

## The Macaulays of Slead Hall

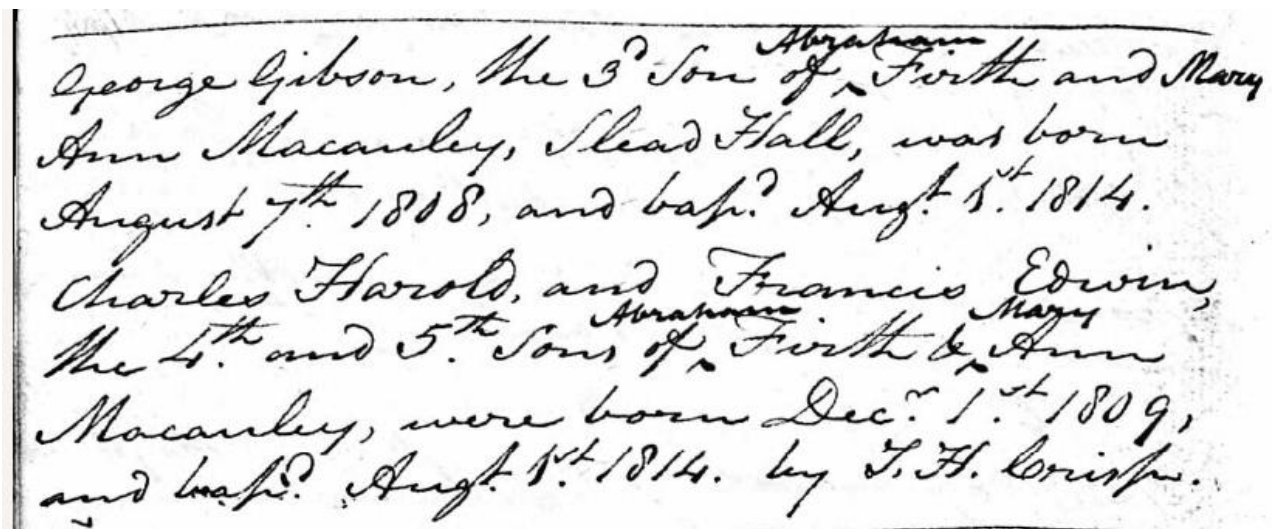
Abraham Firth Macaulay was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1775 in Scalby, near Scarborough and baptised on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1775. He and his sister Ann, who married a Richard Ashworth, were the children of Thomas Macaulay, a surgeon, and his wife Ann Firth and so descended from the Gibsons and Firths of Slead Hall. Their stories have already been told in

### The Gibsons and Firths of Slead Hall

### The Ashworth family of Strawberry Hill and Clough House

In the above articles it was explained how Abraham Firth Macaulay and his sister Ann inherited the original Gibson property Slead Hall situated between Brighthouse and Hove Edge and the original Firth property Clough House in Huddersfield. This was after their parents and their aunt Sarah Nicholls née Firth died.

Following in his father's footsteps Abraham Firth Macaulay was apprenticed to Thomas Wright, a surgeon of Leeds, on 28<sup>th</sup> November 1793. On 28<sup>th</sup> May 1806 he married Mary Ann Redfern in Liverpool. By then he had lost both his parents, but his aunt was still alive. When their eldest sons William Henry Macaulay, born 10<sup>th</sup> December 1805, and Thomas Firth Macaulay, born 6<sup>th</sup> May 1807, were baptised together on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1807 Abraham Firth and Mary Ann Macaulay were recorded as being from Fartown, Huddersfield. They had four more sons George Gibson Macaulay born 7<sup>th</sup> August 1807, twins Charles Harold and Frances Edwin Macaulay born 1<sup>st</sup> December 1809 and then Arthur Frederick Macaulay born 24<sup>th</sup> July 1818. As the Non-Conformist and Non-Parochial Register for Bridge End Chapel, Brighthouse explains by the time the next three boys were baptised on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1814 the family had moved into Slead Hall.



George Gibson, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Son of <sup>Abraham</sup> Firth and Mary Ann Macaulay, Slead Hall, was born August 7<sup>th</sup> 1808, and bap.<sup>d</sup> Augt. 1<sup>st</sup> 1814.  
Charles Harold, and Francis Edwin, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sons of <sup>Abraham</sup> Firth & <sup>Mary</sup> Ann Macaulay, were born Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> 1809, and bap.<sup>d</sup> Augt. 1<sup>st</sup> 1814. by T. H. Crisp.

Youngest son Arthur Frederick was baptised at the same place on 8<sup>th</sup> October 1818.

Abraham Firth Macaulay died on 15<sup>th</sup> January 1823 aged 48. He was buried in plot DD\*7 in St. Matthew's churchyard on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1823.

