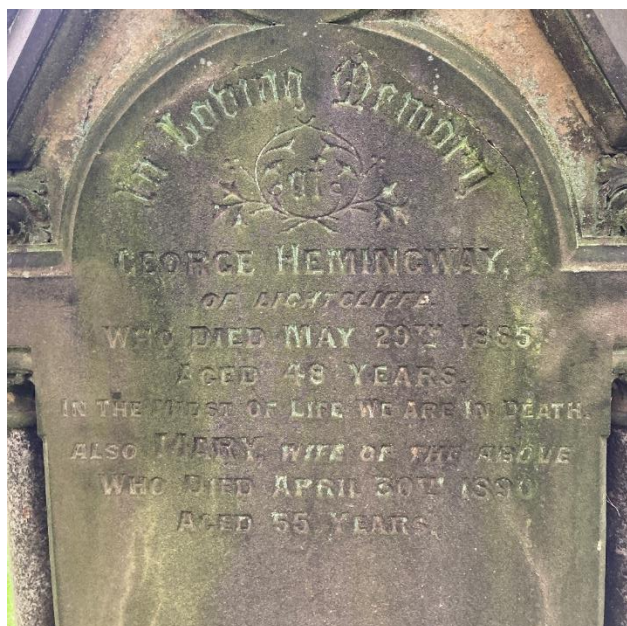


John Hemingway of Rooks part 2

Continuing the story of John Hemingway of Rooks, whose brothers Abraham and Isaac feature in Anne Lister's diaries, although John does not seem to get a mention. He and his sons were maltsters with one of the sons founding a Leeds brewery as explained in part 1.

Son George Hemingway of Lightcliffe had married Mary Haigh née Holt on 1st February 1879. When he died on 29th May 1885 aged 48 years, he was buried in plot L40 in Lightcliffe churchyard. His widow Mary died on 30th April 1890. She was buried with him on 5th May 1890 in plot L40 which now has this headstone.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GEORGE HEMINGWAY OF LIGHTCLIFFE
WHO DIED MAY 29TH 1885 AGED 49 YEARS
IN THE MIDST OF LIFE WE ARE IN DEATH
ALSO OF MARY WIFE OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED APRIL 30TH 1890 AGED 55 YEARS

The Will of Mary Hemingway formerly of 5 Park-view Lightcliffe in the Township of Hipperholme-cum-Brighouse in the Parish of Halifax but late of Westfield House Scholes in the Township of Cleckheaton in the Parish of Birstall both in the County of York Widow who died 30 April 18980 at Westfield House was proved at Wakefield by Tom Haigh of Abingdon street Toller-lane Manningham in the Parish of Bradford in the said County Worsted Mill Manager the Nephew the sole Executor. Personal Estate £507 0s 7d

Mary Hemingway's probate record states that she died at Westfield House in Scholes. This was the home of her widowed daughter in law, Abigail whose husband, Mary's son, had died in October 1888. By then Abigail Haigh née Slater had four more children as the 1891 census shows.

1891 census

Charles Hemingway Head 48 Maltster
Betsy Hemingway Wife 40
Charles Hemingway Son 4
Mary Gilbert Servant 45
Address 24 Radnor St., Hulme, LAN

8-year-old William Slater Haigh was a scholar at The Crossley and Porter Orphan Home and School

1891 census

Abigail Haigh Head 32
Widow living on own means
George H Haigh Son 7
Mary F Haigh Dau 6
James Haigh Son 4
Shaw Haigh Son 3
Florence E Slicer Servant 24 Servant
Address Whitehall Rd., Cleckheaton

Although another son Charles Hemingway died in Hulme, Manchester on 8th March 1893 he was brought back to Lightcliffe for burial in plot I37 in St. Matthew's churchyard on 11th March 1893.



**IN MEMORY OF
CHARLES HEMINGWAY
MALTSTER
LATE OF ROOKS LIGHTCLIFFE
BORN MARCH 24TH 1843
DIED MARCH 8TH 1893**

HEMINGWAY Charles of 24 Radnor-street Hulme Manchester maltster died 8 March 1893 Administration (with Will) (Limited) Manchester 23 March to Betsy Hemingway widow Effects £119.

