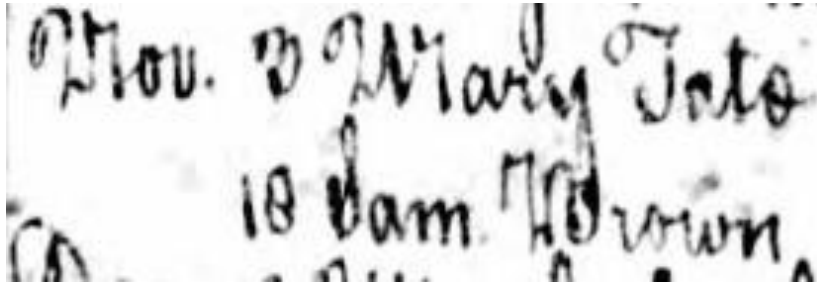


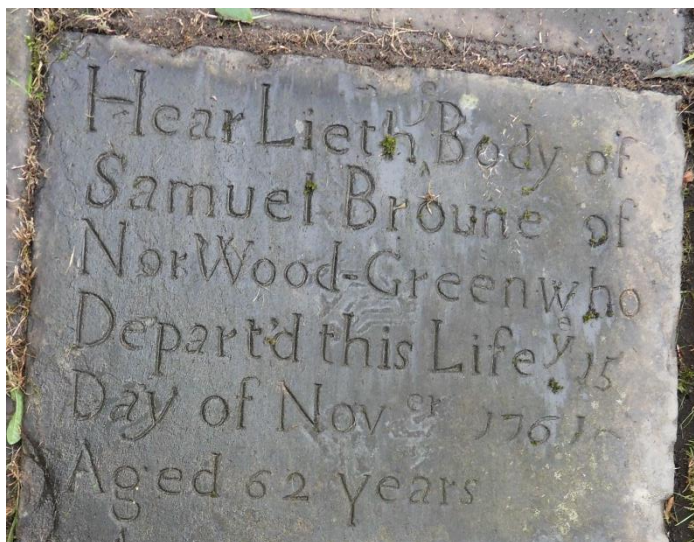
The Jowett family part 1

There may be a missing ledger stone or tomb bearing the memorial inscription to Fanny and William Jowett and four young children but there are other visible family memorials.

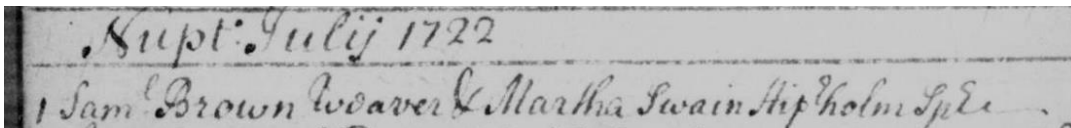
They start with the grandfather of Frances (Fanny) Brown. Except Samuel Brown was recorded as Samuel Broune when he died on 15th November 1761 as you can read on his ledger stone. The Halifax register of Lightcliffe burials has Sam Brown



He was buried on 18th November 1761 in plot L*24 with this memorial inscription. Notice the spelling of Here / Hear – we have one or two of these! – as well as Broune for Brown.

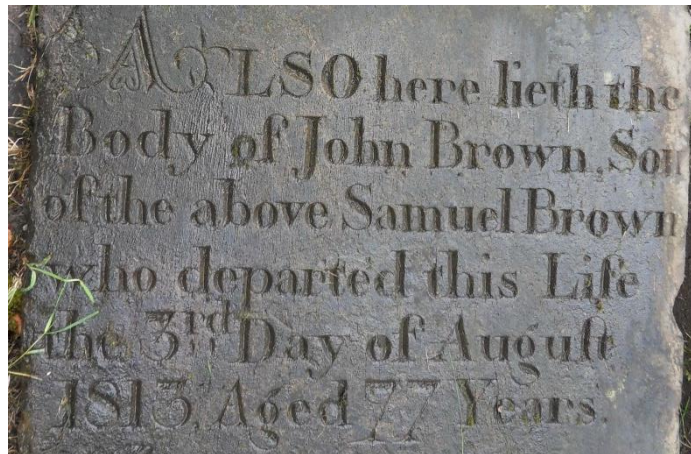


Samuel may well have married Martha Swain on 1st July 1722 in Halifax.



