

The Sucksmiths of Hill End Farm part 2

In **part 1** the family of John and Rachel Sucksmith were followed. By 1871 a number of them, including John Sucksmith, were already buried in the churchyard and more family members would join them later. Meanwhile widow Rachel continued to live at Hill End Farm with some of her adult children, including her only surviving son Edwin who did the farming, grandchildren and even latterly a great granddaughter.

Son-in-law Nathan Hanson, the husband of daughter Rachel née Sucksmith, of Wyke died on 10th October 1878 aged 56 years. He was buried on 12th October 1878 with his infant son, Willey, in Lightcliffe plot HH*18.

1881 census

Rachel Sucksmith Head 90 Farmer 10 acres
 Martha Sucksmith Dau 70 Furrier & Housekeeper
 Edwin Sucksmith Son 60 Farmer
 Sarah Sucksmith Dau 56 Widow Furrier
 Louise A. Sucksmith [Gt]Grndau 9 Scholar
 Address Hill End, Norwood Green

1881 census

John T. Sucksmith Head 37 ?? Stuff Piece Presser
 Ellen Sucksmith Wife 31
 Address 12 Bedford St., Halifax

1881 census

Robert Ellis Head 28 Cordwainer
 Emily Ellis Wife 26 Dressmaker
 Address Hill End, Norwood Green

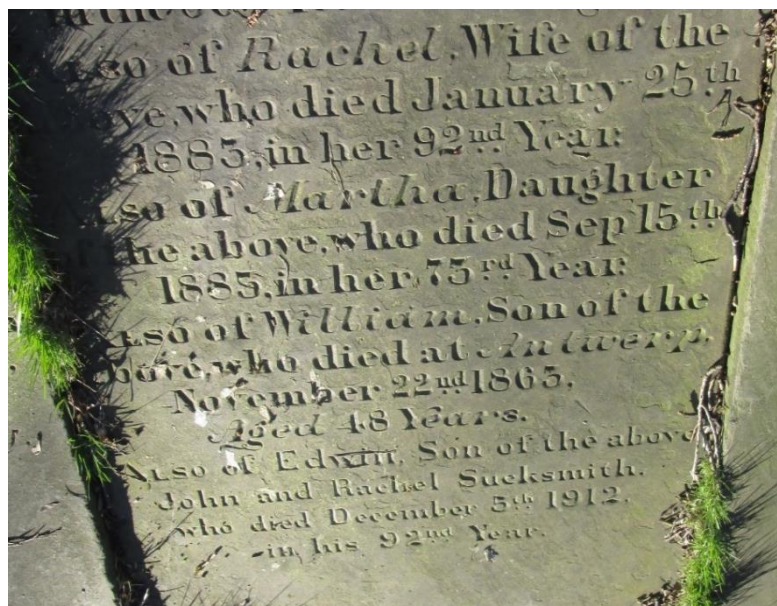
1881 census

John Hodgson Head 47 Combing machine maker
 Delia Ann Hodgson Wife 44
 Fredrick Hodgson Son 17 Butcher
 Ellinor Hodgson Dau 15
 Jane Hodgson Dau 10
 Emma Hodgson Dau 7
 Edwin Hodgson Son 5
 John Taylor Relative 62 Stuff Presser
 Address 4 Bailey St., Bowling, Bradford

1881 census

Rachel Hanson Head 54 Furrier
 Matthew Shaw Son in Law 22 ???mber
 Sally Shaw Dau 20
 John W. Shaw Grandson 2
 Hanson Shaw Grandson 8 mo
 Address Temperance St., Wyke

Ninety-one-year-old great grandmother, Rachel Sucksmith, died on 25th January 1883. She was buried with her husband John in plot R*5 on 30th January 1883. Later that year on 19th September 1883 their spinster daughter Martha Sucksmith joined them, she was 72.



Daughter Rachel Hanson née Sucksmith died on 4th July 1887 aged sixty. She was buried with her husband and young son in Lightcliffe plot HH*18 on 6th July 1887. This ledger stone was buried under rubble but has now been unearthed and remains partly visible.



The Hanson ledger stone above plot HH*18

When widower John Taylor died aged 73 years on 22nd October 1888, he was buried with his wife Mary Anne née Sucksmith in the nearby Lightcliffe plot JJ*18 on 27th October 1888.

1891 census

Edwin Sucksmith Head 70 Farmer
 Sarah Sucksmith Sister 66 Widow Furrier
 Louisa Sucksmith [Great]Niece 19 Dress Maker
 Address Lower Hill End Farm, Norwood Green

The Robert and Emily Ellis have not been found in 1891

1891 census

John T. Sucksmith Head 47 Stuff Piece Presser
 Ellen Sucksmith Wife 41
 Address 12 Bedford St., Halifax

1891 census

John Hodgson Head 58 Machine maker
 Delia Ann Hodgson Wife 54
 Edwin Hodgson Son 15 Errand Boy
 Address 29 Cloudsdale St., Bowling,

Then when Delia Ann Hodgson née Sucksmith Taylor died on 23rd February 1896, she was buried with her Taylor parents in Lightcliffe plot JJ*18, hers is the last name on the ledger stone below which has now be recovered for safety reasons.

