

John Hemingway senior and family

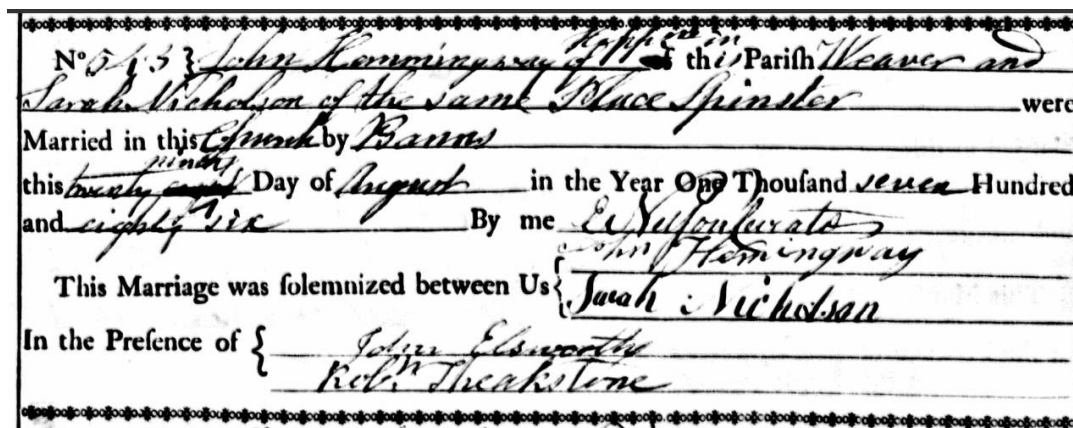
Abraham and Isaac Hemingway, two of the sons of John Hemingway and his wife Sarah Nicholson, get a number of mentions in the diaries of Anne Lister of Shibden Hall.

1818 . Abraham Hemingway took Southholm farm –

1821 For leading the pit—hill Isaac Hemingway (brother to Abraham of Southholm)

This is this Hemingway family story.

On 29th August 1786 John Hemingway married Sarah Nicholson in St. John's Church Halifax. Both were from Hipperholme and the groom was a weaver.



John and Sarah probably had nine children baptised at Lightcliffe; namely Abraham on 30th September 1787, William on 28th February 1790, Elizabeth on 26th February 1792, Isaac on 20th October 1793, Susy on 25th October 1795, John on 27th October 1799, Joseph on 15th July 1801, Ruth on 10th July 1803 and James on 7th July 1805. At the time the parish records only gave the father's name as J'no or John, so it is possible that there was another John Hemingway in the district. Ruth was definitely John and Sarah's daughter as her subsequent death and burial will confirm in due course. Similarly census data, memorial inscriptions and probate record information would appear to establish that the others were also in this family.

Nothing more has been found about daughter Elizabeth. Sons Abraham and John will have their more detailed stories told in separate write ups.

Abraham Hemingway of Southolme Farm

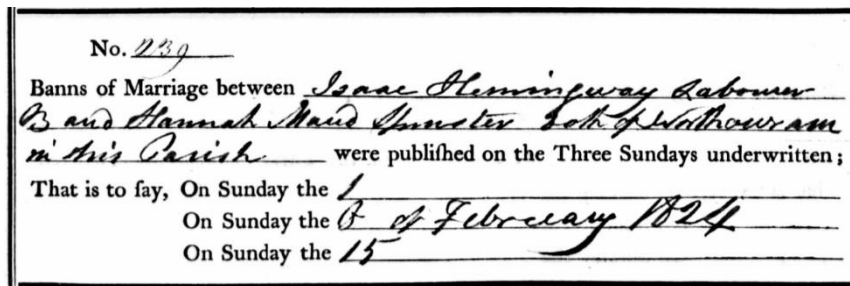
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John Hemingway of The Rooks

Some information about them will be documented here including their census data as the family's links are intertwined as you would expect.