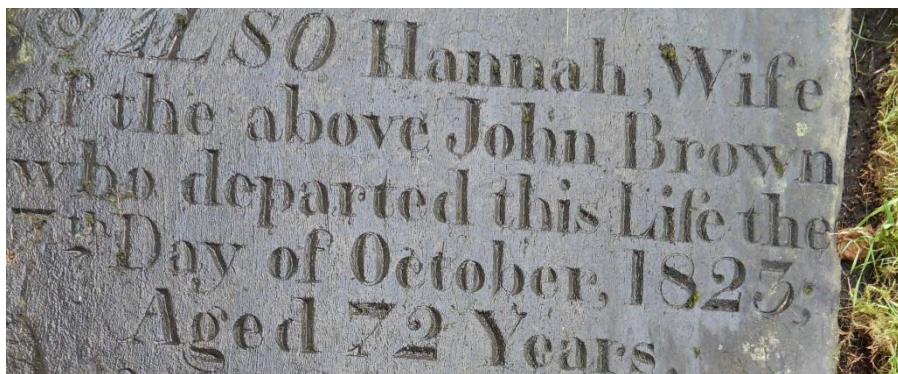
A daughter of Samuel Brown, Betty, was baptised at Eastfield Chapel on 15th June 1723 and then buried in Lightcliffe churchyard on 13th November 1723. Another daughter, Martha, and then two sons may have been baptised at Coley.

One of the sons, John Brown, was baptised at St. John's Church, Coley on 6th November 1737 and is almost certainly the chap below.



West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 for John Brown				
Lightcliffe, St Matthew > 1813				
John Brown. No. 19.	Wristley Green	August 6	77 years	Robt Wilkinson Minister

Husbandman John Brown of Hipperholme married Hannah Crabtree on 13th January 1768 in Halifax. They may well have had seven children baptised at Lightcliffe but only their daughter Frances baptised at Eastfield Chapel on 7th April 1771 will now be followed.



West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 for Hannah Brown				
Lightcliffe, St Matthew > 1823				
Hannah Brown No. 565.	Wilsey	Oct 13	72 Years	J. Watson Min ^r

Hannah Brown died on 7th October 1823 and was buried at Lightcliffe as the memorial inscription on the ledger stone over plot L*24 and the burial record note.

Frances Brown married William Jowett on 27th August 1792 at St. John's Church, Halifax. They had the following children baptised at St. Matthew's Church Lightcliffe; Ham on 15th March 1795, Martha on 9th April 1797, Joseph born 2nd June 1799 on 14th July 1799, William on 3rd January 1802, Ann on 8th April 1804, John on 1st June 1806, Mary on 7th December 1806, Thomas on 2nd October 1808, Jerry on 28th May 1809 and finally Jonas on 1st September 1811.

From the transcription of the missing memorial we know that four of them were :-

ALSO IN THIS YARD INTERRED

BETTY

HAM

WILLIAM

AND ONE IN ITS INFANCY

Ham was buried on 11th December 1796, followed within a few weeks by Betty for whom no baptism record has been found on 4th January 1797 and then one year old William on 9th January 1803. It is impossible to tell who the other Jowett infant was.

Nine-year-old John Jowett, the son of William, was buried in an unknown plot on 25th February 1816. Brother Joseph married an Ann but her surname and the date have not been confirmed. Hannah (Ann) Jowett married William Tordoff in Bradford on 8th May 1827. Their daughter Fanny was born on 17th November 1831 and then baptised on Christmas Day 1831 at Low Moor. She lost her mother in 1834 and then her father in 1844.

And then Jerry Jowett married Mary Ann Hepworth on 20th October 1833 at Birstall. They had a daughter Martha baptised at Brighouse on 2nd April 1837 when her father was an innkeeper. Just over a year later the Lightcliffe burial records record the deaths of both father and daughter within ten days of one another.

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 for Jeremiah Jowett
Lightcliffe, St Matthew > 1838

Jeremiah Jowett No. 1460.	Thornhill - Bridge	July 29 21 st	Wid	Thos Bates Offg Min ^r
Ann Ellis No. 1461.	Lightcliffe	July 25	Wid	J. H. Baker Minister of Brighouse
Elizabeth Thornton, No. 1462. Widow	Bailiffe - Bridge	July 27 th	Wid	Thos Bates Offg Min ^r
Martha, daughter of Jeremiah Jowett No. 1463.	Thornhill - Bridge	July 31 st	18 Months	Thos Bates Offg Min ^r

They were buried together in plot Z*7 with a ledger stone which is still visible and may provide a clue as to where the missing memorial to his parents and young siblings were buried. Arthur Blackburn numbered Jerry Jowett's inscription No 295 with his parents one numbered No 296.



**IN MEMORY OF JERRY JOWETT OF BRIGHOUSE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE JULY 18TH 1838 AGED 29 YEARS**

**LET FRIENDS FOREBEAR TO MOURN AND WEEP
WHILST SWEETLY IN THE DUST I SLEEP
THIS TOILSOME WORLD I'VE LEFT BEHIND
A GLORIOUS CROWN I HOPE TO FIND**

**ALSO MARTHA DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE NAMED JERRY JOWETT
WHO DIED JULY 28TH 1838 AGED 1 YEAR AND 6 MONTHS**

Youngest brother Jonas Jowett married Phoebe Emmott on 19th May 1840 in Bradford. Nothing more has been found for brother Thomas and the sisters have not been followed.

