

The Empsalls, Pinders, Harrisons and other related families

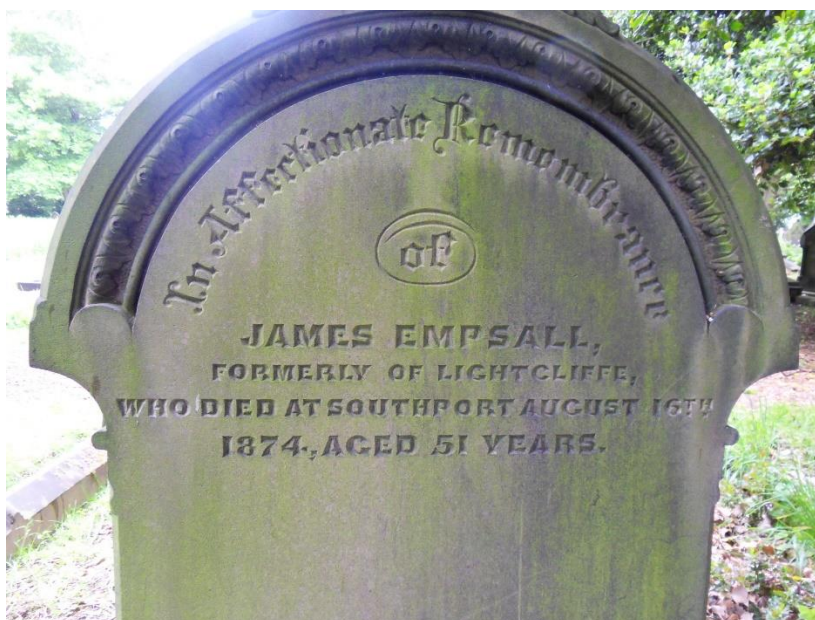
John Empsall and Susannah Staincliffe had nine children. Their story and that of their third child Samuel has already been told.

The Empsall family of Bailiffe Bridge

But many more of their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great great grandson have been found to either have been baptised, married and/or interred in Lightcliffe. For completeness a brief outline of their lives is included here.

The first three Empsall children were baptised at St. John's Church, Coley; James on 23rd February 1823, Mary on 27th February 1825 and Samuel on 3rd June 1827. Their father was recorded as being a Hipperholme butcher. But the other children were baptised as adults at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe in two batches: John, William, Elizabeth and Fanny on 15th May 1864 and then Susannah and Ann on 14th August 1864. This was long after their father had died and just before their mother passed away. They were baptised as Empsalls, with father John being recorded as a 'Butcher', even though some of them had married by then.

1. Eldest son James Empsall married Mary Ann Oates the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Oates – baptised at St. Matthew's on 2nd April 1822 – on 18th November 1849. At the time he was a 26-year-old 'Gardener' as he was in 1851. By 1861 he was the beerhouse keeper at The Waggon and Horses Inn, Bailiffe Bridge. Then in 1871 he was the innkeeper at The Sun Inn, Lightcliffe. James Empsall died on 16th August 1874 in Southport but was buried three days later in plot C35 in Lightcliffe churchyard.



In 1881 his wife Mary Ann Empsall née Oates was a 'Lodging Housekeeper' in North Meols, Lancashire near Southport so this may explain why he was there in 1874. She died on 28th July 1896 and was buried in Southport. They had no children.

