

The Sherwood family of Hipperholme and Lightcliffe

There are only five Sherwood burials recorded in Lightcliffe churchyard. All five were related; three were born in Lightcliffe, one in Wokingham, Berkshire and one in Sweden!

Their story begins in Wokingham, Berkshire where the birth of a William White was registered Q3 1859. He was the son of Eliza White who was born in 1838, a daughter of William White and his wife Charlotte née Brant as shown on these census forms.

1841 census

William White 40 Labourer
 Charlotte White 40
 Thomas White 12
 Mary White 17
 William White 9
 Eliza White 4
 Moses White 16 Mo
 Aaron White 8 Mo
 Address Nonsuch Lane, Wokingham. Berks

1851 census

William White 51 Ag Labourer
 Charlotte White 50
 Mary White 28 Pauper being imbecile
 Thomas White 22 Ag Labourer
 William White 19 ditto
 Eliza White 13 Scholar
 Moses White 10 ditto
 Aaron White 10 ditto
 Charlotte White 6 ditto
 Address Down St., Wokingham, Berks

1861 census

William White Head 61 Farm Labourer
 Charlott White Wife 61
 Mary White Dau 37
 Eliza White Dau 23 Harness Stitcher
 Aaron White Son 20 Farm Labourer
 Charlott White Dau 15 Harness Stitcher
 William White Grndsn 1
 Address Down St., Wokingham, Berks

Lodging in the same street was a young man Albert Sherwood who married Eliza White Q1 1866 in the Wokingham district.

1861 census

Albert Sherwood Lodger 19 Labourer
 Address Down St., Wokingham, Berkshire

Their daughter Ellen Sherwood was born Q1 1868 and baptised on 31st May 1868 at St. Paul's Church, Wokingham. Her labourer father, Albert Sherwood, then died before the year was out in Q4 1868 aged just 28 years.

On the 1871 census 32-year-old Eliza Sherwood, a widowed mother with two young children was recorded as being a 'Laundress', a live-in servant with John Henry Stork (Curate of Colwick, M.A. of Cambridge) and family at the Rectory House, Colwick, Nottinghamshire. Her children were with their widowed grandmother. Their grandfather William White had died in October 1867 and was interred at St. Paul's, Wokingham on 3rd November 1867.

1871 census

Charlotte White Head 70	Widow Receiving outdoor relief
Mary White Dau 47	Daughter ditto Idiot since birth
Moses White Son 28	Labourer
Aaron White Son 28	ditto
Charlotte White Dau 25	Needlewoman
William White Grndsn 11	Watchmaker's Errand Boy
Kate White Grnddau 3	
Ellen Sherwood Grndda 3	
Address Down St., Wokingham, Berkshire	

Before the year was out widow Eliza Sherwood married William Eatwell Q4 1871. Their eldest daughter Eliza Jane Eatwell was baptised in Wokingham on 22nd September 1872. But her brother Thomas Eatwell was baptised and then buried at St. John's Church, Coley on 8th November 1874 and 7th October 1874.

Labourer William Eatwell moved his family north sometime between 1872 and 1874. They lived at Gardeners' Square, Hipperholme and he appears to have become a quarry worker. The births of Mary Ann and Robert Eatwell were registered in the Halifax district, Q3 1876 and Q1 1880, as confirmed by the 1881 census.

1881 census

William Eatwell	Head	41	Quarry Labourer
Eliza Eatwell	Wife	41	
William Sherwood	Son	21	Engine Tenter
Ellen Sherwood	Dau	12	Scholar
Eliza Eatwell	Dau	8	ditto
Maryann Eatwell	Dau	4	
Robert Eatwell	Son	1	

Address Gardener Square, Hipperholme

For the first time Eliza's son William was recorded as William Sherwood; he too seems to be a quarry worker. A year later two local newspapers recorded an accident.