These leads into the 1841 census data and where different members of the family were on 6th June 1841. Except as you will see sixty-five-year-old William Jowett seems to be in two households! He was probably with his son Jonas but also recorded with his wife Fanny and their granddaughter Fanny Tordoff. This sales notice offers an explanation.

Leeds Mercury 22 May 1841 i.e. just before the census was recorded on 6th June 1841.

..., at the House of Mr. Wm. Jowett, the Horse and Jockey Inn, at Low Moor, near Bradford, in the County of York,

1841 census

William Jowett 65 Farmer
Fanny Jowett 70
Fanny Tordoff 9
Jane Gaunt 15 F.S.
Address Huntcock House, Brighouse

Martha Jowett 12
Adeline Jowett 10
Address
Martin Nest Inn, Thornhill Briggs, Brighouse

1841 census

Joseph Jowett 35 Inn Keeper
Ann Jowett 30
Jane Jowett 15
Elizabeth Jowett 10

1841 census

Jonas Jowett 25 Publican
Phebe Jowett 30
William Jowett 65 M.S
Elizabeth Fox 25 F.S.
Address Chapel House, North Bierley

Then an Ancestry family tree for this Jowett family has this image and caption.

The Horse and Jockey pub, run by Jonas and his father William



No doubt this explains why William was apparently in two places at once!

On 15th May 1849 publican Jonas Jowett and his wife, Phoebe, had a son William, presumably named after his grandfather. Little William Jowett was baptised at Low Moor on 15th July 1849.

A month later his grandmother seventy-eight-year-old Fanny (Frances) Jowett née Brown died on 19th August 1849. She was buried somewhere in Lightcliffe churchyard perhaps next to her son and granddaughter in a plot with position AA*7.

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 for Fanny Jewett				
Lightcliffe, St Matthew > 1849				
Fanny Jowett No. 586.	Laverack Hall in the Township of Lightcliffe	August 23 rd	78 Years	Richd Lellis off. Min. — m —

1851 census

William Jowett Head 79 Land Proprietor
Fanny Tordoff Grddau 19 House Keeper
Frances Brook Visitor 10 Scholar
Address Hipperholme

1851 census

Joseph Jowett Head 50 Innkeeper
Ann Jowett Wife 49
Elizabeth Jowett Dau 21
Martha Jowett Dau 19
George A Butterfield Grdson 3
Address
Thornhill Briggs, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

Adaline Jowett, aged 17, was with her older sister Jane, who had married a farmer Joseph Butterfield of Clifton on 11 December 1845, and two little nieces in 1851. Her nephew was with his Jowett grandparents.

1851 census

Jonas Jowett Head 39 Inn Keeper
Phebe Jowett Wife 43
Will Jowett Son 1
Ellen Emmett Relation 14
Ellen Sellans Servant 19
Address Chapel House, North Bierley

Lucy Jowett the daughter of Jonas and Phoebe was baptised at Wibsey on 30th May 1852.

Then William Jowett's orphaned granddaughter married in Manchester.

Halifax Courier 28 May 1853

May 21, at the Cathedral, Manchester by the Rev. W. Wilson, M.A., Mr. Wm. Robinson, of Chester-road, Manchester, to Fanny Tordoff, grand-daughter of William Jowett, Esq., Huntack [sic] House, Lightcliffe.

Grandfather William Jowett appears to have owned land around Huntock House, as suggested by these sales notices almost twenty years apart.

Leeds Mercury 21 May 1836

NEAR SMITHOUSE

Lot 1 All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Township of Hipperholme cum Brighthouse, in the Parish of Halifax, as the same is now staked out, bounded on the North by Lot 1, on the West and South by the Property of William Jowett, and on the East by the Highway from Brighthouse to Lightcliffe, and containing in the Whole 734 Square Yards, be the same more or less.

Lot 2. All that other PIECE of PARCEL of GROUND, as the same is now staked out, bounded on the North by the property of Miss Walker, on the West by the Property of the said Mr. Jowett, on the South by Lot 1, and on the East by the said Highway leading from Brighthouse to Lightcliffe, and containing in the Whole 734 Square Yards, be the same more or less.

