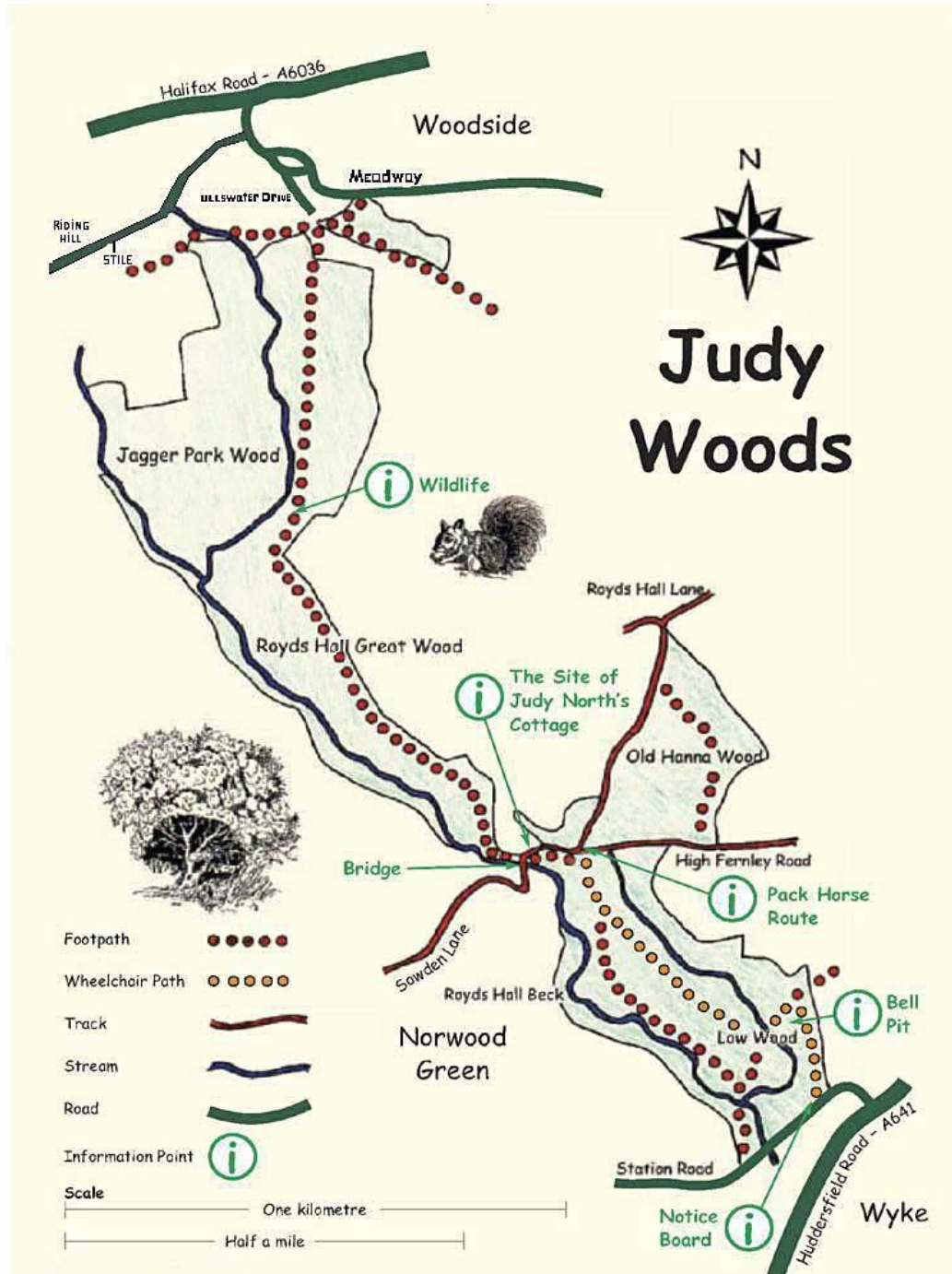
John Barraclough Head 38 Gardener ½ acre
Judith Barraclough Mother 66 Dealer in sweet meats
Address Horse Close Bridge, North Bierley

Judith North formerly Jowett and Barraclough née Stocks died on 17th March 1870. But her name lives on in the woodland to the south of Bradford called **Judy Woods**.



The website <http://www.judywoods.org.uk/> explains that

The present name of 'Judy Woods' comes from Judy North or "Gurt Judy", who lived in a cottage near Horse Close Bridge in the 1850s and 60s. She was the second wife of Joseph North whose family had tended the "pleasure gardens" on the hillside by the bridge since the early 1800's.



Also read Mary Twentyman's article [Why Judy Woods?](#)

With grateful thanks to Mary.

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