

The Booth family of Underhill Farm

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The Sucksmith family of Underhill Farm

Not long after the 1921 census was taken Sarah Ann Booth née Sucksmith died on 22nd August 1921. The sixty-eight-year-old became the first occupant of Lightcliffe plot I83 when she was buried there on 25th August 1921. This plot is in the middle section of the churchyard but close to the wall near the new section. Two years later her husband William Booth joined her on 25th July 1923. He died on 22nd July 1923 aged 72 years according to his memorial inscription, but the parish record says he was 71 years.

Their eldest son, James, was also buried in this plot on 29th March 1928. He died on 26th March 1923 as his probate record states.

BOOTH James of Underhill Farm Norwood Green Halifax died 26 Marcy 1928
Administration London 22 September to Jacob Booth farmer and Ernest Booth dyer.
Effects £714 8s 2d

Meanwhile his brother Edward Booth married Mary Elizabeth Brook Q1 1924 in the Halifax district.

Sister Fanny Booth appears to have had a son William Booth born on 16th May 1928.

Three months later the youngest Booth sister Emily of Underhill Farm, married Harold Fieldhouse on 11th August 1928 at St. John's Church, Coley.

When the eldest sister Mary Hannah Booth died on 13th September 1931 she was buried with her parents and brother in plot I83 on 16th September. The plot has a headstone which is now laid flat and is difficult to read.



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
SARAH ANN THE BELOVED WIFE OF
WILLIAM BOOTH OF NORWOOD GREEN
WHO DIED AUG 22ND 1921
AGED 69 YEARS**

**ALSO OF THE ABOVE WILLIAM BOOTH
WHO DIED JULY 22ND 1923
AGED 72 YEARS
AT REST**

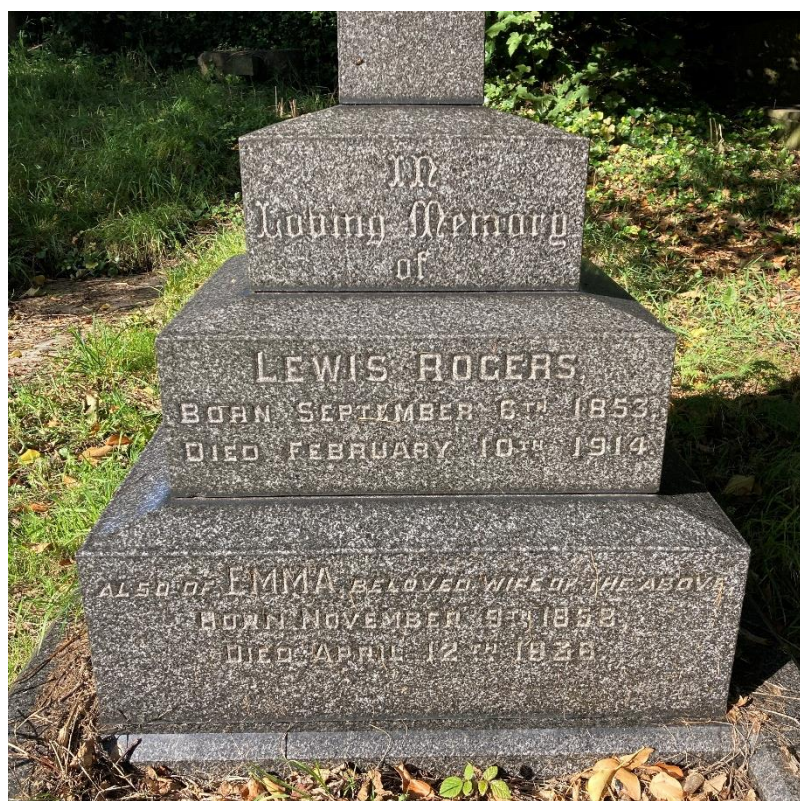
**ALSO OF JAMES THEIR BELOVED SON WHO
DIED MARCH 26TH 1928
AGED 54 YEARS
THY WILL BE DONE**

**ALSO OF MARY HANNAH DAUGHTER OF
THE ABOVE
WHO DIED SEP 13TH 1931
AGED 49 YEARS**

Mary Sucksmith, the last surviving Sucksmith, died aged eighty on Christmas Eve 1934. She was buried with her parents in Lightcliffe plot Q65 on 29th December 1934.



Ernest Booth's mother-in-law, Emma Rogers née Booth, died on 12th April 1936 aged seventy-seven. She was buried in plot S10 with her husband Lewis on 15th April 1936.



Ernest Booth's twin sister Annie married John Schofield Q3 1938, the marriage being registered in the Calder district. Their brother Fred must also have married before the 1939 register was taken but no marriage record has been found.

The data from the 1939 register and then some probate records let you know what happened to some of the family members. Notice how many of them were still living at or near Underhill Farm, Norwood Green. There are still some more family burials in Lightcliffe to come!