<i>Delia Ann Hodgson</i>	<i>Bradford</i>	<i>Feb. 26th 1896</i>	<i>53 Years</i>	<i>H. Lindon Parry</i>
No. 430.				



The Taylor ledger stone on plot JJ*18

In 1901 the relationships between the three Sucksmiths at Hill End Farm, Norwood Green were incorrectly recorded on the census form. Edwin not Edward Sucksmith was Sarah's brother and Louise's great uncle. Notice that Sarah's daughter Emily and her husband Robert Ellis, were living next door.

1901 census

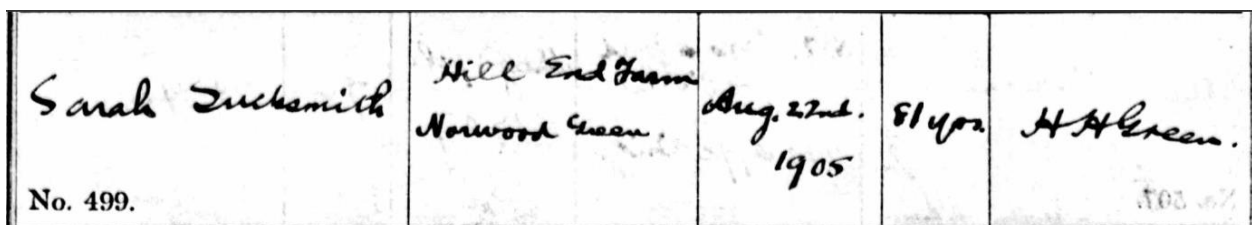
Edward Sucksmith Head 80 Farmer
 Sarah Suck smith Wife 77 Furrier
 Louise A T Sucksmith Grnddau 29 Furrier
 Address Hill End Farm, Norwood Green

1901 census

Robert Ellis Head 48 Shoemaker
 Emily Ellis Wife 46
 Address Hill End Cottage, Norwood Green

1901 census

John Taylor Sucksmith Head 57 Stuff Piece Presser
 Ellen Sucksmith Wife 51
 Clara Newby Sister-in-law 41 Dressmaker
 Alice Newby Sister-in-law 39
 Address 26 Hampden Place, Halifax



Sarah Sucksmith of Hill End Farm died on 18th August 1905. She was buried in Lightcliffe churchyard, not with her parents but with her first husband, young son and grandchildren. The memorial inscription on the missing ledger stone ends with these words.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF SARAH WIDOW OF THE ABOVE JONAS
 WHO DIED AUGUST 18TH 1905 IN THE 80TH YEAR OF HER AGE.**

THY WILL BE DONE, NOT MINE.

Remember Sarah Sucksmith had married Jonas Taylor but was widowed whilst relatively young and then married a John Shoesmith/Sucksmith, to take the name Sarah Sucksmith again, before spending most of her life back on the family's Norwood Green Farm with other members of her Sucksmith family.

Her daughter Emily Ellis died on 17th September 1908 aged 53 years. She was buried in plot D21 of Lightcliffe churchyard owned by her husband Robert on 19th September 1908. This plot is in the middle section of the churchyard, but it has no headstone.

Sarah Sucksmith's motherless granddaughter Louise Alberts Taylor Sucksmith continued to live at Hill End Farm as housekeeper for her great uncle Edwin Sucksmith.

1911 census

Edwin Sucksmith Head 90 Farmer
 Louise Sucksmith Niece 39 Housekeeper
 Address Hill End Farm, Norwood Green

Again Robert Ellis lived next door.

1911 census

Robert Ellis Head 58 Bootmaker
 Address Hill End Cottage, Norwood Green

1911 census

John T Sucksmith Head 67 Retired Stuff Presser
 Ellen Sucksmith Wife 62
 Address 26 Hampden Place, Halifax

Edwin Sucksmith of Hill End Farm, Norwood Green was buried on 9th December 1912 in plot R*5 with his parents and a sister. His was possibly the last burial in the closed front section of the churchyard. The ledger stone also remembers his brother, William Sucksmith, who died in Antwerp.