Brighouse & Rastrick Gazette
27 May 1882

Bradford Observer
31 May 1882

HIPPERHOLME

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT --- About half-past eleven o'clock on Thursday morning, as William Eatwell wagoner, in the employment of Messrs. Joseph Brook & Sons, stone merchants, Hipperholme, was driving a wagon, drawn by two horses, on the Halifax-road at Hipperholme, he suddenly fell down in a fit, and the hind wheel of the wagon, which was heavily laden with stones, passed over his face from the left ear downwards to his chin, which was broken to pieces. Dr. Charteris was called and immediately directed his removal to the Halifax Infirmary. The unfortunate man has been subject to fits for some time.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT HIPPERHOLME --- William Eatwell, waggoner (43) who was injured by falling from his waggon shafts at Hipperholme on Thursday afternoon died on Sunday in the Halifax Infirmary. At the inquest held yesterday it was shown that the deceased had a fit which caused the accident, and that the wheels of the waggon caught the side of his face. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death".

[The two papers seem to use different spellings of wagon and waggoner!]

Forty-three-year-old William Eatwell died on Sunday 28th May 1882. He was buried in plot H59 of St. Matthew's churchyard in Lightcliffe on 31st May 1882. This plot, which is in or near one of our roped-off wild areas, has no headstone.

His stepson William Sherwood married Sarah Jane Empsall on 28th November 1885 in Halifax as the record below shows.

1885. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Halifax 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.
433	November 28 1885	William Sherwood	26	Widch	Engine Fitter	Hepberholme	Albert Sherwood	Railway Servant
		Sarah Jane Empsall	25	sp	-	Hepberholme	Samuel Empsall	Dyer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by — or after Notices by me.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, (William Sherwood) in the Presence of us, (Thomas Marsden) (Sarah Jane Empsall) (Martha H Empsall) R. Plum & Stedman

Back tracking for the Empsalls.

Sarah Jane was the third of four daughters of Samuel and Sarah Empsall of Bailiffe Bridge. All four daughters were baptised at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe; Rebecca on 20th August 1857, Fanny on Christmas Day 1858, Sarah Jane on 2nd September 1860 and Martha Hannah on 10th June 1870 although she was born Q3 1864. For the first three baptisms Samuel was recorded as being a 'Singer' but then a 'Labourer'.

1860	Sep: 2	Sarah Jane	Samuel Sarah	Empsall	Bailiffe Bridge	Singer	J. M. G. G. G.
No. 1000							

Samuel Empsall, a son of John Empsall and Susannah Staincliffe of Birkby Lane, Clifton, had at least seven siblings. Many members of this extended Empsall family including parents John and Susannah were buried in Lightcliffe churchyard. To avoid over complicating this article their story will be told later.

The Empsalls of Bailiffe Bridge

Samuel's first wife, the mother of his four daughters, was probably Sarah Ellis the daughter of James Ellis. This information comes from a transcribed record for the marriage record for Samuel Empsal [sic] which occurred on Christmas Day 1851 in Dewsbury. No attempt will be made to link this Ellis family with any other Ellis family in the churchyard.

1861 census

Samuel Empsall	Head	32	Dyer
Sarah Empsall	Wife	33	
Rebecca Empsal	Dau	4	
Fanny Empsall	Dau	2	
Sarah Ann Empsall	Dau	1	[should be Sarah Jane]
Address Bailiffe Bridge			

With his widowed mother, Susannah Empsall & some unmarried Empsall siblings next door.

Sarah Empsall née Ellis died on 6th June 1870. On 10th June 1870 the burial and baptism parish records for St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe record the burial of Sarah in plot S29 and the baptism of her youngest daughter Martha Hannah Sherwood. Before the next census widower Samuel Empsall married Susannah Robinson on 26th December 1870 in Halifax as detailed below.