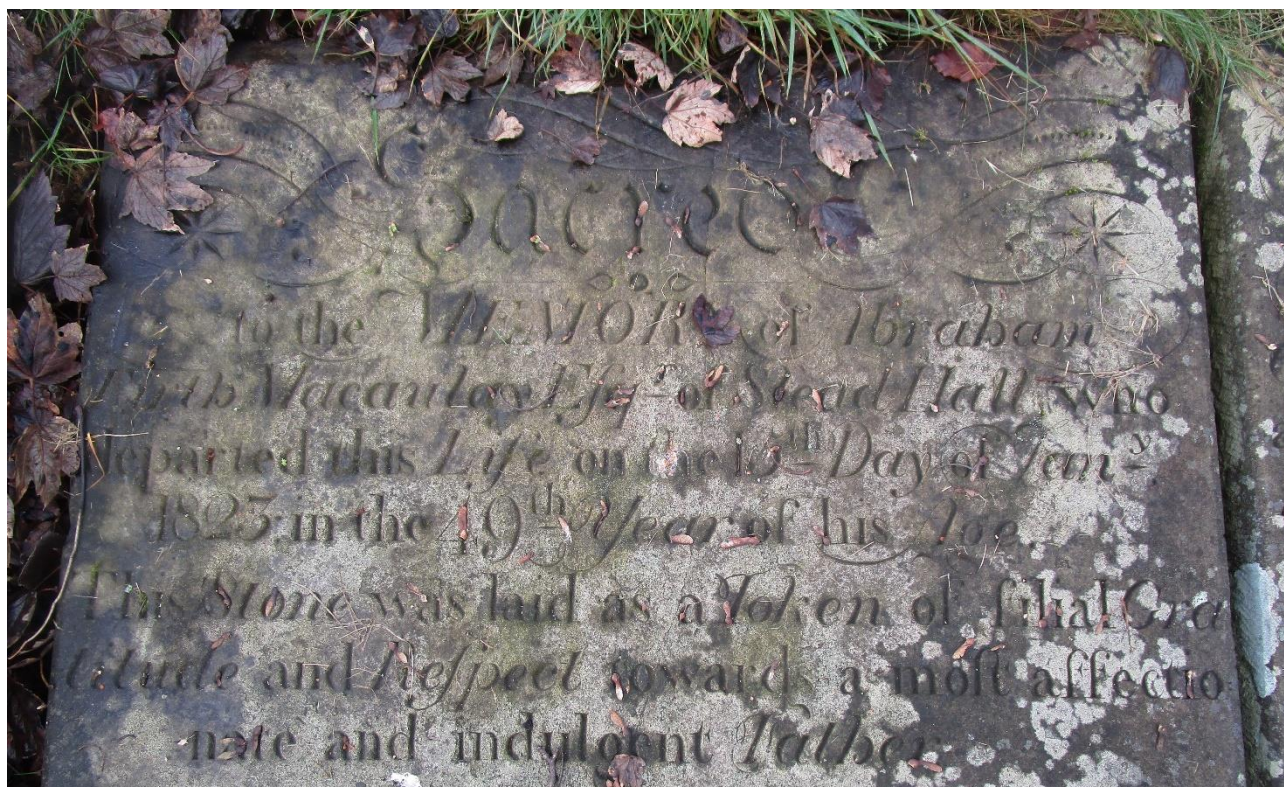
West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 for Abraham Firth Macaulay

Lightcliffe, St Matthew > 1823

Abraham Firth Macaulay No. 530.	Slead-hall	Jan <sup>y</sup> 22	48	J. Watson yearly Minister
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The memorial inscription on this ledger stone begins :-

**SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM FIRTH MACAULAY  
 OF SLEAD HALL WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON  
 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 1823 IN THE 49<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HIS AGE**  
  
**THIS STONE WAS LAID AS A TOKEN OF FILIAL GRATITUDE AND  
 RESPECT TOWARDS A MOST AFFECTIONATE AND INDULGENT FATHER**  
  
 —————**THUS WITH THE YEAR  
 SEASONS RETURN BUT NOT TO US RETURNS  
 A FATHER'S CORDIAL SMILE AT EVE OR MORN**



Eldest son William Henry Macaulay married Dorothy Bottomley on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1829 in Bradford. William was a 'Yeoman' of the parish, but Dorothy was 'of Halifax'. Their son Frederick Redfern Macaulay, born 20<sup>th</sup> September 1831, was baptised at St. John's Church, Halifax on 20<sup>th</sup> October 1831. By then his father was a 'Gentleman of Halifax'. This was their only child as less than a year later Dorothy Macaulay died on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1832. She was just 23 years old. Her funeral was held at the Salem Methodist Church in Halifax.

The next brother to marry was one of the twins, Francis Edwin Macaulay. The solicitor married Sarah Gleadhall on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1839 in South Kirby, West Riding of Yorkshire. Their son Francis Edwin Macaulay junior was born on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1840 and then baptised in Halifax on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1840.

Later that same year Thomas Firth Macaulay, a brewer, married Mary Aspinall on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1839 in the Hull district. They named their first born after his paternal grandfather, but he only survived a few weeks. Abraham Firth Macaulay junior was buried in St. Matthew's churchyard on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1841 aged 5 weeks. Youngest brother Arthur Frederick Macaulay married Elizabeth Neale on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1840 at St. Mary's, Newington, London.

The 1841 census lets you know who was living where and what their occupation was.

1841 census

Mary Macaulay	55	Independent means
George Macaulay	30	Land Surveyor
Fredrick Macaulay	10	

Address Slead Hall, Hipperholme

1841 census

Charles Macaulay	30	Surgeon
Sarah Parkinson	35	Female Servant
William Thornton	15	Male Servant

Address Common, Rastrick

Notice 10-year-old Frederick Redfern Macaulay living with his grandmother Mary née Redfern whilst his father William Henry was with his brother Thomas Firth Macaulay.