Both widows Betsy Hemingway and Abigail Haigh will continue to be followed for reasons that will become obvious. Betsy and her son moved back across the Pennines to Saltaire sometime before the 1901 census was taken. Charles Hemingway junior then seems to have worked for Sir Titus Salt in his Saltaire mill. Abigail Haigh appears to have remained in the same area if not the same house until at least 1911.

1901 census

Betsy Hemingway Head 52
 Charles Hemingway Son 14 WorstedSpinner
 Address 26 Herbert St., Shipley

1911 census

Betsy Hemmingway Head 62
 Charles Hemmingway Son 24 Wool sorter
 Address 26, Herbert St., Saltaire, Shipley

1901 census

Abigail Haigh Head 43 Living on own means
 William S Haigh Son 18 Chemist's App
 George H Haigh Son 17 Draper's App
 Mary F Haigh Dau 16
 James Haigh Son 14 Clerk C.C.
 Shaw Haigh Son 13 Scholar
 Frances Slater Mother 65 Living on own means
 Address Westfield, Cleckheaton

1911 census

Abigail Haigh Head 52 At home
 Frances Slater Mother 75
 Shaw Haigh Son 23 Hosiery Shop Ass
 Address West Mount, Westfield, Wyke

Charles Hemingway, son of Charles and Betsey, married Emily Smith on 23rd June 1920 at St. Stephen's Church, Bowling, Bradford. The households still being followed were recorded like this on 19th June 1921.

1921 census

Frances Slater Mother Female 1836 85 Home Duties -
 Abigail Haigh Head Female 1858 62 Home Duties -
 Address 20, Warley Road, Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1921 census

Charles Hemingway Head 34 Wool Sorter Woollen Manufacturer, Sir Titus Salt Sons & Co Ltd,
 Emily Hemingway Wife 32 Weaver Woollen Manufacturer, Sir Titus Salt Sons & Co Ltd,
 Betsy Hemingway Mother 72 "retired"
 Address 26, Herbert Street, Saltaire, Shipley, Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Although both Charles and Emily Hemingway gave their employer as Sir Titus Salt Sons & Co. Ltd it was noted on the census form that both were 'Out of Work'.

Abigail Haigh née Slater was buried with her husband Joseph Holt Haigh in Lightcliffe plot O41 on 8th December 1923.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOSEPH HOLT HAIGH
SON OF WILIAM HAIGH OF WESTFIELD HOUSE, WYKE
WHO DIED OCTOBER 27TH 1888, AGED 31 YEARS
IN THE MIDST OF LIFE WE ARE IN DEATH
ALSO OF ABIGAIL WIFE OF JOSEPH HOLT HAIGH
WHO DIED DECEMBER 5TH 1923 AGED 65 YEARS
R.I.P.

She has a probate record.

HAIGH Abigail of 20 Warley-road Halifax widow died 5 December 1923 Probate London 27 December to Mary Frances Knowles (wife of John Albert Knowles) and Shaw Haigh hosier. Effects £191 8s 3d

Widow Betsy Hemingway née Sykes was also returned to Lightcliffe to be buried with her husband Charles on 25th May 1928 in plot I37 after she died on 20th May 1928.



Charles and Betsy Hemingway's monument is topped with a cross. Brother George and his wife have a headstone on their plot which is very similar to the Haigh headstone for Joseph Holt Haigh, Mary's son from her first marriage, and Abigail Haigh. Both memorial inscriptions have the line

IN THE MIDST OF LIFE WE ARE IN DEATH

The cross above
plot I37 for
Charles
Hemingway and
Betsy
Hemingway



Below the very
similar headstone
above plot L40 for
George Hemingway
and Mary
Hemingway

Below the
headstone above
plot O41 for
Joseph Holt Haigh
and Abigail Haigh



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