1870. Marriage solemnized at <i>the Parish Church</i> in the <i>Parish of Halifax</i> in the County of <i>York</i>								
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.
172	December 26 1870	Samuel Empsall	43	Widower	Dyer	Hippesholme	John Empsall	Butcher
		Susannah Robinson	44	Spinster	—	Hippesholme	John Robinson	Farmer
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <i>James</i> de after <i>James</i> by me, <i>William Henry Brunsden</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <i>Samuel Empsall his X mark</i> in the Presence of us, <i>John Thomas</i> <i>Susannah Robinson her X mark</i> <i>Joseph Laper</i>								

1871 census

Samuel Empsall Head 44 Dyer
 Susannah Empsall Wife 46
 Rebecca Empsall Dau 14 Carpet ??? Hand
 Fanny Empsall Dau 12 ditto
 Sarah J Empsall Dau 11 ditto
 Martha H Empsall Dau 5 Scholar
 Address Birkby Lane, Clifton & Hartshead

1881 census

Samuel Empsall Head 54 Dyer
 Susannah Empsall Wife 56
 Rebecca Empsall Dau 24 Print Winder
 Fanny Empsall Dau 22 ditto
 Martha Empsall Dau 16 Silk ?Gabber?
 Leonard Empsall Grndson 1
 Address Lightcliffe

On 3rd April 1881 twenty-one-year-old Sarah Jane Empsall was a live-in cook for the Peel household on Bramley Lane. Her sister, Fanny, had a son Leonard Empsall, born 3rd August 1880. His 6th April 1884 St. Matthew's Church baptism record gives a clue as to who his father was.

18 B4 April 6 No. 199	Leonard Lee	SS in Fanny	Lightcliffe Empsall	(SK) Lightcliffe	Mill-Head	Edwin King Curate
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Edwin Lee and Fanny Empsall eventually married in Q3 1883 a few months after her older sister Rebecca married Thomas Marsden on 10th February 1883 in Halifax. Both bridegrooms, Thomas Marsden and Edwin Lee, were baptised at Lightcliffe and their families have many links with St. Matthew's Church. Fortunately, Edwin Lee's family story has already been told in

The Lee family parts 1 & 2

Thomas Marsden's family story will have to wait as it will involve untangling some of the many Marsdens interred in the churchyard – there are over a hundred of them!

Returning to the Sherwoods

The Sherwood story will now overlap with some of the Empsalls as well as the Eatwells. Going back to William and Sarah Jane's marriage notice the witnesses, Sarah's Marsden brother in law and her youngest sister.

Edith, baptised on 21st August 1887, and Ernest Sherwood were born before the 1891 census although Ernest, born 20th January 1890, was baptised later. In 1887 the family lived at Hill Top and William was an 'Engine Tenter'. Cousin Albert (Edward) Sherwood was born on 13th February 1899, the son of Ellen Sherwood.

1891 census

William Sherwood Head 30 Engine Driver
Sarah J Sherwood Wife 29
Edith Sherwood Dau 3
Ernest Sherwood Son 1
Address Hill Top, Lightcliffe

1891 census

Eliza Eatwell Head 52 Widow
Ellen Sherwood Dau 23 Worsted Spinner
Eliza J Eatwell Dau 18 ditto
Mary A Eatwell Dau 14 ditto
Robert Eatwell Son 11 Scholar
Albert Sherwood Grdson 2
Moses White Lodger 47 Mason's Labourer
Sykes Buildings, Tennyson Place, Hipperholme

Elsie Sherwood was born on 12th April 1893 and baptised with her brother, Ernest, on 11th June 1893 at Lightcliffe. Later that year on 23rd September 1893 William Sherwood's half-sister Ellen (Nelly) Sherwood married Harry Martin at St. John's Church, Halifax. They baptised James Lawrence Martin and his (half) brother Albert Edward Martin – that is what the parish register says but it should be Sherwood - on 4th August 1895 at St. John's Coley. Harry Martin was a 'Warehouseman' and the family lived at Birdholme.

There were two family births within a few weeks of each other in 1895. May Sherwood was born on 26th June 1895 and Mabel Annie Eatwell the daughter of Eliza Jane Eatwell on 22nd July 1895. Little Mabel Annie of Birdholme, Northowram was baptised at Coley on 6th October 1895 just before she died on 17th October 1895. She was buried with her grandfather in plot H59, owned by her grandmother Eliza Eatwell, on 19th October 1895. May Sherwood was baptised at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe on 9th August 1896.

