

John Hemingway of Rooks part 1

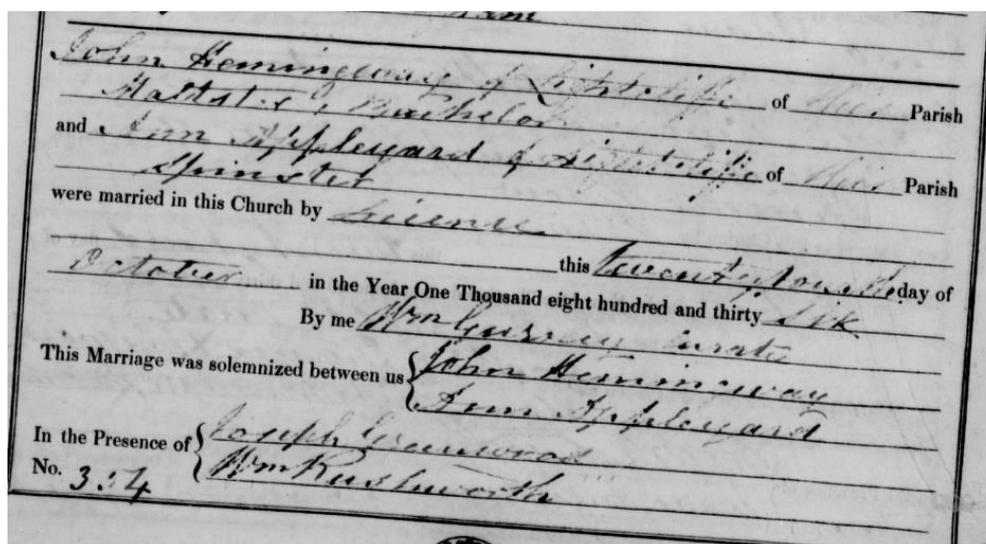
John Hemingway was the sixth child and fourth son of John Hemingway senior and his wife Sarah née Nicholson. Most of their family story has been told in

John Hemingway senior and family

He was, therefore, a younger brother of

Abraham Hemingway of Southolme Farm

His baptism took place at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe at the very end of the eighteenth century on 27th October 1799. He became a maltster. John Hemingway married Ann Appleyard on 24th October 1836. She was the daughter of William and Ruth Appleyard and had also been baptised at St. Matthew's on 3rd January 1808.



The Appleyards and related Ward and Wilkinson families will be investigated later.

Before the 1841 census sons George and John William had been baptised at St. John's Halifax on 5th November 1837 and 14th February 1841 with their father being a Hipperholme maltster. Sons Charles, born 20th March 1843, and Albert, born 31st December 1847 were also baptised in Halifax on 23rd April 1843 and 11th April 1848. Again, the family's address was Hipperholme but by 30th March 1851 they had moved to Norwood Green possibly Rookes Hall but the 1851 census unhelpfully just says Norwood Green .

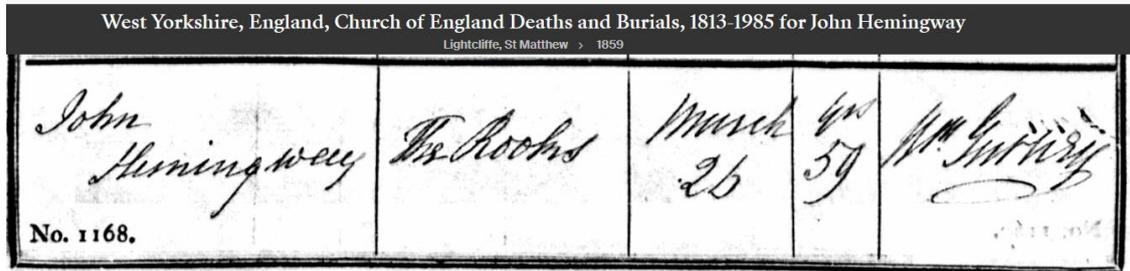
1841 census

John Hemingway	40	Maltster
Ann Hemingway	30	
George Hemingway	3	
John Hemingway	4	Mo
Address Smith House, Hipperholme cum Brighouse		

1851 census

John Hemingway	Head	51	Farmer & Maltster occupying 32 acres & employing 2 outdoor men
Ann Hemingway	Wife	43	Farmer's Wife
George Hemingway	Son	13	Scholar
John Wm Hemingway	Son	10	Scholar
Charles Hemingway	Son	8	Scholar
Albert Hemingway	Son	3	
Henry Batty	Servant	44	Ag. Lab
Address Norwood Green			

John Hemingway of 'The Rooks' died on 21st March 1859. He was buried in the front section of the churchyard in a plot now given the code H*9 on 27th March 1859. This was next to where his older brother William Hemingway had been buried in plot I*9 just a few weeks before. But whereas William just has a flat ledger stone, John has this splendid memorial monument. He also has a probate record.