1841 census

Francis Macaulay	31	Solicitor
Sarah Macaulay	24	
Francis Macaulay	1	

3 servants  
Address Wards End, Halifax

1841 census

Thomas Macaulay	30	Farmer
Mary Macaulay	20	
William Macaulay	35	Independent means
Sarah Horsfall	65	ditto
Charles Shillitoe	20	Male servant

Address Crossland Hill, Almondbury, Huddersfield

1841 census

Arthur Macaulay	25	Surgeon
Elizth Macaulay	20	

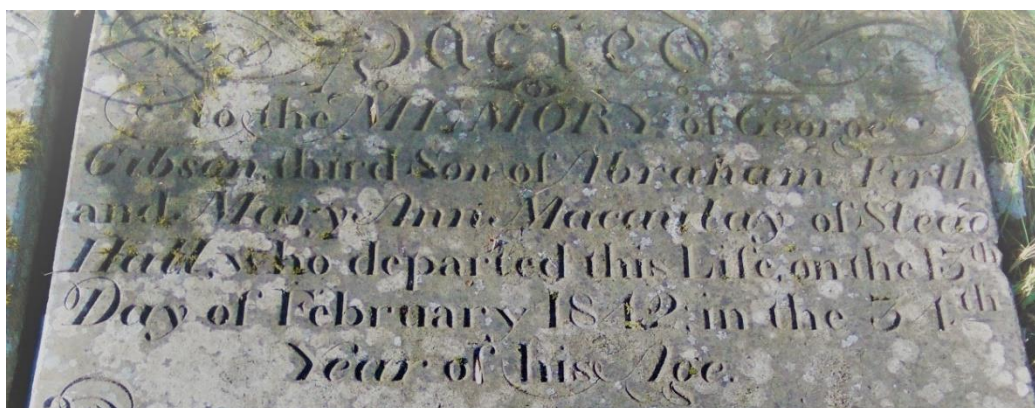
Address The Green, Liversedge,

Two sons were surgeons. Charles Harold Macaulay is on a 1833 list of qualifiers to the Apothecaries Hall. Then there is a Royal College of Surgeons list dated February 1841 with Arthur Frederick Macaulay's name on it; he had attended Leeds Medical School. Later documents suggest that William Henry Macaulay was also a surgeon. Solicitor Francis Edwin Macaulay was for a time in partnership with his brother George Gibson Macaulay.

A 1840 West Riding Electoral Register records William Henry Macaulay and Thomas Firth Macaulay of Slead Hall owning Slead Hall; with William also owning Pear Tree Farm, Lightcliffe. Brothers George Gibson Macaulay, of Walton near Wakefield, and Charles Harold Macaulay, of Rastrick, owned Giles House. The 1842 and subsequent lists have Thomas Firth Macaulay at Crossland Hill, Huddersfield and Francis Edwin Macaulay of Wards End then Haugh Shaw Lane in Halifax owning properties in Halifax.



George Gibson Macaulay of Slead Hall died on 13<sup>th</sup> February 1842. He was buried next to his father in plot EE\*7 of St. Matthew's churchyard on 18<sup>th</sup> February 1842.



Just three months later his brother Thomas Firth Macaulay and his wife Mary named their next son, George Gibson Macaulay. He was baptised on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1841 in Huddersfield. They would have five more children before the next census but only two daughters survived, Mary Ann who was baptised at Lightcliffe on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1843 and Louisa who was baptised on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1850. Infants Charles Harold, Hannah Maria baptised 17<sup>th</sup> December 1847 and Clara baptised 29<sup>th</sup> April 1849 were buried at Lightcliffe on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1846, 24<sup>th</sup> December 1847 and 7<sup>th</sup> February 1850. It is assumed that they were buried near or with their grandparents and uncle in row 7 of the front section of the churchyard.

A memorial inscription was recorded in the late 1920s / early 1930s but the ledger stone or table top stone is not there anymore. It eventually recorded the names of seven of Thomas Firth and Mary Macaulay's children beginning

**SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF  
ABRAHAM FIRTH MACAULAY  
THE SON OF THOMAS FIRTH AND MARY MACAULAY  
OF CROSSLAND HILL NEAR HUDDERSFIELD  
WHO DIED MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> 1841 AGED 5 WEEKS.**

**ALSO OF CHARLES HAROLD SON OF THE ABOVE  
WHO DIED AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> 1846 AGED 29 WEEKS.**

**ALSO OF HANNAH MARIA DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE  
WHO DIED DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 1847 AGED 6 WEEKS**

**ALSO OF CLARA DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE  
WHO DIED MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> 1849 AGED 10 MONTHS**

The transcription for Clara Macaulay is incorrect as she died and was buried in 1850, according to both the registration of her death in Halifax and her Lightcliffe burial record.

