

## The families of James, Thomas and Benjamin Smith part 2

Annice Greenwood, the daughter of Hannah Smith née Greenwood, married William Pybus on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1877 at St. Peter's Church, Birstall. This was just a few weeks after her mother had died on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1877 as noted in part 1.

Notice that no father was listed for Annice.

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1813-1935 for Annice Greenwood  
Birstall, St Peter > 1877

1877. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Birstall in the County of York

No.	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.
331	November 26	William Pybus	24	Bachelor	Stoker	Cleckheaton	George Pybus	Stoker master.
	1877	Annice Greenwood	19	Spinster		Cleckheaton		

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by \_\_\_\_\_ or after Banns by me, \_\_\_\_\_

This Marriage was solemnized between us, William Pybus in the presence of us, William Whalen and Annice Greenwood of us, Martha Barrett L. W. Heald Clerk

Their daughter Hannah Pybus was born on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1878 and then baptised back at St. Mary's Church, Luddenden on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1878. But look who else was baptised that same day. This would appear to confirm that James Smith Greenwood was the son of Hannah Greenwood and John Smith, presumably named after his great grandfather.

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1910 for Hannah Pybus  
Luddenden, St Mary > 1878

June 23 No. 1855.	James Smith	<del>John</del> Hannah Greenwood	Low Moor Bradford	Nov: 7 <sup>th</sup> 1877.	James Nelson
June 23 No. 1856.	Hannah Pybus	William and Annice	Low Moor Bradford	born May 15. 1878 Lairway Stokei	James Nelson

When little Hanna Pybus died on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1879, she was buried in plot K1 at Lightcliffe with her grandmother Hannah Smith née Greenwood.



Her sister Jane Ellen Pybus was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 1880 and baptised at Holy Trinity, Low Moor on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1880 when the family abode was given as Salthorn and father William Pybus was again a stoker.

Meanwhile Thomas and Rachel Gomersall née Smith had a daughter Mary, born 28<sup>th</sup> May 1871 baptised on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1871 at St. Mary's Wyke, and then a son John, born 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1876 baptised in Bradford on 29<sup>th</sup> October 1876.

On 31<sup>st</sup> March 1873 Benjamin Smith (junior) married Elizabeth Ann Jagger at Shelf. He was recorded as being an 'Inn keeper' from Norwood Green. She was the twenty-five-year-old daughter of Jeremiah Jagger, a farmer of Ox Heys, Shelf.

There were three more Smith deaths before the next census. Seventy-four-year-old widow Mary Smith was buried with her husband Thomas on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1877 in plot KK\*16. Then Benjamin Smith's widow Martha née North died on 16<sup>th</sup> November 1878 and was interred in plot MM\*21 on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1878. Less than a year later their eldest son James Smith joined them. He was only 36 years old when he died on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1879. His was the last burial in MM\*21 on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1879 as detailed on their ledger stone. This is another ledger stone that previously became covered over - perhaps when the old church was demolished - but has since been unearthed to reveal the full memorial inscription.



On 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1881 John Smith and his cousin Rachel Gomersall née Smith were in the households listed below. Neither of John's sisters, Nanny Smith and Jane Shaw née Smith nor her husband Joseph Shaw have been found although Jane Shaw at least was still alive.

1881 census

John Smith      Head 49 Widower  
  Butcher & Innkeeper  
Annis Pybus      Dau 22  
James G. Smith   Son 14 Coal Miner  
William Pybus    Son-in-law 28  
  Railway Engine Driver  
Elizabeth A. Fletcher    Servant 19 General Servant  
Address Salthorn Inn, North Brierley

1881 census

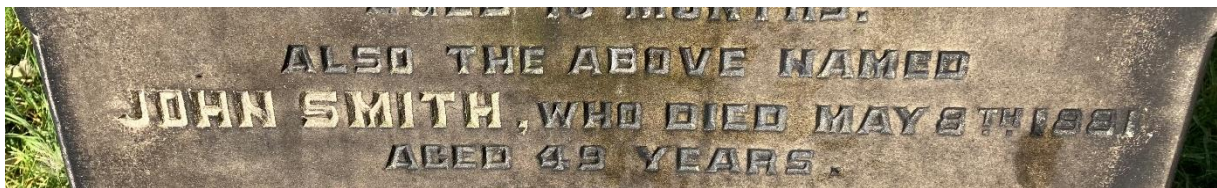
Thomas Gomersal      Head 41  
  Farmer employing 1 servant  
Rachel Gomersal      Wife 46  
Martha Gomersal      Dau 21 Dressmaker  
[should be Clayton]  
Mary Gomersal      Dau 9  
John Gomersal      Son 4  
Benjamin Smith Brother in law 32 Farm Servant  
Address Wyke Lane