Susannah (Susy) Hemingway of Hipperholme married Thomas Hall on 22nd April 1816. He was a Southowram joiner. They had at least six children before he was buried at Southowram on 28th April 1836. Daughter Sarah was baptised on 14th March 1821, Samuel born 2nd December 1822 on 16th March 1823, Elizabeth on 12th June 1825, Emma on 24th October 1830, Ellen on 5th March 1833 and Susannah on 18th September 1836.

Abraham Hemingway married Mary Exley on 2nd April 1818. Then later that year it looks as if William Hemingway married Elizabeth Ardingley on 8th September 1818 again in Halifax. Banns were issued for Isaac Hemingway of Southowram before he married Hannah Maud on 19th February 1824 also in Halifax.



There are two Hemingway infant burials in unknown locations in Lightcliffe churchyard which could be young sons of Isaac and Hannah Hemingway. Two-year-old John Hemingway, the son of Isaac, was buried on 15th October 1826. And then another two-year-old, the son of Isaac Hemingway of Northowram, was buried on 7th September 1828.

A year later their aunt, Isaac's sister Ruth, died on 17th July 1829. The twenty-six-year-old was buried in a plot now given the code S*3 in the closed section of the churchyard on 23rd July 1829. Isaac and Hannah named a daughter Ruth, but she too died as a one-year-old infant and was buried in an unknown Lightcliffe plot on 6th February 1835.

John Hemingway junior married Ann Appleyard on 24th October 1836. The 1841 census returns give more information about the family members.

1841 census

Sarah Hemingway	75	Farmer
Joseph Hemingway	34	
James Hemingway	31	
Mary Hall	13	F.S.
Address Lightcliffe		

1841 census

Susannah Hall	40	Schoolmistress
Sarah Hall	20	Bonnet maker
Emma Hall	10	
Ellen Hall	7	
Susannah Hall	4	
Address Southowram		

1841 census

Abm Hemingway	50	Farmer
Mary Hemingway	45	
John Hemingway	20	Ag Lab
George Hemingway	18	ditto
Ellen Hemingway	15	
Abm Hemingway	9	Ag Lab
James Hemingway	5	
Wm Hemingway	2	
Address Southowram		

1841 census

Isaac Hemingway	45	Farmer
Hannah Hemingway	35	
Elizabeth Hemingway	12	
Sarah Hemingway	10	
Mary Hemingway	6	
Ellin Hemingway	4	
Maud Hemingway	1	
Address Sutcliffe Wood Bottom, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse		

1841 census

William Hemingway	45	Farmer
Elizabeth Hemingway	40	
Charles Hemingway	15	
Thomas Hemingr	15	
John Hemingway	15	
Address Hudhill, Northowram		

1841 census

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

Although John Hemingway senior, Sarah's husband has not been found on the census he was still alive on 6th June 1841. Eighty-four-year-old John Hemingway died on 4th October 1841. He was buried with his daughter Ruth in plot S*3 in St. Matthew's churchyard.

John Hemingway	Lightcliffe	Oct. 9	¹⁸⁴¹ 84	M. Gurney
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His wife Sarah joined them on 25th April 1846 after she died on 20th April 1846 aged 82 years although the parish register is not easy to read.

Sarah Hemingway	Lightcliffe	25 th April	1846	82	M. Gurney
No. 274					

Neither is the memorial inscription on S*3.



**IN MEMORY OF RUTH THE DAUGHTER OF JOHN HEMINGWAY OF LIGHTCLIFFE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE 17TH DAY OF JULY 1829
AGED 27 YEARS**

**READER BEHOLD I HERE NOW LIE
AS THOU ARE NOW SO ONCE WAS I
AS I AM NOW SO MUST THOU BE
THEREFORE PREPARE TO FOLLOW ME**

**ALSO OF THE ABOVE JOHN HEMINGWAY
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1841
AGED 84 YEARS**

**ALSO OF SARAH WIFE OF THE ABOVE SAID JOHN HEMINGWAY
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL 1846
AGED 82 YEARS.**

Sarah died at Southowram so perhaps she was living with her eldest son Abraham and his wife, Mary, at Southolme Farm. Abraham died there on 13th February 1850 and was also brought to Lightcliffe for burial on 18th February 1850 in a plot now coded P*2 so not that far from his parents' plot.