The children's paternal grandmother Mary Ann Macaulay née Redfern died on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1848. She was buried with her husband in plot DD\*7 in St. Matthew's churchyard on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1848, the memorial inscription continuing

**ALSO OF MARY ANN RELICT OF THE ABOVE**

**NAMED ABRAHAM FIRTH MACAULAY**

**WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 1848**

**IN THE 66<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HER AGE.**

Her son Charles Harold Macaulay married a widow Ann Atherton née Armitage of Woodhouse, Rastrick on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1849 in Halifax. Their daughter Laura Ann was born on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1850 but not baptised until 24<sup>th</sup> August 1851 at Rastrick. Solicitor Frances Edwin Macaulay and his wife Sarah had four more children baptised in Halifax, Charles born 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1841 on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1841, Anne on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1843, Archibald on 2 October 1845 and Elizabeth G on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1847. Surgeon Arthur Frederick Macaulay and his wife Elizabeth also had a son Charles Arthur baptised in Halifax at Holy Trinity on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1846.

1851 census

William Macaulay Lodger 45 Widower Annuitant  
Address Hove Edge

A census record for William's son Frederick Redfern Macaulay has not been found. Neither has one for his brother Thomas Firth Macaulay and his family

1851 census

Charles Harold Macaulay Head 41  
College of Surgeons London Apothecaries  
Company Not practising  
Ann Macaulay Wife 39  
Madeline Macaulay Dau 4 Mo  
John Armitage Atherton Son in law 6  
Wm [Armitage] Atherton ditto 4  
6 servants  
Address Woodhouse, Rastrick

1851 census

Francis E Macaulay Head 41 Solicitor  
Sarah Macaulay Wife 32  
Francis E Macaulay Son 11  
Charles Macaulay Son 9  
Anne Macaulay Dau 7  
Archibald Macaulay Son 5  
Elizabeth G Macaulay Dau 4  
4 servants  
Address Arden House, Haugh Shay Lane, Halifax

1851 census

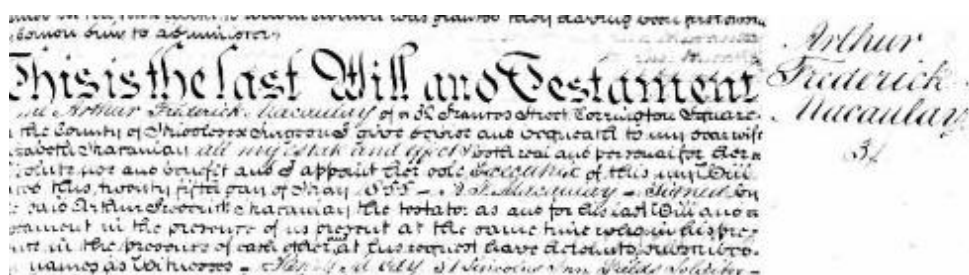
Arthur F Macaulay Head 35  
M.R.C.S. L.A.C practising  
Elizabeth Macaulay Wife 30  
Charles Macaulay Son 5 Scholar  
3 servants  
Address St. Nicholas St., Scarborough

The enumerator seems to have recorded Laura Ann Macaulay as Madeline and the young Atherton brothers as son-in-laws meaning stepsons ie sons of Ann and her first husband. Captain John Atherton of the 6<sup>th</sup> Royal Regiment and a West Riding magistrate died in 1845 at Woodhouse, Rastrick. Ann, the only daughter of William Armitage of Crow Trees near Halifax, inherited Woodhouse from her grandfather, John Armitage. The Athertons also lost a daughter Margaret Armitage Atherton in 1844.

Not long after the 1851 census was taken surgeon Arthur Frederick Macaulay must have moved his family to London.

MACAULAY, ARTHUR FREDERICK,  
32, Francis-st. Torrington-sq. Lond.—  
M.R.C.S. Eng. 1841; L.S.A. 1840.

His daughter Louisa Elizabeth Macaulay, born on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1853, was baptised in Camden on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1853. Two further records indicate what happened next, one is easier to read!



## MACAULAY, Arthur Frederick

**MACAULAY**, Arthur Frederick esq.  
1855-11-03-LEEDS MERCURY  
On the 7th ult, at Buyjukdere, of dysentery,  
aged 37, Arthur Frederick MACAULAY Esq,  
staff surgeon in the Turkish contingent, youngest  
son of the late A F Macaulay Esq, Slead Hall, Halifax.  
Submitted by Alan Longbottom

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It very much looks as if surgeon Arthur Frederick Macaulay made the above difficult-to-read will before going out to Turkey to tend the wounded and sick from the Crimean War.

But he may not have been the only family member out there.

## UK, Military Campaign Medal and Award Rolls, 1793-1949 for Frederick Mcauley

Asia > Crimean War 1854-1855 > General and Line Cavalry > General and Line Cavalry

1020 " McAuley Frederick " Regt 9/10/50

This would appear to be Frederick Redfern Macaulay, only child of William Henry Macaulay and so nephew of Arthur Frederick Macaulay. [The naming of sons, with the same or interchanging first names does not help!] The 1861 census and other documents would appear to confirm this. An Ancestry family tree for Frederick Redfern Macaulay states, "Family story was that he served in the Crimean War with Florence Nightingale".

But was it him or his staff surgeon uncle Arthur Frederick Macaulay?

Frederick Redfern Macaulay married a widow Ann Robertson née Malady in Kent on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1856. She was born in Ireland the daughter of Patrick Malady and already had a son Donald Robertson.

