

The Marsdens of Hove Edge part 2

By the start of the 20th century only Midgley Marsden and his unmarried adult children were still living in Hove Edge. Many of the others had moved to Lightcliffe.



John Marsden married Hannah Matilda Shooter Q3 1900. Hannah Matilda was the youngest daughter of William Shooter, another silk boiler of Hove Edge, and his wife Naomi née Sharp. Just as the Marsdens sometimes used their mothers' maiden names as a first name when naming their children so did the Sharps. Little Sharp Shooter was baptised and then buried at St. Matthew's, Lightcliffe as explained in the article.

Little Sharp Shooter and family

His name is inscribed on this headstone.

1901 census

Hannah Marsden Head 68
 Abram Marsden Son 44 Flag facer stone
 Sarah Ann Marsden Dau 39 Cotton winder
 Fred Marsden Son 30 Carpet weaver
 Address Ripley St., Lightcliffe

1901 census

Midgley Marsden Head 82 Retired Silk Boiler
 Elizabeth Marsden Dau 32
 Thomas Marsden Son 27 Stone dresser
 Address 117 Halifax Rd, Brighouse

1901 census

Thomas Marsden Head 47 Stone Quarryman
 Rebecca Marsden Wife 55 Wife
 Doris Marsden Dau 32
 Florence Lee Niece 13 Cotton Turner
 Address Ripley Street, Lightcliffe

1901 census

Schofield Marsden Head 55 Gardener
 Martha Marsden Wife 43
 Herbert Marsden Son 23 Wool Sorter
 Arthur Marsden Son 20 Tailor
 Gladys Marsden Dau 14 Worsted Spinner
 Ethel Marsden Dau 12 ditto
 Fred Marsden Son 9
 Ernest Marsden Son 3
 Address Mount View, Ferncliffe Rd., Bingley

1901 census

Mary Brook Head 67 Widow
 William Brook Son 37 Cotton Twiner
 Mary E Marsden Dau 40 Widow Cotton Warper
 Ada Marsden Grnddau 17 Cotton Winder
 Address Wakefield Rd., Lightcliffe

1901 census

Annie Marsden Servant 23 Housemaid
 For a Harrison family
 Address Edward St., Bingley

1901 census

Naomi Shooter Mother 64
 Lewis Shooter Son 26
 Labourer Size Maker Carpets
 John Marsden Son in law 36 Wire drawer
 Hannah Marsden Dau 31 Carpet Setter Worsted
 Address Lower Crow Nest, Lightcliffe

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 07 March 1904

BURNT TO DEATH IN HER BEDROOM

A young woman, named Elizabeth Marsden, single, living with her parents at Hove Edge, has been found in her bedroom on the floor dead, with her head and the upper portion of her body burnt, and her nightdress was covered with ashes.

Brighthouse News 11 March 1904

A HOVE EDGE INQUEST SAD DEATH OF A WOMAN

On Monday, at Zion School, Hove Edge, Mr. E.H.Hill (district coroner) held an inquest on the body of Elizabeth Marsden (35) an unmarried woman residing at Hove Edge, who, on the previous Friday morning, had been found lying dead on the floor in her house. There were several bruises and burning about the head and upper portion of the body, and her clothing was covered in ashes. A quantity of the bed clothing was on the floor, and it is presumed that the woman had put them there and laid herself down on the floor in front of a fire, which had been left burning in the bedroom. The woman had been attended by a doctor, as she was near confinement.

THE EVIDENCE

Thos. Marsden said: I live at 117 Hove Edge, Brighthouse and am a stone dresser. Deceased was my sister, Elizabeth Marsden 35 years of age. I last saw her alive at dinner time on Thursday last. I came home about 5:30 pm that evening and she was ill upstairs, and my brother was looking after her. I left about 10.15, and went to bed about 10.30. I slept in the house, and my father slept upstairs in the room over. I did not wake up during the night, nor heard a noise. I awoke about 6.15 on Friday morning, lighted the fire and dressed, and I then went to the top of the stairs and called two

or three times, and as I got no answer I opened the door and went in. I saw my sister laid across the hearth face downwards. There was just a spark in the grate. Her head was close to the grate. I touched her and found she was cold, and apparently dead. I fetched two neighbours, and then a constable was fetched who saw the body before it was disturbed.