Her brother Harry Sherwood, born 14th August 1897, was also baptised at Lightcliffe on 14th November 1897. He survived just six months, dying on 26th February 1898. Little Harry Sherwood was interred in plot S30 next to his Empsall grandmother on 28th February 1898.

There never was a headstone for this Sherwood plot highlighted next to the Empsall headstone.

More information including the long memorial inscription on the headstone in the picture on plot S29 will be given in the Empsall family's write up.



A year after the 1911 census was taken Edith Sherwood and Wilfrid Booth were married at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe as the parish record below shows Their son Eric Booth was born 11th June 1914 and then four years later his sister Gladys was born on 5th June 1918. Their Booth grandparents lived in Ripley Street, Lightcliffe.

1912
18 Marriage solemnized at St. Matthew's Church in the Parish of Lightcliffe 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.
396	6 th April 1912	Wilfrid Booth Edith Sherwood	25 24	Bachelor Spinster	Electrician	28 Backus Road Wharfedale Doncaster Travellers Inn Hipperholme	Henry Booth William Sherwood	Collier Publican

Married in the Parish of Lightcliffe according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after having by me, C. J. Hall

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Wilfrid Booth and Edith Sherwood in the Presence of us, William Sherwood and Elise Sherwood (Vicar)

The children's aunt May Sherwood died on 27th June 1919 aged 24 years. She was buried with her baby brother in plot S30 on 30th June 1919. Her paternal grandmother Eliza Eatwell formerly Sherwood née White died on 13th March 1921. The 83-year-old was buried with her husband and granddaughter in plot H59 on 17th March 1921.

1921 census

William Sherwood Head 61 Publican
Sarah Jane Sherwood Wife 59 Home Duties
Elsie Sherwood Dau 28 Home Duties
Ernest Sherwood Son 31
Harry W Sherwood Grdsn 10
Address Travellers' Inn, Hipperholme

1921 census

Wilfred Booth Head 34 Electrician
For Steel Wire Manufacturers
Edith Booth Wife 33
Eric Booth Son 6
Gladys Booth Dau 3
Address 32 Howard Park, Cleckheaton

1921 census

Eliza Jane Eatwell Head / Dau 49 Reeler
Robert Eatwell Son 42
[should be Brother] Steam Wagon Driver
Address Pearson Fold, Hipperholme

1921 census

Harry Martin Head 49 Masons Labourer
Nellie Martin Wife 52
Albert E Sherwood Step-son 32
? Tiler? Labourer
Tom Martin Son 20 Brewers Labourer
Harold Martin Son 14 Worsted Doffer
Robert Martin Son 11
Willie Martin Son 9
Address 16 West End, Hipperholme

Interesting – very interesting!

The 1921 census, taken on 19th June, recorded an individual's age in years and months, birthplace and occupation but also the name and address of their employer where appropriate. Married men were to declare how many children - not necessarily living with them - they had under sixteen,. For children, census information noted whether both parents were still alive. If they were at school sometimes the name of the school they attended was recorded. Not surprisingly Robert and Willie Martin were at Lightcliffe National School.

Robert Eatwell worked for Halifax Corporation Transport Department. The occupation of Albert Edward Sherwood - now established as Harry Martin's stepson – has been transcribed as 'Tiler Labourer' but is that what it says? What is clear is that he worked at Brooks [sic] Brick Works as his step grandfather William Eatwell (and others) had done.

<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;"> Timin Labourer 1191/6 </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;"> Brooks Brick Works 062 </div>
459/6 Brewers Labourer	Waller & Son Ltd Brewers 381
399/6 Worsted Dropper	↑
<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px;"> Lightcliffe National School </div>	Woods Ltd Worsted Mills 271

But it is the entry for Ernest Sherwood and then the one for a grandson Harry William Sherwood at the Travellers' Inn that is the most interesting and revealing. Harry William Sherwood aged 10 years and 8 months was born in Fredrikshald, Norway. Assuming Ernest Sherwood was the boy's father he was recorded as being married -- although his wife was not with him - and having three children under sixteen years.