The Will of John Hemingway late of the Rooks in the Township of Hipperholme-cum-Brighouse in the County of York Farmer and Maltster deceased who died 21 March 1859 at the Rooks aforesaid was proved at Wakefield by the oaths of Ann Hemingway of the Rooks aforesaid Widow the Relict and George Hemingway of the same place Farmer and Maltster the Son and two of the Executors.

Effects under £2,000

Double Probate issued November 1887

Treble Probate issued February 1888

1861 census

Ann Hemingway Head 53 Maltster Farmer
 George Hemingway Son 23 ditto
 John W Hemingway Son 20 ditto
 Charley Hemingway Son 18 ditto
 Abbert Hemmingary Son 13 Scholar
 Henry Wilson Servant 20 Servant
 Address Rooks, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1813-1935 for John William Hemmingway
 Halifax, St John the Baptist > 1861

1861. Marriage solemnized at _____ in the Parish of <i>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.
278	<i>June 19</i>	<i>John William Hemmingway</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Back.</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Hipperholme</i>	<i>John Hemmingway</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
		<i>Caroline Crossland</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Spin.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>St. Thomas</i>	<i>Charles Crossland</i>	<i>Procer</i>
Married in the <i>South Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ or after <i>Procur</i> by us.								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <i>John William Hemmingway</i> and <i>Caroline Crossland</i>			in the Presence of us, <i>Ulysses Priestley</i> and <i>John Thomas</i>					

Not long after the 1861 census was taken John William Hemingway married Caroline Crossland in Halifax. They had four children all 'batch' baptised on 13th February 1870 at St. Peter's Church, Leeds.

Before the next census this Hemingway family had moved to Osmondthorpe, Leeds. John William Hemingway founded a brewery in Leeds in 1866. Sons and a grandson would manage this company until Tetleys took over in 1967.



Caroline Hemingway died in July 1877, she was buried in Becket Street Cemetery on 17th July 1877. Two years later widower John William Hemingway married a widow Sarah Ann Brearley née Crossley. They had two daughters Caroline and Blanche. John William Hemingway died on 31st March 1900. He was buried with his first wife Caroline.

HEMINGWAY John William of Leeds and of Stoneyhurst Roundhay Leeds maltster and brewer died 31 March 1900 at Stoneyhurst Probate Wakefield 18 June to William Hemingway maltster and brewer. Effects £35268 4s 1d

But back to the Hemingways in Norwood Green. In 1871 they were still at The Rooks.

1871 census

Ann Hemmingway Head 63 Farmer
 George Hemmingway Son 33 Maltster
 Charles Hemmingway Son 28 ditto
 Albert Hemmingway Son 24 ditto
 Mary Brown Servant 18 Domestic Servant
 William Robinson Servant 42 Farm Servant
 Address The Rooks, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

Twenty-five-year-old Albert Hemingway died on 26th February 1873. He was buried in the middle section of St. Matthew's churchyard, Lightcliffe with a memorial monument similar to that for his father.



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ALBERT HEMINGWAY OF ROOKS LANE**

**BORN 31ST DECEMBER 1847
DIED 26TH FEBRUARY 1873**

A few weeks later his brother George Hemingway bought part of the Ripley estate in Lightcliffe according to the Bradford Observer.

Bradford Observer 18 July 1873

SALES OF PROPERTY IN BRADFORD –
Yesterday afternoon the estates of Mr. H. W. Ripley, situated at Lightcliffe, including his late residence, were offered for sale at the rooms of Messrs. Hardwick, Best & Young, Piccadilly, Bradford. Messrs. Taylor, Jeffrey & Little were the solicitors for the vendor, and the auctioneer who officiated was Mr. Best. The first lot offered was Holme House, a freehold residence, recently occupied by Mr. Ripley, with the coach-houses, conservatories,

outbuildings, and eight cottages, containing an area of 22s 3r 30p. The bidding, in respect of this lot, commenced at £5000, and progressed by bids of £1000 each until £10,000 was reached, when the lot was withdrawn. The second lot was a dwelling house adjoining to the grounds of Holme House and including a quantity of garden ground, the whole of the measurement being 1905 square yards. The first bid given for this property was £500, and eventually it was knocked down to Mr. George Hemingway, of Lightcliffe for £800.

And then these and other newspaper reports appeared a few weeks later relating to a Bolton theatre that George Hemingway owned.