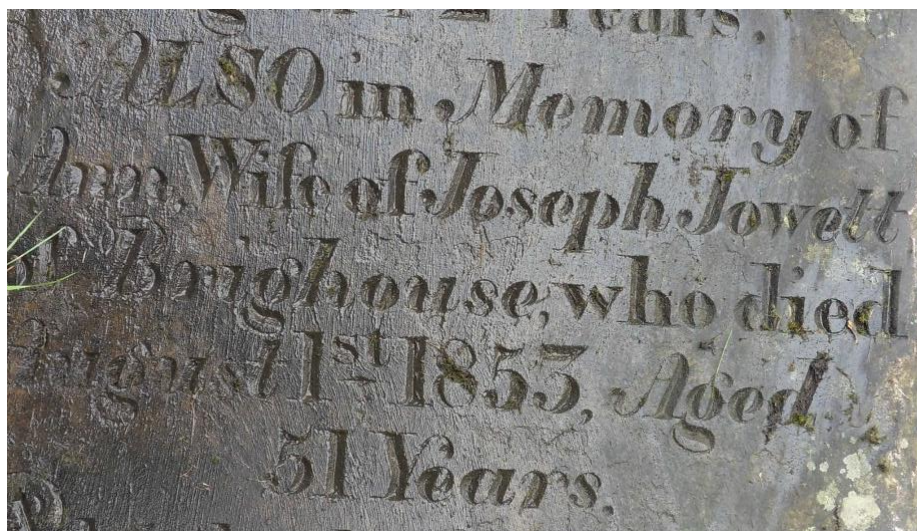
Halifax Guardian 24 June 1854

Lot 1 All that Valuable PLOT of BUILDING GROUND, situate in Lightcliffe, in the said Parish of Halifax, being formerly part of a Close of Land called the Huntock, bounded on the south by the Highway leading from Brighthouse to Smith House, on the north and west by Land belonging to Mr. William Jowett, and on the east by Land belonging to the Trustees of the late Charles Ratcliffe, Esq., and containing by admeasurement 1454 square yards or thereabouts, be the same more or less as the same is now in the occupation of Mr. William Jowett.

Notice that both landowners Miss (Ann) Walker and Charles Ratcliffe get a mention.

Ann Jowett, the wife of Joseph Jowett, died on 1st August 1853. She was buried at Lightcliffe – but the burial record does not indicate where - and remembered on the ledger stone over plot L*24. This was where her husband's paternal grandparents were buried with the inscription which began with her husband's great grandfather Samuel Brown.

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 for Ann Jowett				
Lightcliffe, St Matthew > 1853				
No. 850.	Ann Jowett	Thornhill Bnys Brighouse	Aug 5 th	4 ^{PM} 57 A.O. Nicolson



Her daughter Martha married Thomas Stansfield on 7th February 1854 in Elland. Their daughter Annie was born 24th February 1856 and son James on 6th April 1859. Both children were baptised at Brighouse on 9th November 1856 and 23rd September 1860.

When William Jowett of Laverock Lane died on 24th August 1857 he was buried presumably with his wife on 28th August with the missing memorial which began :-

**IN MEMORY OF FANNY WIFE OF WILLIAM JOWETT OF HUNTOCK HOUSE
LIGHTCLIFFE WHO DIED AUGUST 19TH 1849 AGED 78 YEARS**
**ALSO OF THE ABOVE WILLIAM JOWETT WHO DIED AUGUST 24TH 1857
IN THE 86TH YEAR OF HIS AGE.**

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 for William Jowett				
Lightcliffe, St Matthew > 1857				
No. 1076.	William Jowett	Laverock Lane	Aug 20	4 ^{PM} 85 M. Curry

Was this memorial inscription on a chest or table tomb rather than a flat ledger stone? William Jowett was clearly a house and landowner. Did he own two adjacent plots in Lightcliffe churchyard, one (blue oval) where his son Jerry and his granddaughter Martha were buried and then next to it (red oval) where his wife and then he were buried?

The stone at the top of the red oval is unmarked so it is not a ledger stone. Was this the base stone for the Jowett table or chest tomb? We will probably never know.



1861 census

Joseph Jowett Head 60 (Late) Innkeeper
 Adaline Jowett Dau 28 Housekeeper
 Address
 Thornhill Briggs, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

Joseph Jowett's eldest daughter Jane Butterfield and her husband, Joseph had a large family. They were still on a farm in Clifton where they will be left and no longer followed.

1861 census

Thomas Stansfield Head 32 Silk Dresser
 Martha Stansfield Wife 31
 Ann Stansfield Dau 5
 James Stansfield Son 2
 Frank Stansfield Son 7/12
 Address Mill Lane, Brighthouse

1861 census

Jonas Jowett Head 49 Victualler
 Phebe Jowett Wife 53
 William Jowett Son 11 Scholar
 Lucy Jowett Dau 9 ditto
 Address 81 Horse & Jockey, North Bierley

Two-year-old Frank Stansfield was buried in Brighthouse on 16th November 1862 probably at the church he was baptised at on 23rd September 1860. But years later he would be remembered in Lightcliffe churchyard.

Continued in The Jowett family part 2

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