

The Appleyards and related Turners

William Appleyard was the father of Ann Hemingway née Appleyard whose family story has been told in the articles :-

John Hemingway of Rooks

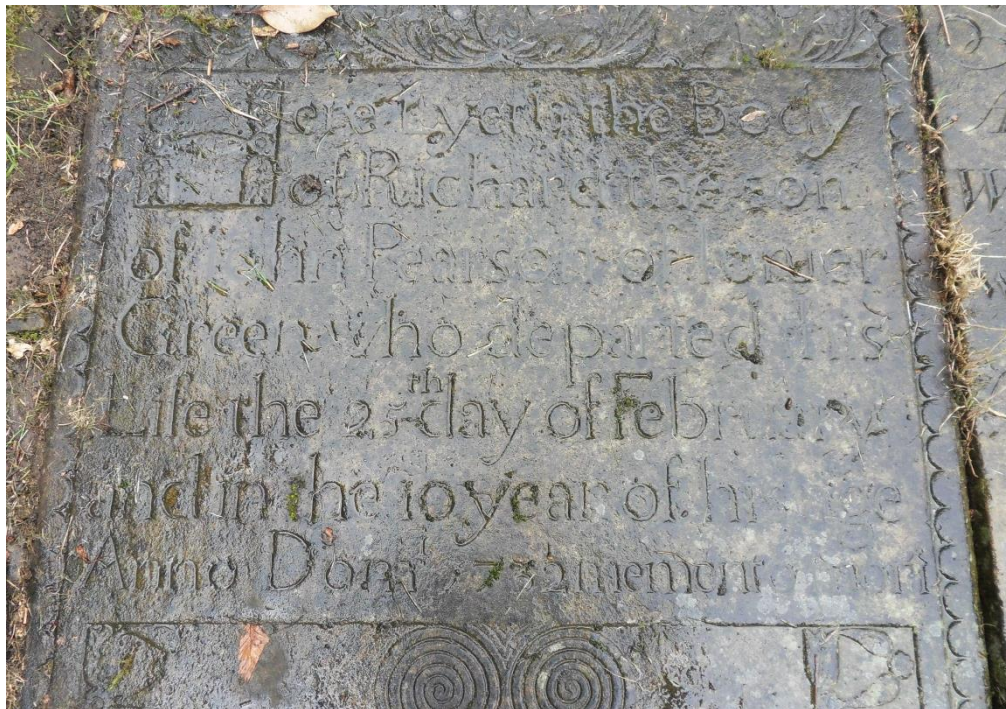
The Appleyards of Laverack Hall

He died on 30th April 1850 aged 74 years. From this death date and age, he was born about 1776. A 19th November 1775 Lightcliffe baptism for a William Appleyard son of William fits the bill. Then there is a 20th November 1811 burial for a William Appleyard in a Lightcliffe plot now given the code I*19 i.e. not that far from where William and Ruth Appleyard, the parents of Ann Hemingway née Appleyard and Charles Appleyard, were buried in K*18. The memorial inscription on the ledger stone covering plot I*19 is long, spans over one hundred and thirty years and involves three different surnames.



Entering the churchyard from Wakefield Road this ledger stone lies to the right of the path.

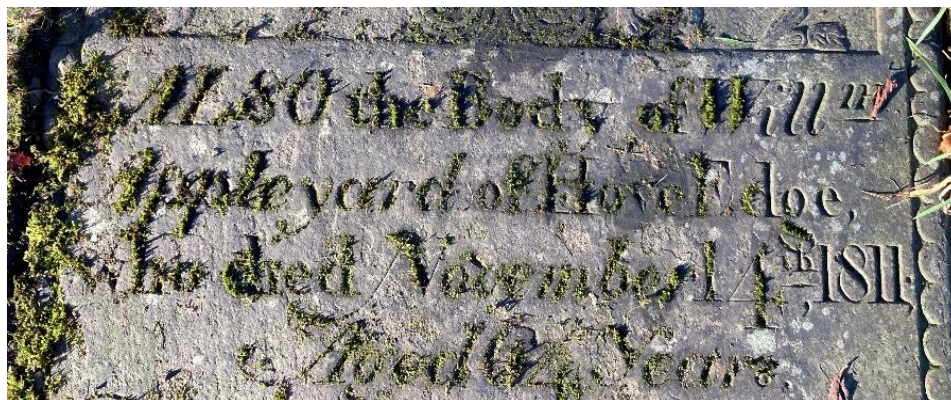
The top section remembers nine-year-old Richard Peason, who died in 1732.