Wm. Smith stated: I am a West Riding constable stationed at Hove Edge. I was called to 117 Hove Edge, on Friday about 8.15 am., and found the deceased lying on the floor face downwards. Both arms were crossed over the upper part of the abdomen under the body. I turned her over and found her quite dead and stiff. I found three slight skin wounds on the left temple, on the side away from the fire. There were some marks just above the left ear, The fender was pushed on one side. There was a blanket between the bed and the body. There was also a quantity of saliva on the floor under her mouth. There was a pillow on the floor as if she had been lying on it.

Dr. Wm. Charteris F.R.C.P: I practise at Hipperholme. I was called to the deceased on Thursday afternoon by her father. She was said to be near confinement. The case seemed a normal one, and there was no suspicious circumstances. I thought it would be a day or two before things came to a crisis, and left her apparently perfectly well. I was called the next day, and made an examination of the body, and found the marks mentioned by the constable. My opinion is that she had fallen, and had been stunned which brought about a collapse, and in her delicate state of health, caused death.

A verdict was returned of "Death from syncope through shock, caused by an accidental fall."



Elizabeth Marsden was buried with her mother in plot F15 on 8th March 1904.

Her cousin, Abraham Marsden - opposed to her half-brother Abraham Smith/Marsden - died on 9th July 1904 aged 47 years. He was buried with his father William in plot J68 on 12th July 1904.

Brighouse News 27 January 1905

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT – On Sunday last there passed away at his residence in Hove Edge the oldest local male resident in the person of Mr. Midgley Marsden at the age of 86 years. Formerly he was employed at Messrs. Airey' silk manufacturers, and since then by the Hipperholme Local Board, and subsequently the Brighouse Town Council, in the Highways Department until five years ago. He was a native of Hove Edge and had resided there all his life. The remains were interred at Lightcliffe Church on Wednesday. There are left to mourn his loss two sons and two daughters.

Midgley Marsden died on 22nd January 1905. As the newspaper clip says he was buried in Lightcliffe churchyard on 25th January 1905 with his wife and daughter in plot F15 at the time owned by his son Thomas Marsden. His other son would be Schofield Marsden who by then had lost his third wife Martha née Davies Q1 1901. Quite who the two daughters were, is unclear. His eldest daughter Sarah has not been found since the 1861 census and his two other daughters had predeceased him. Then there was his stepson Abraham Smith/Marsden who has not been identified since the 1881 census.



Midgley's sister-in-law Hannah Marsden née Longbottom, the wife of his younger brother William died on 26th February 1907 aged 74. She was buried in Lightcliffe churchyard on 1st March 1907 in plot J68 with her husband and bachelor son, Abraham. Not long after on 30th October 1907 their daughter in law Rebecca Marsden née Empsall, wife of their eldest son Thomas died. The fifty-year-old was buried on 1st November 1907 in plot F16. Their youngest son Fred Marsden had married Florence Lister on 30th June 1902 in Halifax.

Widow Mary Brook, mother of Mary Elizabeth Marsden died 25th August 1909. She was buried three days later in plot F4 with Edward Brook, presumably her husband who passed away on 11th October 1878 and was interred on 14th October 1878.

Before the 1911 census Schofield Marsden's son Arthur Edward Marsden, a tailor on the 1901 census, appears to have emigrated to Canada possibly in 1909. He has not been found on the U.K. 1911 census but other family members who would continue to have a Lightcliffe connection were in the following households.