1851 census

Mary Hemingway Head 57
 Farmer of 42 acres employing men
John Hemingway Son 30 ditto
George Hemingway Son 28 ditto
Ellen Hemingway Dau 23
Abm Hemingway Son 20 Farmer's son
James Hemingway Son 15 Scholar
William Hemingway Son 12 ditto
George Beverly Servant 25 Farmer Labourer
Address Southolme, Southowram

1851 census

William Hemingway Head 61 Farmer of 12 acres
Elizabeth Hemingway Wife 54
Address Whitehall, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

1851 census

Isaac Hemingway Head 56
 Farmer of 20 acres
Hannah Hemingway Wife 46
Ellen Hemingway Dau 14
Ruth Hemingway Dau 6 Scholar
Maude Hemingway Son 11
James Hemingway Son 9
Address Wood Bottom, Hipperholme cum
Brighthouse

1851 census

Susannah Hall Head 55
Samuel Hall Son 28 Farming 11 acres of land
Susannah Hall Dau 14
Address Brine Scholes, Northowram

1851 census

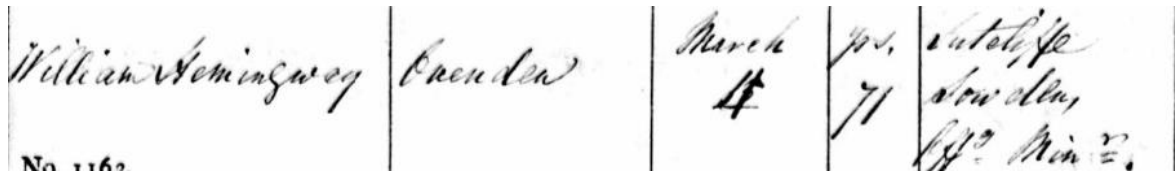
John Hemingway Head 51 Farmer & Maltster
 occupying 32 acres employing 2 outdoor men
Ann Hemingway Wife 43 Farmer's Wife
George Hemingway Son 13 Scholar
John Wm Hemingway Son 10 Scholar
Charles Hemingway Son 8 Scholar
Albert Hemingway Son 3
Henry Batty Servant 44 Ad Lab
Address Norwood Green

1851 census

James Hemingway Head 45 Farmer
Ellen Hall Servant 18 Servant
Joseph Hemingway Lodger 49 Carpenter
Henry Lee Lodger 28 Farmer
Address Hipperholme

In 1859 two Hemingway brothers, William and John, died within days of one another on 26th February and 21st March. They were both buried at Lightcliffe in adjoining plots H*9 and I*9 on 4th March and 26th March respectively. Look who officiated at William's funeral, Rev Sutcliffe Sowden, son of Samuel Sowden a neighbour at Sutcliffe Wood Bottom. Read

The Sowdens and the Brontes



William Hemingway's plot has this ledger stone over it confirming that he was the son of the late John Hemingway (senior).



John Hemingway (junior) has a splendid monument next to this brother's ledger stone – marked in light green - as you can see below.



Isaac Hemingway's wife Hannah née Maud died on 30th September 1860 aged 55 years. She was buried in plot FF*9 in Lightcliffe churchyard on 2nd October 1860. Widower Isaac and his sister in laws, Mary widow of Abraham, and Ann, widow of John junior, have been found on the 1861 census but Elizabeth, widow of William, has not.