Back at Crossland Hill Thomas Firth and Mary Macaulay had five more children, Thomas Firth baptised on Christmas Day 1852, Ada Josephine born 2 October 1854 baptised on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1854 at St. Michael's Emley, Arthur Frederick born 21<sup>st</sup> October 1856, Annie Adelaide born 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1859 and finally Alfred Babbington born Q4 1860. All but little Alfred survived. He was buried on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1861 apparently with his siblings in St. Matthew's churchyard as the memorial inscription of the 'missing' plot continues.

**ALSO OF ALFRED BABBINGTON SON OF THE ABOVE**

**WHO DIED FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> 1861 AGED 3 MONTHS**

1861 census

Frederick Macaulay	Head	30	Soldier
Anne Macaulay	Wife	27	
Donald Macaulay	Son	9	
William Macaulay	Son	3	
Anne Macaulay	Dau	1	
William Macaulay	Visitor	55	Druggist

Address  
Barracks, Sandling Road, Maidstone, Kent

William Macaulay was visiting his son at his barracks which seems to confirm that he was the soldier awarded the Crimea Medal. Donald Macaulay should be Robertson

1861 census

Thomas F Macaulay	Head	54	Brewer and Farmer
Mary Macaulay	Wife	40	
George G Macaulay	Son	19	Brewer
Mary Ann Macaulay	Dau	17	
Louisa Macaulay	Dau	10	Scholar
Thomas F Macaulay	Son	8	ditto
Josephine Macaulay	Dau	6	ditto
Arthur F Macaulay	Son	4	ditto
Annie A Macaulay	Dau	1	

Address Crossland Hill, Birkby Lane, Huddersfield

1861 census

Charles H Macaulay	Head	51	Surgeon Retired
Anne Macaulay	Wife	49	
John A Atherton	Son	16	Scholar
William A Atherton	Son	14	ditto
Laura Ann Macaulay	Dau	10	ditto

3 servants  
Address Woodhouse, Rastrick

1861 census

Francis E Macaulay	Head	51	Solicitor
Sarah Macaulay	Wife	42	
Annie Macaulay	Dau	17	
Archibald Macaulay	Son	15	Scholar
Elizabeth G Macaulay	Dau	14	ditto

2 servants  
Address High Ackworth, Wakefield

Later that year William Henry Macaulay died in Maidstone where he was buried on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1861.

His brother Francis Edwin Macaulay died a month later followed by Francis's wife Sarah in 1863 as their 1863 probate records explain. Both were buried at St. Cuthbert's Church, Ackworth, Francis Edwin on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1862 and Sarah in August 1863.

The Will of Francis Edwin Macaulay late of High Ackworth near Pontefract in the County of York Gentleman deceased who died 3 January 1862 at High Ackworth aforesaid was proved at Wakefield by the oath of Sarah Macaulay of High Ackworth aforesaid Widow the Relict the sole Executrix. Effects under £1,000.

The Will of Sarah Macaulay late of High Ackworth in the County of York Widow deceased who died 16 August 1863 at High Ackworth aforesaid was proved at Wakefield by the oaths of Charles Gleadhall of South Kirkby near Pontefract in the said County Gentleman and Henry Gleadhall of Kettlewell near Skipton in the said County Gentleman the Brothers and Francis Edwin Macaulay of Queensbury near Halifax in the same County Surgeon the Son the Executors. Effects under £450. Resworn at the Stamp Office Under £600.



Their nephew, George Gibson Macaulay junior, a brewer like his father, married Ellen Wigley on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1865 at St. Peter's, Huddersfield. A few months later his 22-year-old sister, Mary Ann, died on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1865. Again, her name appears on the 'missing' Lightcliffe ledger stone with the memorial inscription which continues

**ALSO OF MARY ANN DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE  
WHO DIED MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> 1865 AGED 22 YEARS.**

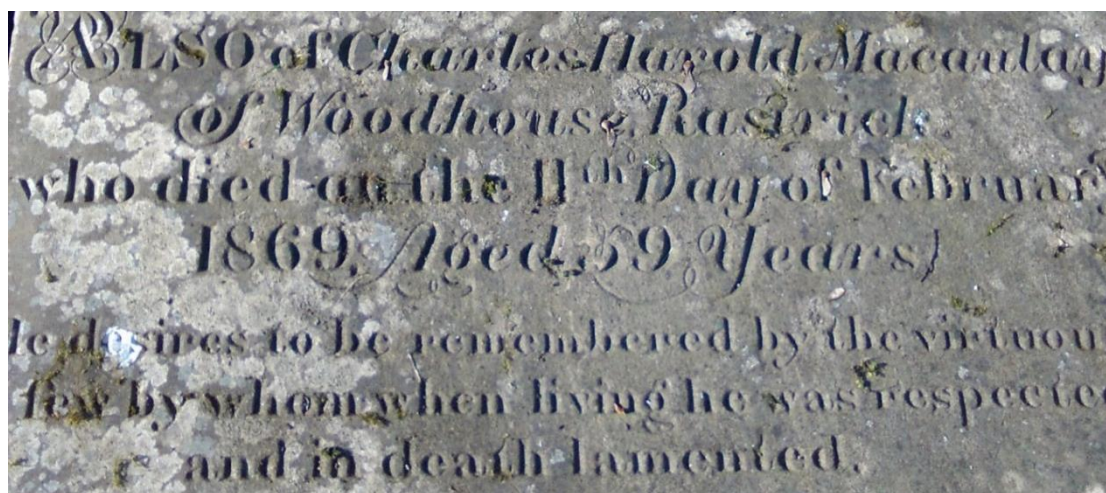
On 31<sup>st</sup> October 1866 there was a batch baptism of Macaulays at St. John's, Huddersfield for Charles Harold – another one! - son of brewer George Gibson and Ellen as well as Ada Josephine who had been baptised before, Arthur Frederick and Annie Adelaide, the three youngest children of brewer Thomas Firth and Mary Macaulay of Birkby.