2. Eldest daughter Mary Empsal [sic] married Sampson Barraclough on 17th January 1847. The 22-year-olds were recorded as being from Wyke, Sampson was a 'Miner'. One year old John Barraclough was buried in Lightcliffe churchyard on 8th July 1851 quickly followed by his four-year-old sister Hannah on 2nd November 1851. Empsall Stancliff, Susannah and Elizabeth Ann Barraclough were all baptised at St. Matthew's on 18th December 1853, 26th November 1856 and 2nd September 1860. Albert William Barraclough who was born Q2 1864 was also 'batch' baptised there with three cousins – two Harrisons and a Pinder – on 24th April 1870. A grandson John William Barraclough was buried in plot G67 aged 9 months on 31st August 1881. His grandparents Sampson and Mary Barraclough joined him on 16th June 1885 and 6th June 1891, their respective death dates were 13th June 1885 and 3rd June 1891. Daughter Susannah married Godfrey George Walker on Boxing Day 1885. When he died aged 39 on 14th January 1899, he was buried next to his in-laws in plot G68 on 19th January 1899. Susannah remarried John Henry Exley on 2nd August 1902. She died on 24th August 1925 aged 70 and was buried with her first husband, next to her parents, on 28th August 1925.
3. Samuel Empsall has already had his family story told.
4. The third son John Empsall born about 1829 was baptised as an adult on 15th May 1864 at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe. At the same time his daughter Martha was also baptised there. John Empsall married Lydia Jessop on 8th April 1860 in Mirfield. Their eldest daughter was baptised again in Lightcliffe on 2nd September 1860 along with her cousins Elisabeth Ann Barraclough and Sarah Jane Empsall – who later married William Sherwood. Another daughter Mary Empsall was baptised at Lightcliffe on 12th October 1862. No other family members were baptised that day! More children were born near Barnsley, where father John worked as a collier at Wooley which is where we will leave the family.
5. The youngest son William Empsall was born about 1832. He too was married - on Christmas Day 1863 - before his adult baptism in 1864. His wife was Nancy Pearson the daughter of Fairfax Pearson of Hipperholme. They had no children. He died on 17th January 1890 and was buried in Lightcliffe churchyard in plot C36 next to his eldest brother's plot. On the death of his wife Nancy Empsall on 11th April 1893 the ownership of this plot was transferred to his brother Samuel as recorded in the burial record for 14th April 1893.
6. Susannah Empsall was born about 1835 working back from her death date and age. She married Henry Pinder on 13th August 1854. On 14th August 1864 she had an adult baptism along with her sister Ann – who was also already married – using their maiden names. Her daughter Clara Pinder was baptised at the same time. The Pinders had ten children altogether, all of whom were baptised at St. Matthew's Church and many of whom were eventually interred in the churchyard as were Henry and Susannah Pinder in this double plot J43/J44 on 16th December 1889 and 16th August 1892. Henry and Susannah's memorial inscription is on the right-hand side with their son's and grandson's on the left. Daughter in law Ellen Pinder née Pearson is remembered on a side kerbstone.



**IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF
HENRY PINDER
WHO DIED DECEMBER 12TH 1889
AGED 55 YEARS**

**ALSO SUSANNAH HIS WIFE
WHO DIED AUGUST 13TH 1892
AGED 57 YEARS**

THY WILL BE DONE



- i. Eldest son John William Pinder was baptised with his next brother Thomas on 16th August 1857. He married Ellen Pearson on 24th July 1879. Sons Amos, Herbert - born 25th September 1882 -, and Harcourt were baptised at Lightcliffe on 23rd January 1880, 1st October 1882 and 7th December 1884. Fourteen-month-old Herbert was buried in plot J43 on 8th November 1883. His father would soon join him on 16th January 1886, and his mother much later on 3rd December 1943 as the memorial inscriptions explain.