1939 register

Elsie Booth 06 Jul 1906 Female Worsted Coating Mender - Single

One closed record

Amy Booth(Eagle) 31 Aug 1904 Female Accounts Clerk Now Unemployed Single

Jacob Booth 11 Feb 1877 Male ? Farmer Poultry - Married

Bessie Booth 09 Aug 1877 Female Unpaid Domestic Duties- Married

Address Lower Carr Farm, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

Edward Booth 11 Mar 1879 Male Textile Dyeing Process Worker Production Married

Mary E Booth 29 Nov 1879 Female Unpaid Domestic Duties Married

Address 35 Watford Avenue, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

Fred Booth 17 Jan 1881 Male Carpet Warehouseman And Farm Work Own Account Married

Alice M Booth 10 Jun 1897 Female Unpaid Domestic Work For Army Work Assisting Husband Married

Address Underhill Farm, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

Ernest Booth 11 Feb 1888 Male Productive Process Worker Dying Married

Lottie Booth 29 Nov 1885 Female Unpaid Domestic Duties Married

Lewis Booth 14 Mar 1916 Male Carpet Weaver Single

Address 244 Wakefield Road, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

John Schofield 12 Apr 1873 Male (Unemployed) General Labourer (Wire Worker) Married

Annie Schofield 11 Feb 1888 Female Unpaid Domestic Duties Married

Address 7 Kiln Fold Clifton Common, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

Fannie Booth 01 Apr 1892 Female Unpaid Domestic Duties Single

William Booth 16 May 1928 Male At School Single

Ada Shakleton 18 Jan 1884 Female Homework Unpaid Married

Address Underhill Cottage Underhill, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

Harold Fieldhouse 02 Jun 1905 Male Carpet Packer (Heavy Worker) - Married

Emily Fieldhouse 15 Nov 1900 Female Unpaid Domestic Duties- Married

Dennis Fieldhouse 26 Nov 1930 Male At School -

One closed entry

Address Coley Mill Cottage, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Ernest Booth's name was added to the side of his in laws' plinth when he was buried with them in plot S10 on 25th April 1950.



BOOTH Ernest of 244 Wakefield-road Bailiffe Bridge Brighouse Yorkshire died 22 April 1950 Probate Wakefield 24 May to Lottie Booth widow. Effects £1117 9s 2d

The following probate records for the Booth brothers of Norwood Green let you know when they died.

BOOTH Edward of 35 Watford-avenue Norwood Green near Halifax died 11 March 1945 Probate Llandudno 24 April to Mary Elizabeth Booth widow. Effects £1132 13s 5d

BOOTH Fred of Fair Croft Village-street Norwood Green near Halifax died 19 October 1948 Probate London 14 March [1949] to Jacob Booth retired farmer. Effects £1742 19s 7d

BOOTH Jacob of 2 Rookes-lane Norwood Green Yorkshire died 1 January 1951 Probate London 31 December to Sydney Hammond Cross surveyor and Elsie Booth spinster. Effects £25

No other brothers from this Booth family were buried in St. Matthew's churchyard but a brother-in-law, twin Annie's husband, John Schofield was.

From Halifax Evening Courier 30 June 1952

SCHOFIELD – On June 29, 1952 at 147 Bradford Road, Brighthouse, John aged 79 years, the dearly loved husband of Annie Schofield. Service and interment at Lightcliffe Church, Wednesday July 2, at 3 pm. Friends please accept this intimation.

John Schofield was buried in the new section of the churchyard referred to as 'New Yard' in the parish records in a plot with code NY T5. The barely readable memorial inscription on the kerb edge says

JOHN SCHOFIELD DIED JUNE 29TH 1951 AGED 79 YEARS



Then three years later a Booth sister, Emily Fieldhouse, was buried at Lightcliffe, in plot Q65. Her name is just visible at the bottom of the now laid flat Sucksmith headstone. Emily and her husband Harold Fieldhouse divorced in February 1952. Perhaps that explains why after her death on 23rd October 1954 she was buried on 27th October 1954 with her Sucksmith grandparents and her aunt, Mary Sucksmith, who she had lived close to.



Presumably the memorial inscription gave further details but as you can see it snapped off probably when the headstone fell over. But at least we have Emily's name and now know her relationship to the other people named on the headstone.

The last entry listed below is for Annie Schofield née Booth, the widow of John Schofield.

3726	NEWYARD R 5	11/12/55	20014/1955	Edith Brooke	83 years
3727	L 13	2/1/56	4/1/1956	Emma Elizabeth Walker	85 years
3728	NEWYARD S 10	4/1/56	7/1/1956	Lister Harrison	65 years
3729	2A 56	Jan 6/56	Jan 11/1956	Fred Weston	72 years
3730	G 11	Jan 26/56	Jan 31/1956	Hannah Green	85 years
3731	D 36	Feb 24/56	Feb 29/1956	Claude Lockwood	71
3732	T 5	Mar 5 th /1956	Mar 5/1956	Annie Schofield	68 years

Although the entry appears to suggest that she was buried in plot T5 on 5th April 1956 this is almost certainly the plot in the new section NY T5 where her husband John Schofield was buried.



John Schofield's memorial inscription is on the right-hand side kerb stone above following on from the inscription on the top kerb **IN MEMORY OF** which presumably his widow Annie Schofield had done.

However, there is no inscription for Annie Schofield née Booth even though there was room on the left-hand side kerb stone. Perhaps there was no one to organise this after she died.

The last family memorial is for Lottie Booth, the widow of Annie's twin brother Ernest Booth. The parish record below indicates that she was buried at Lightcliffe but it is unclear as to where as the grave number was not entered.

1976

Burials at Lightcliffe Cemetery in the Parish of Halifax.

No. Buried	No. of Grave	Date of Death	Date of Burial	Christian Name and Surname	Age	Sex and Owner
3881		August 11 1974	August 15th 1974	Lottie BOOTH alias Lotty Booth	88	157080

But wherever Lottie Booth née Rogers was buried in the churchyard she was remembered on her parents memorial cross on the opposite side of the plinth to her husband's memorial inscription.



BOOTH, Lotty otherwise Lottie of 306 Wakefield Rd Bailiffe Bridge Brighouse West Yorks died 11 August 1974 Administration Leeds 24 September £10906

This concludes the Lightcliffe connections of the Sucksmith and then Booth families who farmed Underhill Farm in Norwood Green.

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