Norwegian records reveal that Harry William, Ronald [aka Rangvald] Ernest and Birger Johnny Sherwood, born on 2nd October 1910, 1st October 1912 and 20th December 1919 respectively in Fredrikshald, Norway, were the children of Ernest Sherwood and his Swedish wife. Ernest Sherwood, the twenty-year-old son of William Sherwood, had married Johanna Mathilde Larsson on 11th November 1910 in Halden, Østfold, Norge (Norway). The marriage record states that Johanna was born in Sweden and a Swedish record gives her date of birth as 12th October 1879.

A Norwegian census taken just a few weeks later on 1st December 1910 fits this information. It even helpfully records that Ernest Sherwood was born on 20th January 1890 in 'Halifakes' presumably the Norwegian for Halifax!.

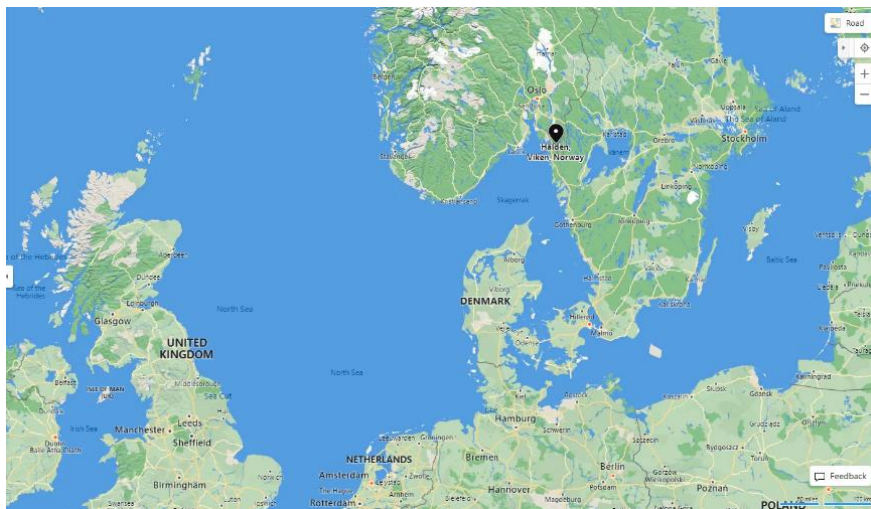
1910 census Norway

Ernest Sherwood 20 Husfar (Head)
 Birth Date: 20 Jan 1890
 Birth Place: Halifakes presumably the Norwegian for Halifax!
 Johanne Matilda Larsen 30 Hustru (Wife)
 Sherwood* 0 Son
 Address Apartment: Etasje 1ste Leilighetsnummer 02
 Residence Place: Fredrikshald, Østfold, Norge (Norway)

Ernest Sherwood was in Norway when the 1911 census was taken but why?

The residence place name Fredrikshald was the clue and the fact that Brookes Ltd. had a quarry there. It very much looks as if Ernest Sherwood was another member of this extended family who worked for the Lightcliffe quarry owning Brookes family; and for at least some of the time in Norway.

The map shows the relative positions of Fredrikshald, marked on the Norwegian – Swedish border, and the UK.



An extract from a little pamphlet about Brookes industrial railways explains more.

Brookes' Industrial Railways
S.A. Leleux
Locomotion Papers
Number Sixty-Three
Pg 38 – 39

10. SCANDINAVIAN QUARRIES

From about the year 1900 Brookes Ltd. owned quarries on both sides of the Idefjord, which now forms part of the southern boundary of Norway and Sweden. A/S Brookes' Granite Co. owned or leased 6,000 acres on the eastern (Norwegian) bank, centred on Ystehede, a village about four miles south of Fredrikshald (now Halden). On the opposite side, round Pilegarden, the Swedish A/B Brookes' Granite Co. controlled 8,000 acres of land.