Brother Charles Harold Macaulay of Woodhouse, Rastrick died suddenly on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1869 as the *Halifax Guardian* 13<sup>th</sup> February 1869 explained.

SUDDEN DEATH --- Mr Macaulay, who for many years was practised as a surgeon in Rastrick and neighbourhood, met with a serious accident on Wednesday night, which terminated fatally on Thursday. Though not well, he was out on Wednesday, and in the evening, as he was going up stairs, he overbalanced and fell down the steps. Throughout the night he remained in convulsive fits and died on Thursday afternoon.

He was buried with his brother George Gibson Macaulay in plot EE\*7 on 18<sup>th</sup> February 1869. With the *Halifax Guardian* 20<sup>th</sup> February 1869 noting :-

THE LATE MR. CHAS MACAULAY – The remains of the late Mr. Chas. Macaulay were laid in their final resting place on Thursday, in the family vault at Lightcliffe church. In addition to the chief mourners there were numerous private carriages and a large number of gentlemen from Brighouse and Rastrick. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Thos. Haine, incumbent of Rastrick.



The Will of Charles Harold Macaulay late of Woodhouse Rastrick in the Parish of Halifax in the County of York Esquire deceased who died 11 February 1869 at Woodhouse aforesaid was proved at Wakefield by the oaths of Ann Macaulay of Woodhouse aforesaid Widow the Relict John Armitage Atherton of Woodhouse Gentleman and John Brooke of Rydings Brighouse in the County aforesaid Esquire the Executors. Effects under £800



1871 census

Thomas F Macaulay	Head	63	Farmer
Mary Macaulay	Wife	50	
Louisa Macaulay	Dau	20	
Thomas F Macaulay	Son	18	Chemist
Ada J Macaulay	Dau	16	
Arthur F Macaulay	Son	14	Scholar
Annie A Macaulay	Dau	11	ditto

Address  
Birkby Old Brewery (Private House), Huddersfield

1871 census

Hannah Wrigley	Head	60	Brewhouse Keeper
George G Macaulay	Son-in-law	29	Brewer
Ellen Macaulay	Dau	30	
Charles H Macaulay	Grdson	4	
Kynaston W Macaulay	Grdson	3	
Gibson F Macaulay	Grdson	10/12	

Address Horse Shoe Inn, Huddersfield

1871 census

Frederick R Macaulay	Head	39	Chelsea Pensioner
Anne Macaulay	Wife	37	
William Macaulay	Son	13	
Annie Macaulay	Dau	11	
Florence Jane Macaulay	Dau	9	
Fredk A Macaulay	Son	7	
Edwin Hy Macaulay	Son	4	

Address Kings Mill House, Portsmouth

1871 census

Ann Macaulay	Head	59	Land owner
John Armitage Atherton	Son	26	Gentleman
Laura Ann Macaulay	Dau	20	