**IN AFFECTIONATE
REMEMBRANCE OF
HERBERT
THE SON OF JOHN AND ELLEN
PINDER
WHO DIED NOVEMBER 6TH 1883
AGED 14 MONTHS.**

**ALSO OF THE ABOVE NAMED
JOHN WILLIAM PINDER
WHO DIED JANUARY 12TH 1886
AGED 31 YEARS.**

AT REST



- ii. Thomas Pinder was baptised the same day as his older brother. He married Jane Stansfield on 11th November 1878. They had nine children of whom six survived, all baptised in Brighthouse where the family resided.
- iii. The eldest Pinder daughter, Elizabeth Ann, was baptised on Christmas Day 1858. She married William Barraclough on 27th October 1894 in Dewsbury. John William, Hubert and Ada Barraclough were baptised at Lightcliffe on 30th November 1895, 3rd April 1898 and 14th July 1901. William Barraclough was buried in plot C58 on 5th November 1910. His wife joined him on 14th August 1928.
- iv. James Henry Pinder was baptised on 17th August 1862 and married Martha Ann Bedford in 1887. They lived in Clifton and had four children, three of whom survived.
- v. Clara Pinder was baptised on 14th August 1864 at the same time as her mother and aunt Ann Harrison. She married a widower Johnny Brook on 22nd February 1908 but was a widow herself by the time of the 1921 census.
- vi. Arthur Pinder was baptised on 12th August 1866. He married Gertrude Helena Clevett on 1st February 1890 in Dewsbury. They lived in Bailiffe Bridge and had seven children baptised at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe: Herbert, Hilda, Arnold, Alice, Eva, Norman and Clifford.



Gertrude was buried in a new Pinder plot N52 on 9th December 1931. Arthur was interred with his wife on 21st March 1944.



**IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF
GERTRUDE HELENA
PINDER
BORN APRIL 29TH 1865 AND
DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON
DECEMBER 6TH 1931**

AT REST

**ALSO ARTHUR PINDER
WHO DIED MARCH 17TH 1944
AGED 77 YEARS**

- vii. Annie Pinder was baptised on 24th April 1870. She married James Pearson in Dewsbury on 27th September 1899.
- viii. Herbert Pinder was baptised on 9th April 1871. He married Blanche Marian Gledhill in 1904. They lived in Birkby Lane and had three children Harold born 9th October 1906, Henry born 7th February 1910 and Clara, born 27th June 1916. The boys were baptised at St. Matthew's Church on 25th November 1906 and 20th March 1910. Herbert died in 1949 and Blanche in 1960.

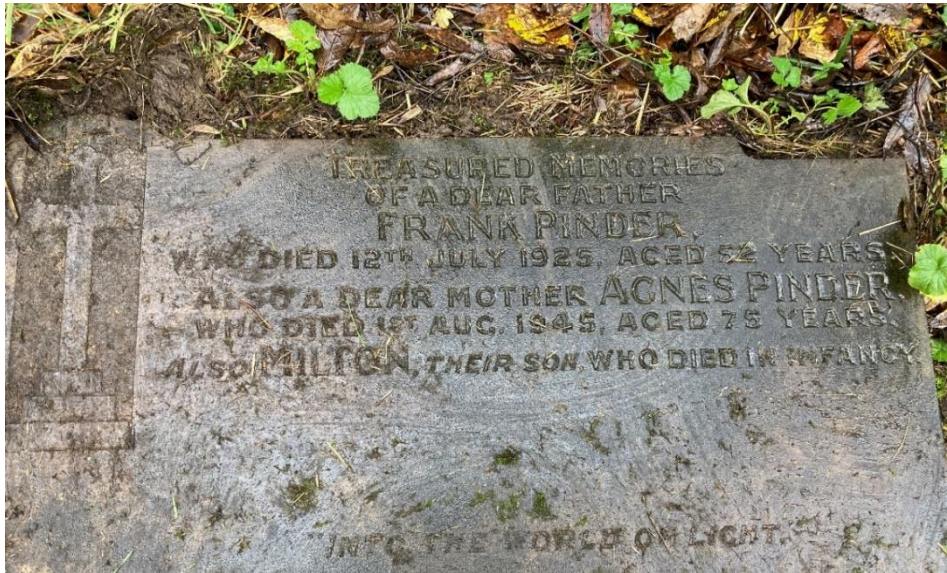
A grandson Brian Pinder son of Harold and his wife Frances Ellen née Broadley whose family story is detailed in

The Broadley family part 2

has this commemorative stone at the back of St. Matthew's Church.