1911 census

Thomas Marsden Lodger 37 Stone dresser
With Kendall family
Address Halifax Rd., Hove Edge

1911 census

Schofield Marsden Head 65 Domestic Gardener
Gladys Marsden Dau 24
Fred Marsden Son 19
Iron & Tin Plate Worker Apprentice
Ernest Marsden Son 13 Worsted Spinning hand
Address 4 Fernbank Terrace, Bingley

1911 census

Annie Marsden Servant 39 General Servant
Address Bingley

1911 census

Thomas Marsden Head 56 Widower Stone Hewer
Doris Marsden Dau 14 Carpet Sewer
Wilfred Owen Nephew in law 24 Carpet Weaver
Florence Owen Niece 23
Alice Owen Niece's dau 1
Nellie Owen Niece's dau 2/12
Address 11 Ripley St., Lightcliffe

1911 census

Mary E Marsden Head 50 Cotton Warper
Ada Marsden Dau 27 Cotton Mender
William Brook Brother 47 Cotton Twiner
Address 61 Wakefield Rd., Lightcliffe

1911 census

Sarah Ann Marsden Head 49 Cotton Reeler
Address 10 Ripley St., Lightcliffe

1911 census

John Marsden Head 46 Thick Wire Drawer
Hannah M Marsden Wife 41
Leonard Marsden Son 9
Ethel Marsden Dau 7
Address East Street, Lightcliffe

1911 census

Fred Marsden Head 40 Carpet Weaver
Florence Marsden Wife 35
Laura Marsden Dau 8
Address 2 Leeds Rd., Hipperholme

And then the Great War started.

Bachelor Thomas Marsden, son of Midgley and Mary Jane Marsden, died on 21st March 1916 aged 42. He was buried in plot F17 which has a kerbstone around the double/treble plot. His name appears on the right-hand kerbstone next to the inscription for his sister, Elizabeth. There is a slight error on the memorial inscription as Thomas was born in 1873.



Over in Canada Schofield Marsden's son Arthur Edward Marsden joined the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force.

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ATTESTATION PAPER.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

No. 255629
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QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.
(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? Marsden
- 1a. What are your Christian names? Arthur Edward
- 1b. What is your present address? Powassoupe 106
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what County were you born? Bingley Yorkshire England
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? (SHEFFIELD) Schofield Marsden
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? Bingley Yorkshire England
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? Father (No. 4. FERNBANK TWP. R.)
6. What is the date of your birth? Sept 1st 1880
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Former sailor
7. Are you married? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? No
If so, state particulars of former Service.
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force? Yes

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

Arthur Edward Marsden do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Arthur Edward Marsden (Signature of Recruit)

Date July 10th 1916 W. R. Gordon (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

Arthur Edward Marsden do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Arthur Edward Marsden (Signature of Recruit)

Date July 10 1916 W. R. Gordon (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Edmonton this 10th day of July 1916

W. J. [Signature] (Signature of Justice)

in and for the Province of Alberta

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Arthur Edward Marsden survived WW1 and returned to British Columbia where he married Muriel Alice Grundy on 7th February 1925 in Dawson Creek, B.C., Canada. This was where he died on 31st August 1948.

Meanwhile back in the U.K. another Thomas Marsden, son of William and Hannah and wife of Rebecca, died aged 62 on 8th July 1917. He was buried with his wife next to the larger plot containing his uncle, aunt and some cousins on 12th July 1917.



Mary Elizabeth Marsden née Brook whose husband James had died more than thirty years before was buried on New Years' Day 1919 having died three days before. She was buried in plot J67 one of the three adjacent plots this Marsden family occupied. Unfortunately, there is no memorial headstone or kerbstone but the position of the three plots is marked near the memorial to Abraham Turner.



The Marsden households still being followed looked like this in 1921 when a person's employer was helpfully noted.

1921 census

Schofield Marsden	Head	76	Gardener(Retired)	
Gladys Marsden	Dau	34	Home Duties	
Fred Marsden	Son	29	Plumber	Philp Astley Iron Mongers
Ernest Marsden	Son	23	Clerk	Cooperative Society General Dealer

Address 4 Fernbank Terrace, Bingley

1921 census

James Hewitt	Head	54	Nursery Foreman	Lister Kershaw Ltd
Annie Marsden	Housekeeper	50	Housekeeper	Private

Address Oakroyd House, Brighouse

1921 census

Sarah Ann Marsden	Head	59	Cotton Reeler	Stott Brothers Bailiffe Bridge
Doris Marsden	Niece	24	Tapestry Cop Winder	T F Firth and Sons Ltd