1861 census

Mary Hemingway Head 67 Retired Farmer
William Hemingway Son 22 Joiner
Address Waring Green, Hipperholme cum
Brighthouse

1861 census

Isaac Hemingway Head 65 Cart Driver
Elizabeth Hemingway Dau 30 Housekeeper
Maude Hemingway Son 22 Wagon Driver
James Hemingway Son 20 Wagon Driver
Address Mill Lane, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

1861 census

Susannah Hall Head 65 Housework
Samuel Hall Son 38 Farmer of 11 acres
Emma Hall Dau 30
Susannah Hall Dau 24
Address Brine Scholes Farm. Northowram

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 Hemingway Son 13 Scholar
Henry Wilson Servant 20 Servant
Address Rooks, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

1861 census

Elizabeth Sucksmith Head 53 Farmer of 7 acres
James Sucksmith Son 36 Farmer's Son
Fanny Sucksmith Dau 17 Farmer's Dau
Joseph Hemingway Boarder 61 Wheelwright
Address Whitehall, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

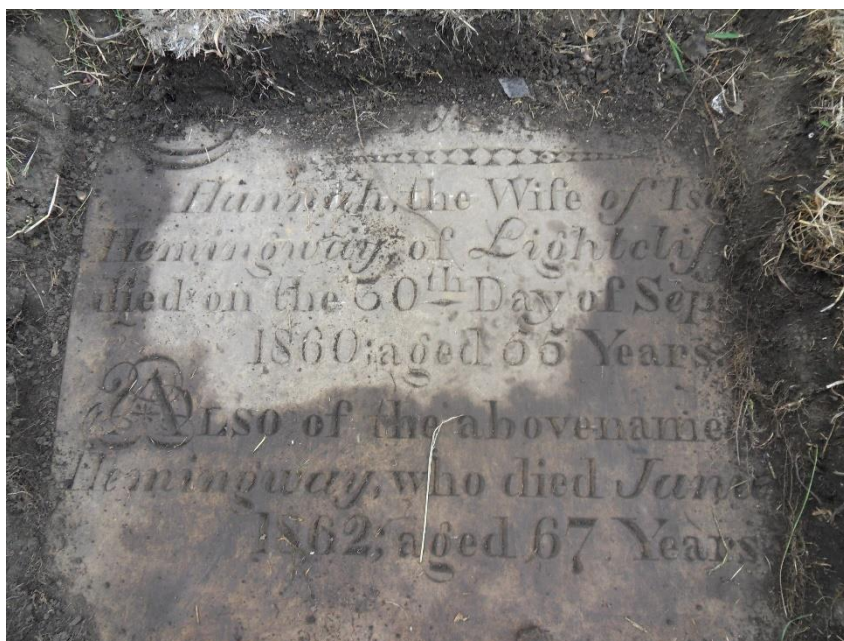
1861 census

James Hemingway Head 56 Farmer of 21 acres
Ellen Hall Niece 28 Housekeeper
Address Pear Tree Farm, Hipperholme cum
Brighthouse

Notice who wheelwright Joseph Hemingway was lodging with,

Elizabeth Sucksmith of Roydlands Farm

Seventy-seven-year-old Isaac Hemingway of Brighthouse died on 8th January 1862. He was buried with his wife Hannah in plot FF*9 on 12th January 1862. Their ledger stone was cleared a while ago so that its memorial inscription could be photographed.



Widow Mary was buried with her husband Abraham Hemingway on 5th September 1866 in plot P*2.

1871 census

Susanna Hall Head 75 Head
 Emma Hall Dau 40 Sewer Seamstress
 Address Little March, Southowram

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 Brighouse

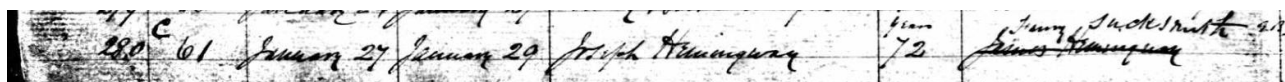
1871 census

Elizabeth Sucksmith Head 62
 Farmer of 15 acres employing one man
 Fanny Sucksmith Dau 25 Dress Maker
 Joseph Hemingway Servant 70 Farm Labourer
 Address Whitehall, Hipperholme cum Brighouse