The Idefjord is very sheltered, with a tidal range of only two feet. It freezes in winter and ships were then loaded off the ice, horses drawing sledges of stone out to them. There was little overburden to remove, and the quarries were right at the water's edge, with wharfs all along the waterfront. The crane roads at Ystehede were two miles long. Pilegarden had a short length of narrow-gauge railway with V skips, apparently to serve a chippings dump.

The quarries produced fine grained blue granite quarried by hand using wedges which split very cleanly. It was used to make setts, kerb stones and large blocks for dock work or girder bedstones. The stone was exported all over the world. Some went to Aberdeen where Brookes had a yard for monumental work in Pittodrie Street.

The quarries appear to have closed in the 1930s.

Most probably Ernest and his eldest son were only visiting the UK at the time of the 1921 census with his wife and youngest sons perhaps back home in Norway. Was this why no occupation was listed for him, and no school given for his eldest son? A few years later Ernest and Johanna with their three boys were back in the UK.

But before then on 28th July 1922 his sister Elsie Sherwood had a little girl named Lilian Sherwood who was unofficially adopted.

This photograph of Lilian and her adopted mother was very kindly sent to me by Lilian's granddaughter, Heather Connolly, who initiated this research into the Sherwood family.

Jumping slightly ahead to 1939.

1939 register

Elizabeth Shaw 07 Mar 1882 Widowed

Lilian Sherwood 28 Jul 1922 Twister (Textile)

Address

11 Lane Ends Terrace, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), which means Hipperholme.

Lilian's surname was actually recorded as Sharwood and then updated to Crossley after she married Thomas Crossley Q3 1940 in the Calder district.



Sarah Jane Sherwood died on 23rd October 1926 aged 66 years. As the Halifax Evening Courier reports, she was buried on 26th October 1926 with her son and daughter next to her parents in plot S30 of St. Matthew's churchyard.

Halifax Evening Courier 27 October 1926

FUNERAL OF MRS. W. SHERWOOD

HIPPERHOLME

The funeral of Mrs. William Sherwood, Travellers' Inn, Hipperholme, who died on Saturday, took place yesterday at Lightcliffe Cemetery. The Rev. H.S. Taylor conducted a short service at the house and also officiated at the graveside. Mrs. Sherwood was a lifelong resident in the Hipperholme and Lightcliffe districts, where she was very highly respected. She was an active member of the local Women's Unionist Association, in which her valued services in the cause were much appreciated.

The chief mourners were:--Mr. William Sherwood (widower), Miss Elsie Sherwood (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Booth (son in law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sherwood (son and daughter in law), Miss M.A. Empsall (sister), Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin (brother in law and sister), Mr R. and Miss E. Eatwell (brother and sister in law), Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lee (nephew and niece), Mrs Wilfred Owen and Miss Doris Marsden (nieces), Mrs. J. Bradley and Mr. Arthur Broomhead.

Representatives from the Hipperholme and Lightcliffe Unionist Association were also present.

Then less than a year later William Sherwood died on 27th March 1927. He was buried with his wife and children on 30th March 1927 in plot S30 of Lightcliffe churchyard.

31 March 1927 Halifax Evening Courier -

Hipperholme Landlord's

Death

Mr William Sherwood

The death of Mr. William Sherwood, lessee of the Travellers' Inn, Hipperholme took place at his residence on Sunday. Formerly Mr. Sherwood was an engineers' fitter employed by Brookes Limited, Hipperholme, and was commissioned to go to their quarries in Norway, where he was engaged for about seven years. On his return to England 17 years ago he became landlord of the Travellers' Inn. He was a member of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, and for about five years served on the committee. As a bellringer he took part in the first peal of bells at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe, in 1881, and was well known in many of the local belfries. He was also a member of the handbell ringers connected with Lightcliffe Church for many years. At one time he was associated with Wyke Temperance Band, and later with the Halifax Volunteer

Band, in which he was an instrumentalist of no mean repute. Mr. Sherwood was a native of Hipperholme, well known and highly respected by a large circle of friends. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Lightcliffe Old Church Cemetery, when Rev. H.L. Taylor conducted a short service at the house, and also officiated at the church and graveside.