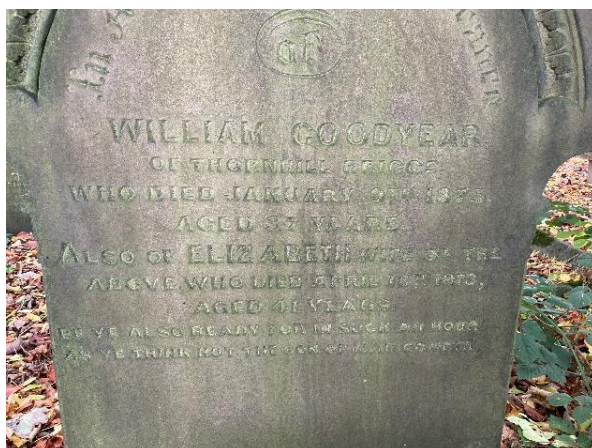


- ix. Frank Pinder was baptised on 17th August 1873. He married Agnes Harrison on 13 June 1900 in Dewsbury. Ten-month-old Milton was baptised at Lightcliffe on 22nd March 1903 the day before he died. He was buried in plot O76 on 26th March 1903. Two daughters Lena and Emmeline were also baptised at St. Matthew's Church. Presumably one or both of them had the headstone inscribed as shown after their parents, Frank and Agnes were interred with their baby brother on 15th July 1925 and 4th August 1945.



- x. Ada Pinder was baptised on 7th November 1875. She married Harry Crossley on 3rd June 1901 in Dewsbury.

7. Along with three other siblings Elizabeth Empsall - born about 1837 - had an adult baptism on 15th May 1864. A year later, on 6th February 1865 she married William Goodyear. They lived in Thornhill Briggs and do not appear to have had any children. William died on 9th January 1875 and was buried four days later in plot C17. Elizabeth was buried with her husband on 18th April 1878.



**IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF
WILLIAM GOODYEAR
OF THORNHILL BRIGGS
WHO DIED JANUARY 9TH 1875
AGED 37 YEARS**

**ALSO OF ELIZABETH WIFE OF THE
ABOVE WHO DIED APRIL 16TH 1878
AGED 41 YEARS**

8. Fanny Emsall became the second sister to marry a Goodyear brother when she married William's brother Joe on 31st March 1866. Their son William Henry Goodyear was baptised at Lightcliffe on 2nd May 1875. When his father died on 7th October 1884, he was buried in plot A57 where his grandparents William and Sophia Goodyear had previously been interred a decade before on 21st April 1874 and 1st May 1873. Fanny Goodyear's death was registered in Halifax in 1906; she was 66 years old.

9. The youngest child Ann Emsall was born in 1842 but baptised years later with her sister Susannah. She married Richard Harrison on 28th March 1863. They had Betsy baptised at St. Matthew's on 27th December 1863 followed by William, born 1867 and John Thomas, born 1869 on 24th April 1870 and then Elizabeth on 17th March 1874. In between then they lost a son John who was born and died early in 1866. No baptism records have been found for daughters Susannah, Mary and Fanny. Ann Harrison died on 11th December 1879. She was buried in plot C18 next to her sister Elizabeth Goodyear two days later. Widower Richard Harrison married a widow Selina Holdsworth née Hoyle on 1st January 1882. Their son Robert Harrison was born on 1st April 1882. Both Richard and Selina were interred in plot C18 on 2nd October 1906 and 4th March 1909.
 - i. Betsy Harrison married John Henry Booth. One of their sons Ernest Booth was a Sergeant with the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment. He was killed in action on 3rd September 1916. His parents were interred in plot S80 on 25th May 1910 and 5th January 1931 along with one of John Henry's brothers, Edwin Booth on 15th February 1919.