**HERE LIES THE BODY
OF RICHARD THE SON
OF JOHN PEARSON OF LOWER
GREEN WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY
AND IN THE 10TH YEAR OF HIS AGE
ANNO DOMINI 1732 MEMENTO MORI**



The middle section



**ALSO OF WILLIAM
APPLEYARD OF HOVE EDGE
WHO DIED NOVEMBER 14TH 1811
AGED 64 YEARS**

The foot of the ledger stone



**ALSO OF SARAH TURNER THE WIFE OF
THOMAS TURNER OF HOVE EDGE
WHO DIED SEPTEMBER 10TH 1863 AGED 70 YEARS**

**ALSO OF THE ABOVE NAMED THOMAS TURNER WHO DIED
APRIL 15TH 1866 AGED 77 YEARS**

And then buried in the next plot K*19 – the letter J has been missed out in the coding – there is an Ann Appleyard wife of William Appleyard who must be this William's wife.



Using the clues in the memorial inscriptions some of the family story can be worked out.

A William Appleyard of Hipperholme married Ann Pearson of Halifax on 18th November 1771. Ann Pearson the daughter of John Pearson was baptised at Lightcliffe in Eastfield Chapel on 2nd June 1754. Whether nine-year-old Richard Pearson, also baptised at Eastfield Chapel on 21st June 1723, was her brother or more likely an uncle cannot be confirmed but it probably explains why a William Appleyard who died nearly seventy years later is the next name on the memorial inscription. There are too many Pearsons with father John to untangle them but Appleyard children with father William can now be identified.

There are eight Lightcliffe-baptised children with father William that fit after the 1771 marriage. They are Benj(amin) baptised on 22nd May 1774, then as already mentioned William on 17th November 1775, John on 18th November 1781, Abraham on 23rd May 1783, Mary on 6th August 1786, George on 2nd October 1791, Sarah on 16th June 1793 and finally Martha on 9th September 1795. Two children, with father William, died young and were buried in unknown plots in Lightcliffe churchyard, George on 1st February 1792 and Martha on 14th March 1802. Long after his parents had passed away forty-seven-year-old Benjamin Appleyard was also buried in an Lightcliffe unknown plot on 7th March 1822.

Sarah Appleyard married Thomas Turner on 25th June 1815 in Halifax. These were the wife and husband named next in the memorial inscription on the long ledger stone almost certainly confirming the Pearson, Appleyard and then Turner family relationships. They were both from Hipperholme and Thomas was a labourer. This was his given occupation, and they had a Hove Edge address when they had three boys Joseph, John and William baptised at St. Matthew's Church on 18th February 1816, 6th April 1817 and 27th December 1818. Laverack Hall was their abode when Thomas Hartley, Hartley and Samuel were baptised again at Lightcliffe on 28th January 1821, 1st September 1822 and 1st February 1824. Hartley was buried at Lightcliffe on 5th April 1825 aged just 2 years and 8 months. Six-year-old Samuel was buried in another unknown plot on 24th October 1830.

Abraham Appleyard married Mary Illingworth on 2nd February 1818 in Halifax. He was a cardmaker from Hipperholme, she was from Pontefract. They had twin girls in April 1822 but one week old Martha was buried in an unknown Lightcliffe plot on 26th April 1822. Her twin Harriet was baptised on 12th May 1822 at St. Matthew's Church before she too was buried in the churchyard on 23rd May 1822. A brother, Flather, baptised on 3rd August 1823 survived just three months before being buried at Lightcliffe on 8th October 1823. Thankfully the next four daughters seem to have survived and were all baptised at St. Matthew's church, Rhoda on 24th October 1824, Harriet Ann on 28th October 1827, Mary on 31st July 1831 and Sarah on 1st September 1833. Their mother Mary Appleyard née Illingworth was buried in the churchyard on 10th June 1836 in another unknown plot. Widower Abraham Appleyard married a widow Harriet Heaton née Peel, a weaver, on 31st July 1837 in Bradford.