The chief mourners were: Miss Elsie Sherwood (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Booth (son in law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sherwood (son and daughter in law), Mr. Hy Wm. Sherwood (grandson), Mr and Mrs Hy. Martin (brother-in-law and sister) Miss E. Eatwell, Miss Empsall, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lee, Miss Marsden

The obituary goes on to list Friends, members of the Local Bellringers, the Conservative Club and Halifax and District Licensed Victuallers' Association

The members of the Hipperholme and Lightcliffe Bowling Club acted as bearers.

The obituary confirms that William Sherwood worked for Brookes Ltd and that he (and presumably his family) went to Norway to Fredrikshald where he worked in the Scandinavian quarries for about seven years. This must have been sometime between the 31st March 1901 and 31st January 1911. During this time his son Ernest would have reached working age, so he too almost certainly worked in the Brookes Scandinavian quarries staying on when his parents and sisters returned to Hipperholme.

Ernest Sherwood is listed as the publican of the Travellers' Inn on Malcolm Bull's Calderdale Companion in 1927 presumably taking over from his father but handing over to another licensee in 1830. But Ernest and his family seemed to have stayed in the area in fact in the same street judging by the address on a marriage record and then that in the 1939 register.

His son Harry William Sherwood married Amelia Bishop Q2 1929 in the Halifax district. Their daughters, Frances M and Joan Sherwood, were born Q3 1929 (Hemsworth district) and Q2 1937 (Halifax district); the two closed records on the 1939 register.

Brother Ronald Ernest used his Norwegian name when he married Florence Mabel Ackroyd on 12th August 1933 as the Halifax parish record notes. Their son Brian was born on 21st December 1933.

1933. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church in the Parish of Halifax 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.
340	12 th August 1933	Rangvald Ernest Sherwood	20	Bachelor	Welder	11 Tanhouse Hill Whipperholme	Ernest Sherwood	Motor man
		Florence Mabel Ackroyd	22	Spinster		5 South Parade Halifax	Edward Helliwell Ackroyd	Plate-layer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England after Banns by me,
 This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Rangvald Ernest Sherwood } in the Presence, of us, { Edward Helliwell Ackroyd }
 { Florence Mabel Ackroyd } { Mellie M^o Gault } Gump & Tindham Halifax

From the bridegroom's address it would appear that he and his parents were living in Tanhouse Hill not far from the Travellers' Inn which by then had a new landlord. Ernest was a 'Motor man' but was he still working for Brookes Ltd?

His wife, Johanna Mathilde Sherwood, died on 7th January 1936 aged 56 years. Swedish born Johanna was buried in plot S41 in Lightcliffe churchyard on 9th January 1936.

As with the other Sherwood plot there is no headstone but its position, in the same row as her Sherwood in-laws plot, is indicated in the adjoining image.



Eliza Jane Eatwell died on 20th December 1934 and her brother Robert Eatwell on 15th September 1935. They were each buried in Lightcliffe churchyard with their parents in plot H59 on 22nd December 1934 and 18th September 1935 respectively.

The 1939 register gives more information about the surviving members of the immediate Sherwood family. Before it was taken Eric Booth had married Ruth Scott Q3 1938 in the Calder district

1939 register

Wilfred Booth	04 Oct 1886	Male	Maintenance Elect	Married	56	1
Edith Booth	15 Jul 1887	Female	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	56	2
Gladys Beckett (Booth)	05 Jun 1918	Female	Ax Carpet Mender	Single	56	3

Address 8 Birks Hall Terrace, Halifax, Halifax C.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Ada A Scott	01 Jun 1886	Female	Unemployed Housekeeper	Married	85	1
Mary Butterfield (Scott)	12 May 1909	Female	Worsted Weaver	Single	85	2
Eric Booth	11 Jun 1914	Male	Brass Machine Moulder	Married	85	3
Ruth McCurry (Booth)	27 Nov 1913	Female	Ladies' Hairdresser	Married	85	4