1871 census

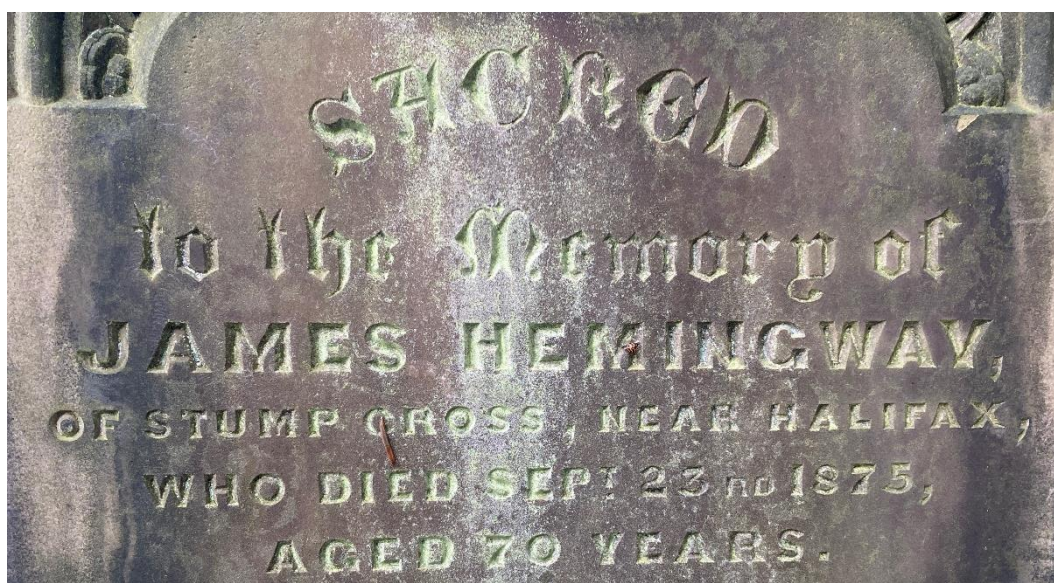
James Hemmingway Head 65 Retired Farmer
 Ellen Hall Niece 38 Housekeeper
 Thomas S Hall Grandnephew 8
 Address Shibden Fold, Northowram

Joseph Hemingway died on 27th January 1874 aged 72 years. He was buried in plot C61 in St. Matthew's churchyard on 29th January 1874. It is interesting to note the owner of the plot recorded on the extreme right.



The name Fanny Sucksmith has replaced that of his brother ,James Hemingway. Her mother Elizabeth Sucksmith had died less than a year before on 27th May 1873. Presumably Joseph Hemingway then continued as the farm labourer at Roydlands Farm for the daughter Fanny Sucksmith. A few days after Joseph Hemingway died Fanny Sucksmith married Jonathan Smallwood.

There is no headstone over plot C61 but there is an interesting one for his younger brother James Hemingway who died on 23rd September 1875 aged 70 years. He was buried at Lightcliffe on 27th September in plot G77 which would eventually be occupied by two Firths and a Brier according to the rest of the memorial inscription on the headstone which begins:-



Their identities of those on the memorial inscription and those of the executors of his Will will be explained in

Abraham Hemingway of Southolme Farm

The Will of James Hemingway late of Shibden-terrace Fole Stump Cross near Halifax in the County of York Farmer who died 23 September 1875 at Shibden-terrace was proved at Wakefield by Samuel Hemingway Tailor and Abraham Hemingway Maltster both of Brighthouse in the said County the Nephews the Executors. Effects under £100

That just leaves Susannah Hall as the surviving child of John and Sarah Hemingway.

1881 census

Susanna Hall Head 85 Rents Interest?e
Emma Hall Dau 50 Dress maker unemployed
Address Little March cottages, Southowram

Susannah Hall died Q4 1883 but no burial record or a probate record have been found.

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