Little Jane Ellen Pybus seems to have been missed off the census form, but she was most probably living with her parents and step grandfather at Salt Horn Inn. With the Gomersalls was Rachel's brother Benjamin Smith who was recorded as being married. His wife Elizabeth Ann Smith née Jagger was with her widower father, Jeremiah Jagger, a brother and a sister at Ox Heys, Shelf. She died there on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1881 and was buried there along with other Jagger family members.

Not long after the census was taken John Smith died on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1881 as confirmed by his probate record.

The Will of John Smith late of "Salthorn" Low Moor North Brierley in the Parish of Bradford in the County of York Innkeeper and Butcher who died 8 May 1881 at the "Salthorn" was proved at Wakefield by William Pybus of Oakenshaw in the parish of Birstal in the said County Engine Driver and Dan Firth Malster and Farmer and John Harpen Warehouseman of Low Moor the Executors. Effects £413 5s

He was buried with his wife Hannah on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1881 in plot K1. The headstone's memorial inscription continues.





The long memorial inscription notes the deaths already recorded above and then three more Pybus deaths. Little Jane Ellen Pybus died aged just 22 months on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1882 and was buried with her grandmother, sister and step grandfather on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1882.

And then there is the dedication to her two younger brothers Walter and Herbert Pybus who died serving in the Great War. Their story, which obviously overlaps with this one, is told in the article.

### **Private Walter and Lance Corporal Herbert Pybus**

When Jane Shaw née Smith died aged 44 on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1885, she was interred with her parents on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1885 in plot KK\*16 as detailed on the memorial inscription that prompted this article.

1891 census

William Pybus Head 38 Railway Engine Driver  
 Annice Pybus Wife 32  
 Walter Pybus Son 4  
 James S Greenwood Bro-in-law 24  
 Worsted Drawing Overlooker  
 Address Cross St., Cleckheaton

1891 census

Thomas Gomersall Head 51 Farmer  
 Rachel Gomersall Wife 56  
 John Gomersall Son 14  
 Mary Gomersall Dau 19  
 Martha Clayton Dau 30 Dressmaker  
 Benjamin Smith Brother in law 41  
 Farmer Servant  
 Address Farm, Lower Wyke

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1813-1935 for James Smith Greenwood  
 Oakenshaw cum Woodlands, St Andrew > 1891

1891. Marriage solemnized at St Andrew's Church in the Parish of Oakenshaw cum Woodlands in the County of York

No.	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.
6	May 16 <sup>th</sup> 1891	James Smith Greenwood	24	Bachelor	Overlooker	Oakenshaw	John Smith	Butcher
		Elizabeth Ann Sharp	24	Spinster		Liversidge	Joseph Sharp	Miner

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by \_\_\_\_\_ or after None by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, James S. Smith Greenwood & Elizabeth Ann Sharp in the Presence of us, Benjamin Sharp & Elizabeth Ann Stoddale William Pearley

On 16<sup>th</sup> May 1891, a few weeks after the census, James Smith Greenwood married Elizabeth Ann Sharp as recorded above. Notice that his father's name was given as John Smith. James and Elizabeth had a number of children before the family moved to the USA in 1906. He died on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1933 in Warwick, Kent, Rhode Island.

Forty-four-year-old Benjamin Smith junior died on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1893. Like his Smith parents and grandparents, he too was buried in St. Matthew's churchyard but in a new plot, J25, owned by his niece Martha Clayton.