**IN MEMORY OF JOHN SUCKSMITH OF NORWOOD GREEN
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE NOVEMBER 11TH 1846 IN THE 56TH YEAR OF HIS AGE.**

**ALSO OF RACHEL WIFE OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED JANUARY 25TH 1883 IN HER 92ND YEAR.**

**ALSO OF MARTHA DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED SEPTEMBER 15TH 1883 IN HER 73RD YEAR**

**ALSO OF WILLIAM SON OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED AT ANTWERP NOVEMBER 22ND 1865 AGED 48 YEARS**

**ALSO OF EDWIN SON OF THE ABOVE JOHN AND RACHEL SUCKSMITH
WHO DIED DECEMBER 5TH 1912 IN HIS 92ND YEAR.**

Less than a year later Sarah Sucksmith's son, John Taylor Sucksmith, died on 22nd October 1913. The sixty-nine-year-old was buried with his first wife Grace in plot Q3 on 25th October 1913. He has a probate record, and his will was noted in local newspapers.

SUCKSMITH John Taylor of 26 Hampden-place Halifax died 22 October 1913 Probate London 13 November to Ellen Sucksmith widow and Louise Alberta Taylor Sucksmith spinster and Samuel Turner wool merchant. Effects £1657 2s 5d

His widow, Ellen Sucksmith, died on 10th June 1919 aged 70. She too was buried in plot Q3 of St. Matthew's churchyard on 14th June 1919.

For the 1921 census widower Robert E. Ellis was still a 'Boot and Shoemaker' living in Queens Road, Norwood Green. He died on 9th April 1932 aged 72. Two days later he was buried with his wife Emily née Sucksmith in plot D21 at Lightcliffe but with no headstone or marker.

Presumably Louise Alberta Taylor Sucksmith moved out of Hill End Farm after her great uncle died. She has not been found in the 1921 census. For the 1939 register she was a 'Retired Invalid' with a paid housekeeper living at 26 Cromwell Terrace, Halifax. This was the address on her probate record.

SUCKSMITH Louise Alberta Taylor of 26 Cromwell Terrace Halifax spinster died 18 September 1945 at 166 Gibbet-street Halifax Probate Wakefield 31 December to James Arthur Saville engineer. Effects £825 12s 3d.

The seventy-four-year-old was buried with her parents, John Taylor Sucksmith and his first wife Grace, and her stepmother, Ellen, in Lightcliffe plot Q3 but her name was not added to the headstone. Perhaps there were no family members left to organise this.

Hill End Farm

After Edwin Sucksmith died at the end of 1912, Hill End Farm seems to have been occupied by a William and Sophie Holdsworth and family who in 1911 were in a Norwood Green cottage. Hill End Farm was the bride's address when Harriet Ann Holdsworth, a schoolteacher in Norwood Green, married Ernest Willie Hanson, on 18th October 1913.

18713. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of <i>Gales</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.
448	1913	<i>Ernest Willie Hanson</i>	39	Bachelor	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Throstle Nest Norwood Green</i>	<i>Jesse Hanson</i>	<i>Veterinary Surgeon</i>
	October 18 th	<i>Harriet Ann Holdsworth</i>	33	Spinster		<i>Hill End Farm Norwood Green</i>	<i>William Holdsworth</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church of Gales</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <i>Established Church</i> by me, <i>Harry Perry</i> <i>Min. No. 1024. 6. 1. 22</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>Ernest Willie Hanson</i>		in the Presence of us,		<i>Harriet Ann Holdsworth</i>		

Another daughter Frances Mary Holdsworth had been baptised at St. Matthew's, Lightcliffe on 1st August 1875 when her father was a recorded as a farmer from Norwood Green.

Ernest Willie Hanson was one of the Hanson family who were cow doctors and horse farriers and then veterinary surgeons as well as farmers and butchers. His father was the veterinary surgeon Jesse Hanson of Throstle Nest Farm, Norwood Green. And thus, he was related to the Nathan Hanson who married Rachel Sucksmith. The exact relationship can be worked out by reading the articles :-

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Many of these Hansons, including Ernest Willie Hanson were buried at Lightcliffe.

Ernest Willie and Harriet Ann Hanson were living at Hill End Farm at the time of the 1921 census on 19th June but were back at Throstle Nest Farm by September 1939.

1939 register

Ernest W Hanson	30 Apr 1873	Male	Butcher Shop Keeper	Married	222	1
Harriett A Hanson	14 Sep 1879	Female	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	222	2
Patricia Ellis	08 Dec 1920	Female	Ladies' Hairdresser	Single	222	3

Address Throstle Nest, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Ernest Willy Hanson died on 27th January 1949 and was buried with his brother, mother and sister in Lightcliffe plot F66 on 27th January 1949

HANSON Ernest Willy of Throstle Nest Norwood Green near Halifax died 24 January 1949 at The General Hospital Halifax Probate London 10 June to Harriet Ann Hanson widow. Effects £2997 16s 6d

His widow Harriet Ann Hanson née Holdsworth died Q4 1969, the death being registered in the Halifax district.

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