Address 10 Shelf Hall Lane, Shelf, Queensbury and Shelf U.D., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Ernest Sherwood	20 Jan 1890	Male	Artificial Flag Maker	Married	167	1
Johnny Sherwood	20 Dec 1920	Male	Glazed Brick Glazier	Single	167	2

Address 11 Tanhouse Hill, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Harry William Sherwood	02 Oct 1910	Male	Maltsters Labourer	Married	158	1
Amelia Sherwood	19 Jan 1907	Female	-	Married	158	2

Two closed records
Address 2 Tanhouse Hill, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Ronald E Sherwood	01 Oct 1912	Male	Concrete Moulder	Married	213	1
Florence M Sherwood	21 Aug 1910	Female	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	213	2
Brian Sherwood	21 Dec 1933	Male	At School	Single	213	3

Address 21 Arnold Street, Halifax, Halifax C.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

John Morton	22 Feb 1889	Male	Builder's Labourer	Married	292	1
Elsie Sherwood	12 Apr 1893	Female	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Single	292	2
William G Hotchkiss	23 Oct 1885	Male	Book - Keeper Cashier	Single	292	3

Address 57 Hollinroyd Road, Dewsbury, Dewsbury C.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Harry Martin	09 Mar 1873	Male	Council Labourer (Unemployed)	Married	360	1
Nellie Martin	15 Feb 1868	Female	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	360	2
Albert E Sherwood	13 Feb 1889	Male	Fitter Steam & Power Plant	Single	360	3

Address 16 Town Gate, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

It looks as if Ernest and his son (Birger) Johnny Sherwood as well as Albert Edward Sherwood may still have been working for Brookes Ltd.

Albert's mother Ellen (Nellie) Martin née Sherwood of 16 Towngate was buried at Coley on 16th December 1941.

Earlier that year in Q2 1941 Gladys Booth married William Joseph Beckett in the Halifax district and a daughter Jean M Beckett was born in the same district Q2 1946. Her cousin (Birger) Johnny Sherwood married Minnie Richards Q3 1945 in the Durham N.W. district but then their son John M Sherwood was born in the Halifax district Q2 1946.

Edith Booth née Sherwood died on 15th December 1947. She was buried in the middle section of St. Matthew's churchyard on 18th December 1947. Widower, Wilfred Booth, married Alice Crowther Q3 1954 in the Spen Valley district. He died on 12th April 1954 – the parish register says 13th April - and was buried with his first wife in plot A2 62 on 16th April 1954 with this headstone visible over the wall from Till Carr Lane.



**IN LOVING MEMORY
OF EDITH
THE BELOVED WIFE OF WILFRID BOOTH
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE DEC 15TH 1947 AGED 60 YEARS.

ALSO OF THE ABOVE WILFRID BOOTH
THE BELOVED HUSBAND OF ALICE BOOTH
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL 12TH 1954. AGED 67 YEARS**

Albert Edward Sherwood married a widow Ellen Augusta Shawmarsh née Dixon Q3 1953 in the Halifax district. The former Brookes employee died Q4 1978 aged 89.

Elsie Sherwood died in the Dewsbury district Q1 1958. Her brother Ernest died later the same year. Sixty-eight-year-old Ernest Sherwood does not appear to be buried in Lighthcliffe churchyard with his Swedish born wife after he died Q2 1958, his death being registered in the Calder district.

The UK, Burial and Cremation Index, 1576-2014 has a West Yorkshire death for Henry William Sherwood on 24th November 1967 followed by cremation on 27th November 1967. Similarly for Birger Johnny Sherwood the corresponding dates are 14th March 1983 and then 18th March 1983. The death of Ronald Ernest Sherwood who was born 1st October 1912 was registered in the Halifax district Q3 1970. His probate record gives the exact death date.

SHERWOOD Ronald Ernest of 6 Louise St. Halifax died 21 August 1970
Administration Leeds 2 October. £618

Gladys Beckett née Booth, a granddaughter of William Sherwood, was buried in the new section of Lightcliffe churchyard with this headstone.



This Sherwood story started in the nineteenth century in Berkshire and closes in the twenty first century in Lightcliffe, but some members had made an interesting detour to Norway.

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