3 servants  
Address Woodhouse, Rastrick

1871 census

Francis E Macaulay	Head	31	Surgeon
Fanny Johnson	Servant	23	Dom Servant

Address Regent St., Halifax

The full occupation of Francis Edwin Macaulay [junior] was given as

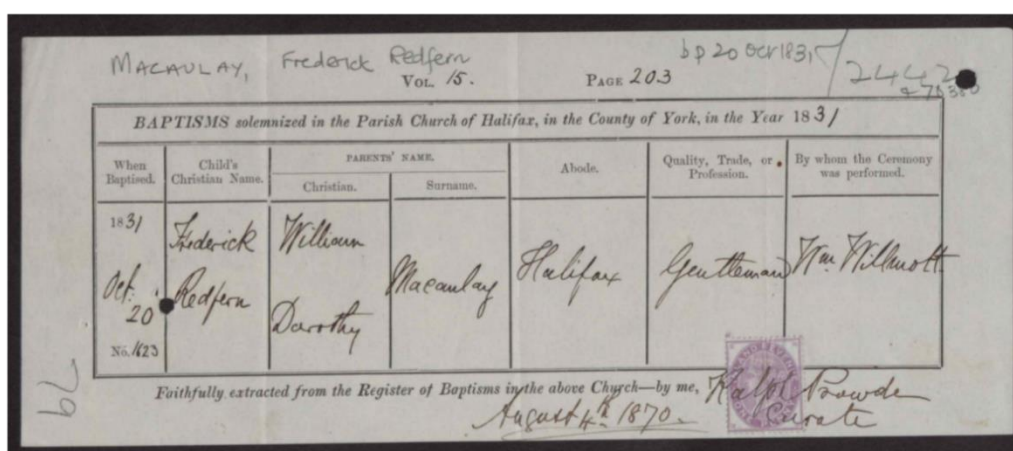
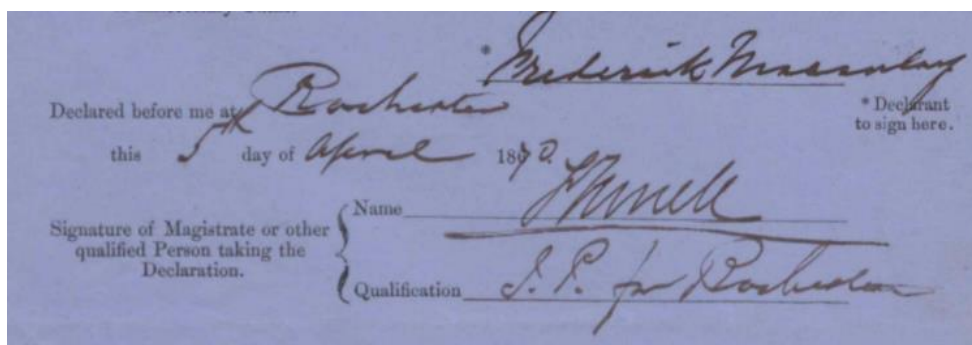
“Surgeon, Apothecary & Land Owner. M.R.C.S. England and L.S.A London”

In 1861 he had been a medical student in London training at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital from where he qualified that same year. Following so many of his relatives he was then admitted to the Apothecaries Hall in 1862. On 1<sup>st</sup> August 1865 he married Agnes Mary Jane Fawthrop at St. John’s Church, Halifax. She was the daughter of another Halifax surgeon, Joseph Fawthrop. On census night 1871 Agnes and their son 3-year-old son Aulay Macaulay were staying with her brother, another surgeon, in North Meols, Southport, Lancashire.

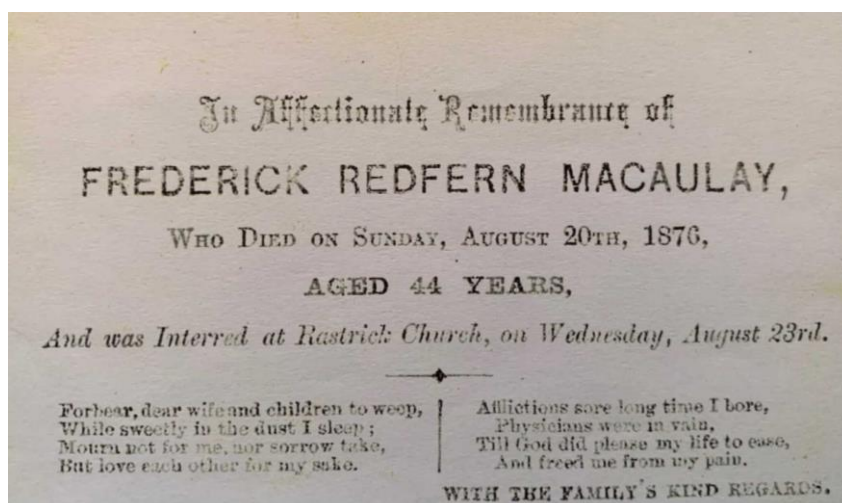
Dr. Francis Edwin Macaulay lived at Beech Hill, Pellon, Halifax where he practised. He was also a Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for Halifax. One of his sons Philip Macaulay also became a medic, another son Aulay a solicitor and a third son, Edwin, an architect. He and his wife were buried at All Saints, Salterhebble, Halifax with this headstone.



His cousin Frederick Redfern Macaulay spent some time in Cork, Ireland from 1866 judging by the birth places of some of the children. But by 1870 this Macaulay family were in Portsmouth. Frederick may well have been working for the British Civil Service as he signed this oath on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1870 and gave evidence of his baptism record, dated 4<sup>th</sup> August 1870.



A daughter Ada Louise Macaulay was born at Kings Mill House, Portsmouth on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1871 but then the family returned to Yorkshire. There are at least three memorials in St. Matthew's Church, Rastrick for Frederick Redfern Macaulay who died on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1876, his wife Ann who died on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1891 and their youngest son Edwin Henry Macaulay who died on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1887.



After his father died another son Frederick Arthur Macaulay joined the Royal Horse Artillery serving with them from 1882 to 1894. He died in Brighthouse on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1934.



By 1871 the only surviving son of Abraham Firth Macaulay was the brewer and farmer Thomas Firth Macaulay. The sixty-six-year-old died on 21<sup>st</sup> January 1874 and was buried next to his parents in Lightcliffe plot CC\*7 on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1874.



As you can see from the memorial inscription above his 25-year-old daughter Louisa was buried with him on 15<sup>th</sup> March 1876 and then his wife Mary Macaulay née Aspinall joined them on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1877.

Tidying up what happened to the rest of these twelve Macaulay siblings, George Gibson Macaulay died just a few days after his father.

Although George Gibson Macaulay was buried in Huddersfield, he was remembered on the long family memorial inscription at Lightcliffe.