Joseph Turner married Nancy Walker on 7th May 1838 in Halifax. The Hove Edge labourer and his wife Nancy then had Samuel baptised on 15th July 1838 at St. Matthew's Church. A daughter Mary was also born before the 1841 census, but no baptism record has been found. Brother William Turner married Frances Farrar Q3 1840 leaving the various Appleyard and Turner households looking like this on 6th June 1841.

1841 census
 William Appleyard 65 Farmer
 Ruth Appleyard 55
 Thomas Witfield 15 M.S.
 Ely Wharton 20 App
 Address Well Green, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

1841 census
 Thomas Turner 50 Labourer
 Sarah Turner 45
 John Turner 20
 Address Hove Edge, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

1841 census
 Abram Appleyard 55 Cartwright
 Hannah Appleyard 50
 Rhoda Appleyard 15
 Ann Appleyard 13
 Mary Appleyard 9
 Sarah Appleyard 7
 Address Hove Edge, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

1841 census
 Joseph Turner 25 Labourer
 Nancy Turner 25
 Samuel Turner 3
 Mary Turner 5 Mo
 Address Hove Edge, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

1841 census
 William Turner 20 Smith
 Frances Turner 20
 Address Hove Edge, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

Next door was his sister & Turner family.

Joseph and Nancy Turner then had more children baptised at Lightcliffe, namely John on 12th January 1845 and Hartley on 15th November 1846. Hartley Turner was with some related Appleyards on the 1861 census. Elizabeth, born Q1 1849 was baptised with her younger brother Edward, born Q3 1851, and sister Fanny born Q1 1854, on 5th February 1854.

Whitesmith William and Frances Turner of Hove Edge had a daughter Harriet baptised in Brighthouse on 9th February 1845. A son Thomas was baptised at St. Matthew's on 22nd October 1847 the day that his mother Frances Turner, of Hove Edge, was buried in an unknown plot in Lightcliffe churchyard. It looks as if little Thomas did not survive much longer as there is a burial for an infant Thomas Turner of Hove Edge on 12th March 1848.

Abraham Appleyard's daughter Mary married Ben Collins on 6th January 1850. Their story has already been told in

The Collins family of Hove Edge.

1851 census

Abrhm Appleyard Head 66 Wheelwright
Mary Appleyard Wife 60
Address Hove Edge, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

Should Abraham's wife be Hannah or did he remarry again? No death or marriage record has been found.

1851 census

Thomas Turner Head 62 Labourer
Sarah Turner Wife 58
William Turner Son 32 Whitesmith
Harriet Turner Grnddau 6
Address Hove Edge, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

Next door to

1851 census

Joseph Turner Head 35 Labourer
Nancy Turner Wife 35
Saml Turner Son 12 Errand Boy
Mary Turner Dau 10
Martha Turner Dau 8
John Turner Son 6
Hartley Turner Son 4
Elizth Turner Dau 2
Address Hove Edge , Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

Brother John Turner had probably married before the census was taken but he has not been positively identified.

Little Fanny Turner, the daughter of Joseph and Nancy Turner was buried in St. Matthew's churchyard on 6th April 1856 aged just two.

Her great uncle seventy-four-year-old Abraham Appleyard was buried in another unknown Lightcliffe plot on 14th November 1858. That just leaves his younger sister Sarah and her husband, Fanny's paternal grandparents, to be followed. In 1861 they were still looking after another granddaughter Harriet. Perhaps her father, William Turner, had remarried.

1861 census

Thomas Turner Head 72 Farm Labourer
Sarah Turner Wife 67
Harriet Turner Grnddau 16 Worsted Twister
Address Hove Edge. Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

As already recorded on the long memorial inscription quoted at the beginning Sarah Turner née Appleyard died on 10th September 1863 and her husband Thomas on 18th April 1866. They were buried in Lightcliffe churchyard on 16th September 1863 and 18th April 1866 in plot 1*19, on the right in the image below.



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