Address 11 Ripley Street, Lightcliffe

1921 census

Ada Marsden	Head	37	Carpet Sewer	T F Firth Carpenter Works Bailiffe Bridge
William Brook	Uncle	58	Cotton Twiner	Mrs Stott Bros, Cotton Manufacturers

Address 50 Wakefield Rd., Lightcliffe

1921 census

John Marsden	Head	57	Labourer For Carpenter	T F Firths & Sons
Hannah M Marsden	Wife	51	Household Duties	-
Leonard Marsden	Son	19	Labourer Cooper	T F Firths & Sons
Ethel Marsden	Dau	17	Machine For Carpet	T F Firths & Sons

Address 3 East Street, Lightcliffe

1921 census

Frederick Marsden	Head	50	Dyers Labourer	Century Dye Works	Elland
Florence Marsden	Wife	45	Home Duties		
Laura Marsden	Dau	18	Milliner	Brearley & Thomas	North Bridge
Joan Marsden	Granddaughter	1			

Address 2 Leeds Road, Hipperholme, Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Schofield Marsden died on 28th January 1927 probably in Bingley. However, he was buried back in Lightcliffe on 1st February 1927 in plot Q7 with two of his three wives and next to his first wife's Smith family in plot Q8. As you can see, they have identical headstones.



Fred Marsden and his wife Florence née Lister passed away on 30th July 1929 and 25th July 1934 and were buried in Lightcliffe churchyard on 3rd August 1929 and 28th July 1934 in plot T62. Florence would see their daughter, Laura, married to Fred Soothill Q1 1933. But the Soothill marriage was short lived as Laura died on 12th August 1936 aged just 34. She was interred with her parents in plot T62 on 15th August 1936.

William Brook who lived with his niece Ada Marsden in Wakefield Road died aged 71 on 15th November 1934. He was buried in plot F4 with his parents four days later. This plot has no headstone.

Sarah Ann Marsden, the daughter of William and Hannah, died on 13th August 1939 just before the 1939 register was taken. She was buried with her parents on 17th August 1939 in plot J68 which was then declared full.

1939 register

Gladys M Marsden	31 Oct 1886	Female Daily Help	Single	91	1
Annie Marsden	05 May 1871	Female Retired Housekeeper	Single	91	2

Address 4 Ferntank Terrace, Bingley, Bingley U.D., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

John Marsden	12 Apr 1864	Male Mill Drawer (Retired)	Married	318	1
Hannah Marsden	28 Jan 1870	Female Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	318	2
Leonard Marsden	03 Oct 1901	Male Farm Labourer (Incapac)	Single	318	3
Ethel Marsden	24 Dec 1903	Female Carpet Machinist	Single	318	4

Address 3 East Street, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

Doris Marsden	26 June 1896	Female Winder (C of Jute)	Single		
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Address 11 Ripley St., Lightcliffe, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

Ada Marsden	5 Jan 1884	Female Carpet Sewer	Single		
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Address 111 Wakefield Rd., Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Ada Marsden died shortly after the 1939 register was taken on 10th November 1939. She was buried with her parents and little sister in plot J67 on 13th November 1939.

Her aunt and uncle John and Hannah Matilda Marsden passed away on 18th May 1942 and 28th November 1949. They were buried in Lightcliffe on 21st May 1942 and 20th November 1949 plot 1A63 which has no headstone.

Doris Marsden was reunited with her parents, Thomas and Rebecca, in plot F16 on 7th March 1946 as this headstone, which is now laid flat, notes.



Annie Marsden's death on 8th April 1949 was registered in the Wharfedale district. But she was buried with her parents, Schofield Marsden and his first wife Edna née Smith back at Lightcliffe on 13th April 1949. Her name was added to the headstone.



That just leaves the Marsden occupants of East Street, Leonard and Ethel Marsden. Neither of them seem to have married. They appear to have remained living at 3 East Street after their parents John and Hannah Matilda née Shooter died. Leonard died in 1974 and Ethel in 1980 as her probate record notes. No burial or cremation details have been found.

MARSDEN Ethel of 3 East St Lightcliffe Halifax died 10 April 1980
Probate Leeds 9 May £6103

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