1901 census

William Pybus Head 49 Driver – Railway ????  
 Annice Pybus Wife 42  
 Walter Pybus Son 13  
 Herbert Pybus Son 7  
 Address Cross Street, Cleckheaton

1901 census

Thomas Gomersall Head 61 Farmer  
 Rachel Gomersall Wife 65  
 Martha Clayton Dau 39 Dressmaker  
 Mary Gomersall Dau 29 ditto  
 John Gomersall Son 24 Cattle man on Farm  
 Address Whitteron Farm, Wyke

Rachel Gomersall died on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1904, she was buried at St. Mary's Wyke. Her eldest daughter Martha Clayton married a widower Joseph Holroyd Q3 1909. Then her youngest daughter Mary Gomersall married Edward Lewis on 17<sup>th</sup> November 1910 in Wyke. He was a 'Carting agent from South Wales; both were aged 38. But by 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1911 Mary Lewis was a widow. He was probably the 38-year-old Edward Lewis who died back in Pontypridd Q1 1911.

1911 census

William Pybus Head 59 Grocer  
Annie Pybus Wife 52 Assisting in business  
Walter Pybus Son 23 Silversmith  
Herbert Pybus Son 17  
Grocer's Son working in Shop  
Address 292 – 294 Gibbett St., Halifax

Newspaper reports detailed in the article about the Pybus soldiers indicate that William Pybus suffered an injury that rendered him an invalid. No records of this accident have been found.

1911 census

Thomas Gomersall Head 47 Widower Farmer  
Mary Lewis Dau 39 Widow  
John Gomersall Son 34  
Farmer's Son working on Farm  
Address Whitteron Farm, Lower Wyke, Bradford

1911 census

Joseph Holroyd Head 58 Carpet Weaver  
Martha Holroyd Wife 51  
Address Victoria Place, Lightcliffe

Thirty-seven-year-old John Gomersall died on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1913. He was buried with his uncle Benjamin Smith (junior) in Lightcliffe plot J25 owned by his half-sister Martha Holroyd. His father Thomas Gomersall of Highfield Avenue, Hipperholme died on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1917. Thomas was buried with his wife Rachel née Smith in Wyke on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1917.

GOMERSALL Thomas of Highfield-avenue Bailiffe Bridge near Brighouse Yorkshire died 4 January 1917 Administration London 11 September to Mary Lewis widow. Effects £181

The next occupant of Lightcliffe plot J25 was Martha's husband, Joseph Holroyd. The burial register says he was aged 72 years, but the memorial inscription says 73 years – it happens! He died on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1925 and was interred on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1925. The memorial inscription on the ledger stone over plot J25 was not recorded when transcriptions were made by Arthur Blackburn in the late 1920s / early 1930s so perhaps it must have been added later.

The widowed half-sisters were living together in 1939 at Highfield Avenue.

1939 register

Martha	Holroyd	08 Nov 1859	Female Domestic Duties	Widowed	81	1
Mary	Lewis	28 May 1871	Female Domestic Duties	Widowed	81	2

Address 43 Highfield Avenue, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Eighty-seven-year-old Martha Holroyd died on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1947. Over one hundred years after her great grandfather James Smith had been buried in Lightcliffe she too was interred there, the last occupant of plot J25. It was presumably sometime after her burial on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1947 that the memorial inscription was added perhaps organised by her half sister Mary Lewis. The detail on the ledger stone is particularly useful explaining the relationship between the four adults with three different surnames.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF BENJAMIN SMITH OF LOWER WYKE  
WHO DIED MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> 1897 AGED 44 YEARS**

**ALSO OF JOHN, SON OF THOMAS AND RACHEL GOMERSALL OF LOWER WYKE  
& NEPHEW OF THE ABOVE WHO DIED JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> 1913 AGED 37 YEARS**

**ALSO OF JOSEPH HOLROYD OF BAILIFFE BRIDGE  
WHO DIED JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> 1925 AGED 73 YEARS**

**ALSO OF MARTHA HOLROYD WIFE OF THE ABOVE JOSEPH HOLROYD AND  
SISTER OF JOHN GOMERSALL WHO DIED APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> 1947 AGED 87 YEARS**



Widow Mary Lewis may have died in 1955. The death of an 84-year-old Mary Lewis is recorded Q2 1955 in the Calder district. This fits with her age and the district would be correct if she was still living in Highfield Avenue, Bailiffe Bridge but no corroborating evidence has been found.

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