The Bradford Daily Telegraph
Monday April 17 1882

DISASTER AND CRIME
A THEATRE BURNT DOWN

Shortly after midnight on Saturday, the Temple Opera House, Bolton, one of the largest provincial theatres, occupied by Mr. Charles Majilton, was destroyed by fire. The drama of the Two Orphans had been concluded about an hour when the fire was discovered, and in a very short time the entire building was in flames, within half an hour the roof fell in, and nothing but bare walls are now standing. The damage, estimated at £15,000, is not covered by insurance. The building was the property of Mr. George Hemingway, maltster, Lightcliffe, Halifax

Bradford Observer
17th April 1882

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES
An Opera HOUSE BURNED

Early yesterday the Temple Opera House, Bolton one of the largest provincial theatres in England, was destroyed by fire. The building, formerly known as the Temple Mill, was five years ago converted into a theatre, and was opened on the 20th of October 1877, under the management of Mr. J.P. Weston. The first entertainment given in it was concert by Dr. de Jong, and this was followed by a series of operas by the Carl Rosa company. Since that time the place has undergone many vicissitudes, eventually becoming the property of Mr. G. Hemingway, maltster, Lightcliffe, Halifax, by whom that year it was let on lease to Mr. Charles Majilton.

Then from the *Brighouse & Rastrick Gazette* for 19th May 1883

NEW CONNEXION SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Monday the scholars and teachers assembled soon after noon at the schoolroom. They then proceeded in procession to Mr. Ripley's where they sang, and buns, lemonade, etc. were distributed: next to Mr. George Hemingway's, then returned to Bailiffe Bridge, and after singing at various places went back to the school where the grand attack on buns and coffee was made. The evening was spent in a field kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by Mr. George Hemingway. All passed off agreeably. – Tuesday was a close holiday at Bailiffe Bridge, there was no special attraction in the village, and numerous parties left by train for Bradford and other places.

This seems to have been an annual event as there are similar reports for 1884 and 1885, just before George Hemingway died. He passed away on 29th May 1885 at Lightcliffe and was buried in Lightcliffe churchyard on 1st June 1885 in plot L40.

The Will with a Codicil of George Hemingway late of Lightcliffe in the Parish of Halifax in the County of York Maltster who died 29 May 1885 at Lightcliffe proved at Wakefield by Mary Hemingway of Lightcliffe Widow the Relict and Charles Hemingway of Manchester in the County of Lancaster and John William Hemingway of Leeds in the County of York Maltsters the Brothers the Executors. Personal Estate £2,845 1s 7d



The Hemingway headstone on plot L40

Perhaps George's death somehow triggered the Double and then Treble Probates for his father John Hemingway who had died over twenty years previously.

18 November 1887

The Will of John Hemingway late of the Rooks in the Township of Hipperholme-cum-Brighouse in the County of York Farmer and Maltster who died 21 March 1859 at the Rooks was proved at Wakefield by Charles Hemingway of 24 Radnor-street Hulme in the City of Manchester Maltster the Son one other of the surviving Executors. Former Grant at Wakefield May 1859

Personal Estate £1,923 4s 10d

8 February 1888

The Will of John Hemingway late of the Rooks in the Township of Hipperholme-cum-Brighouse in the County of York Farmer and Maltster who died 21 March 1859 at the Rooks was proved at Wakefield by John William Hemingway of Tadcaster in the said County Maltster the Son and other surviving Executor. Former Grant at Wakefield May 1859 and November 1887.

Personal Estate £1,923 4s 10d

Joseph Holt Haigh, George Hemingway's stepson, died at Westfield House, Wyke on 27th October 1888, he was just 31 years old. He was buried in Lightcliffe churchyard in plot O41.

16 November 1888

The Will of Joseph Holt Haigh late of Westfield-in-Scholes in the Parish of Birstal in the County of York Land Surveyor who died 27 October 1888 at Westfield-in-Scholes was proved at the Principal Registry by Henry Waddington of Westfield-in-Scholes Gentleman and James Duff of Halifax in the said County Chartered Accountant the Executors. Personal Estate £286 11s 7d Resworn Nov 1892 £2,145 -3 -2

John Hemingway's widow Ann Hemingway née Appleyard died on 31st March 1889. The parish register helpfully says, and so does the death announcement in the York Herald for 6th April 1889, that she died in Leicester. Her only granddaughter Ann Jane Hemingway had married Arthur Emmanuel Bedford in 1882. On the 1891 census the Bedford family were in Leicester so presumably widow Ann Hemingway was living there with her granddaughter when she died.

HEMINGWAY, -- On March 31st, at Leicester, Ann, Wife of the late John Hemingway, maltster, Rooks, near Lightcliffe, aged 82.

She was buried with her late husband John Hemingway in plot H*9 on 3rd April 1889. Both this plot and that for their son Albert have memorial monuments rather than headstones.

1889	Ann Hemingway Wife of the late John Hemingway No. 365.	Lightcliffe	April 3	82 years	Along Rooks
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IN MEMORY OF
JOHN HEMINGWAY
OF ROOKS MALTSTER
WHO DIED ON THE 21ST
MARCH 1859
AGED 68 YEARS

ALSO
ANN HEMINGWAY
WIFE OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED 31ST MARCH
1889
AGED 82 YEARS

Continued in part 2

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