BETSY
BELOVED WIFE OF
JOHN HY. BOOTH
OF HALIFAX
WHO DIED MAY 23RD 1910
AGED 46 YEARS

ALSO OF EDWIN BOOTH
OF BAILIFFE BRIDGE
BROTHER IN LAW OF THE
ABOVE WHO DIED FEB 11TH
1919 AGED 59 YEARS

ALSO OF THE ABOVE
JOHN HY. BOOTH
WHO DIED DEC 31ST 1930
AGED 74 YEARS



- ii. William Harrison was born Q1 1867. He married Lillie Smith Q2 1889; they lived at Allanroyd, Bailiffe Bridge in 1911, but then he became a publican in Halifax. He died on 1st October 1933.
- iii. John Thomas Harrison married Elizabeth Blakey on 4th July 1891. Their son Arnold was born on 19th February 1894 and then baptised at St. Mathew's on 22nd April 1894. His mother Elizabeth was buried in plot Q78 on 12th November 1902. Widower John Thomas Harrison then married Henrietta Ward on 8th May 1906. The 1921 census has Arnold Harrison, a disabled soldier living with his father and stepmother. His father died in 1928 and was buried with his first wife in plot Q78 on 28th November 1928. For the 1939 register Arnold Harrison was noted as having no occupation as he was a 'Legless Disabled Soldier'. He was living at 7 Glen Terrace with his stepmother. When Henrietta Harrison died, she was buried with her husband and Arnold's mother in plot Q78 on 11th September 1948. The ex-soldier Arnold Harrison died in 1977.
- iv. Susannah Harrison (28th November 1871 – Q2 1948)
- v. Elizabeth Harrison was born 2nd November 1873 and then baptised at Lightcliffe on 17th March 1874. She died Q1 1949.
- vi. Mary Harrison (29th December 1875 – Q3 1956)
- vii. Fanny Harrison (4 February 1878 – 16th January 1961)

None of the four youngest Harrison daughters married. In 1911 they were together in Bridge Terrace, Bailiffe Bridge near their half-brother Robert, his wife Ellen née Spencer and their young son Douglas. Robert and all his half-sisters apart from Mary, who kept house, worked for a Carpet Manufacturer – no doubt Firths. By 1921 all the sisters and their half-brother were working for T.F. Firths & Sons Ltd and still living in Bridge Terrace.

By 1939 the two eldest daughters Susannah and Elizabeth had retired and were at home doing 'Unpaid Domestic Duties. But Mary and Fanny were still working as a 'Carpet Yarn Winder' and a 'Carpet Passer'. Home for the sisters was 2 Coronation Terrace, Brighouse. Meanwhile Robert and family resided at 5 Allan Royd, Bailiffe Bridge and Robert was a foreman at Firths.

Robert Harrison was still living in Bailiffe Bridge when he died on 22nd June 1961. No record has been found as to where any of the siblings or their ashes were buried. But if they were interred in Lightcliffe then it would bring the number of burial references for this extended Lightcliffe family, in this article alone, to over forty. The 1961 probate records for Fanny and then Robert grant probate to Douglas Harrison and Ethel Harrison respectively. Then when Ethel died on 26th August 1964 her son Douglas was again granted probate. He married late in life and died in Lancashire aged 94, a good age especially considering his experiences during WW2.



Gnr. Douglas Harrison.

IN JAPANESE HANDS

Official notification has been received that the following are prisoners in Japanese hands

Gnr. Douglas Harrison R.A., son of Mr and Mrs Bob Harrison, 5, Allen Road, Bailiffe Bridge. He was formerly employed by T.F. Firth and Sons., Ltd and is well known amongst local bowlers.

UK, World War II Allied Prisoners of War, 1939-1945 for Douglas Harrison
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收容所 Camp	瓜哇 昭17年8月15日	番 島 號 No.	瓜本 28023 28023 H-92
姓名 Name	Harrison, Douglas. ハーリソン タグラス	生年月日 Date of Birth	1914. 7. 13
國籍 Nationality	英	所屬部隊 Unit	No. 1794641 Royal Artillery.
階級身分 Rank	A. Gunner. 陸軍兵卒 GNR	捕獲年月日 Date of Capture	昭和17年3月8日
捕獲場所 Place of Capture	瓜哇	父ノ名 Father's Name	Harrison, Robert.
父ノ名 Father's Name	Harrison, Robert.	母ノ名 Mother's Name	Harrison, Ethel.
本籍地 Place of Origin	Bridgehouse, England.	職業 Occupation	労働者
通報先 Destination of Report	Mr. R. Harrison, 5, Allen Road, Bayliff Bridge, Bridgehouse, Yorks. England.	特記事項 Remark	

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