**ALSO OF GEORGE GIBSON SON OF THE ABOVE**

**WHO DIED FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> 1874 AGED 32 YEARS**

**AND WAS INTERRED AT THE HUDDERSFIELD CEMETERY**

Sister Ada Josephine Macaulay married George Bell on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1876. On 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1881 they were living in West Teignmouth, Devon, with two small daughters. A year later she was widowed. She then appears to have moved back north eventually settling in Cullingworth as her probate record notes.

BULL Ada Josephine of 3 Kaye Hill Cullingworth near Bradford widow died 8 September 1925 at Scalebor Park Burley-in-Wharfedale Yorkshire Administration London 20 November to Lilian Annie Arlett (wife of William John Arlett)

Effects £507 15s 4d



Brother Arthur Frederick Macaulay born 1857 has not been identified after 1871. He may have been the 23-year-old who emigrated to Australia in 1880 but nothing more has been found about him.

His younger sister Annie Adelaide Macaulay who has not been found in either the 1881 or 1891 census was involved in a boating accident in 1891.

York Herald 28 May 1891

The young lady who was drowned in the River Plesse on Whit-Tuesday, as already reported, was Miss Annie Adelaide Macaulay, daughter of the late Mr Thomas Firth Macaulay, and a

distant relative of Thomas Babington Macaulay, the historian. She was born at Emily Park Mill, near Huddersfield, and was possessed of extraordinary abilities. She was accidentally drowned while out rowing with a friend from Bulgaria

The Will of Annie Adelaide Macaulay late of Bleak House Cullingworth in the County of York Spinster who died 19 May 1891 at Leipzig in Germany was proved at the Principal Registry by Tom Kershaw of Bleak House Landscape Gardener and Edward Aspinall of North-parade Halifax in the said County Draper the Executors. Personal Estate £1,238 12s 1d

That just leaves Thomas Firth Macaulay junior. He married his brother's widow, Ellen née Wigley on 18<sup>th</sup> January 1876 in Hull. Their son Thomas Babington Macaulay was born on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1876 followed by a daughter Mary Hannah Macaulay born 18<sup>th</sup> November 1877 and baptised at Huddersfield on 1<sup>st</sup> February 1878.

1881 census

Thomas F. Macaulay	Head 28	Common Brewer
Ellen Macaulay	Wife 41	
Chas. H. Macaulay	Son 14	Worsted Piecer
Kynaston Walter Macaulay	Son 13	ditto
Gibson F. Macaulay	Son 10	
Thos. B. Macaulay	Son 4	
Mary H. Macaulay	Dau 3	

Address Cop Riding, Stainland Old Lindley

1891 census

Kynaston Macaulay	Head 23	Publican
Ellen Macaulay	Mother 50	
Charles Macaulay	Bro 24	
		Professional Cricketer
Gibson Macaulay	Bro 20	Billiard Maker
Thomas Macaulay	Bro 13	Scholar
Mary Macaulay	Sis 12	ditto

Address White Mare, Thirsk

As you can see this Macaulay family then moved to Thirsk in the North Riding of Yorkshire where some were publicans, others became grocers and two became professional cricketers. The 1891 professional cricketer Charles Harold Macaulay' who was born 16<sup>th</sup> September 1866 was the little chap baptised with his aunts and uncle in Huddersfield. On 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1897 he married Ellen Horner. Although they were both from Thirsk they were married in Spennythorne, Co Durham. Then just to add to all the repeated names they named their son born 7<sup>th</sup> December 1897 George Gibson Macaulay presumably after his paternal grandfather and then before that a great-great uncle.

His stepfather (and uncle), Thomas Firth Macaulay junior, died in Leeds in December 1900. The brewer had been lodging in Leeds on census night 1891. The *Find a Grave* website suggests that the 48-year-old brewer died in Leeds Workhouse. He was buried in Beckett Street Cemetery. The date given, 15<sup>th</sup> December 1900, could be either his death date or his interment date.

This would appear to conclude the Macaulay family story and their Lightcliffe connection. No more Macaulays or any of their close relatives appear to have been buried in Lightcliffe churchyard.

The Macaulay plots, now given the reference codes CC\*7, DD\*7 and EE\*7, are the first three in the image below with two unmarked stone slabs next and then the Ashworth ledger stone.

Are the two unmarked stones where the missing transcription was from? Perhaps on a table or chest tomb? The long memorial inscription for the seven children of Thomas Firth and Mary Macaulay, would have needed quite some area of stone to get all the writing in, not to mention the plot capacity needed.

Were these six stones placed over a very large Macaulay vault referred to in the Halifax Courier for 20<sup>th</sup> February 1869 when Charles Harold Macaulay was buried. We will never know, but it is fun to speculate! At least we have the transcription of the memorial inscription recorded by a gentleman named Arthur Blackburn. In the late 1920s / early 1930s he visited about a hundred West Riding churchyards noting down what was written on the memorials. Thankfully he visited St. Matthew's churchyard in Lightcliffe.



But Slead Hall still stood so who occupied it after Abraham Firth Macaulay's widow, son and grandson in 1841? Read

### **Some more occupants of Slead Hall**

And if you want to know more about the great-great grandson of Abraham Firth Macaulay who played for England then there is a cricketing aside.

### **The Macaulay cricketers**

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