

The Mosey Daughters

There have been over eleven thousand burials in St. Matthew's churchyard, Lightcliffe. For some we know the exact plot in which they were buried. If the plot then has a ledger stone or headstone the memorial inscription adds to the information in the parish burial records. Use our Burial Search facility to see if there is a transcription of a memorial you may be interested in. About a hundred years ago a gentleman called Arthur Blackburn visited many West Riding churchyards recording the memorial inscriptions he found. If available these are the transcriptions that appear on our website www.lightcliffchurchyard.org.uk.



But many burials were in unknown plots or in unmarked plots, the gaps between the ledger stones or the headstones. Without the useful information on a memorial, discovering these people's back story is more difficult, but not impossible, to unearth [pun intended!].

When researching a family, I sometime stumble across related family members who were buried in the churchyard. As this may be the only time that they feature I think about adding their back story. The Mosey daughters are a good example. Their parents John Mosey – probably the illegitimate son of Mary Tomlinson née Mosey – and his wife Susannah Booth appear to have no further connection with St. Matthew's after the baptism of a daughter, Fanny. But three other daughters and some members of their families were interred in the churchyard so their back stories will now be told.

The articles

**Abraham Heminway of Southolme Farm and
The Tomlinson and Mosey families**

provide further background to what follows.

Mary Mosey

The second Mosey child was Mary Mosey who was born on 19th May 1850 at Hove Edge according to her non-conformist baptism record. She was baptised as a married twenty-seven-year-old – although her maiden name was used - with her younger sister Emma on 19th October 1877 at Hove Edge recorded in the West Yorkshire, Non-conformist records on

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No. 24	May 19/50	Mary	John Susannah	Mosey	Hove Edge Lightcliffe	Oct-14 1877	Joseph Woodburn
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Before then on 19th February 1871 i.e. just before that year's census was taken, she had married Friend Smith. He was the son of James and Sarah Smith and had been baptised at St. Matthew's on 3rd November 1850. In 1861 Friend and his older brother Johnson Smith were boarding with a Blackburn family in Hove Edge.

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.
305	February 19 1871	Friend Smith	20	Widower	Delver	Hipperholme	James Smith	Delver
		Mary Mosey	20	Single	—	Hipperholme	John Mosey	Catwright

Married in the Local Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Thomas Beeth or after Ramus by me, Ralph Strande

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Friend Smith and Mary Mosey in the Presence of us, Thomas Beeth and John Thomas

On census night 1871 the two twenty-year-olds were lodging with his older brother Johnson Smith, another delver, and his family in Slead Syke, Hipperholme cum Brighouse.

The rather messy Lightcliffe baptism record below dated 26th February 1872 is for (Fanny) Emmeline Smith the daughter of Friend Smith, a Hove Edge delver and his wife Mary née Mosey. The baptism was marked 'Private' probably because it was performed just before the little girl died.

No. 1872	February 26	Friend Emmeline Smith	Friend Mosey	Smith	Hove Edge Lightcliffe	Delver	G. Bagot
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Private

No. 78
1872

Six-month-old Emmeline Smith was buried in Lightcliffe on 6th March 1872 the first occupant of plot B23 owned at the time by her father Friend Smith.

Friend and Mary then had two sons James Smith and Thomas Smith baptised at St. Matthew's Church on 2nd March 1873 and 2nd May 1875. A year later 25-year-old Friend Smith died on 14th May 1876. He was buried with his baby daughter in Lightcliffe plot B23 on 17th May 1876. They were then joined by four-year-old Thomas on 28th January 1880.

Later that year widow Mary Smith née Mosey married widower Francis Sugden Q4 1880. He already had a young son Herbert Greenwell Sugden born Q2 1876. At first the family lived in Hove Edge.

1881 census

Francis Sugden	Head	28	Wheelwright
Mary Sugden	Wife	30	
James ditto[should be Smith]	Son	8	
Herbert Sugden	Son	4	
Address 19, Hove Edge, Hipperholme cum Brighouse			

But then they moved to Northowram and finally Queensbury.

1891 census

Frank Sugden	Head	38	Wheelwright
Mary Sugden	Wife	40	
James Smith	Stepson	18	Overlooker in Wollen Mill
Herbert Sugden	Son	14	Wollen spinner
Ethel Sugden	Dau	9	Scholar
Harry Sugden	Son	6	ditto
Ida Sugden	Dau	3	
Wilfred Sugden	Son	5/12	Son
Address 62 Catherine Slack, Northowram			

1901 census

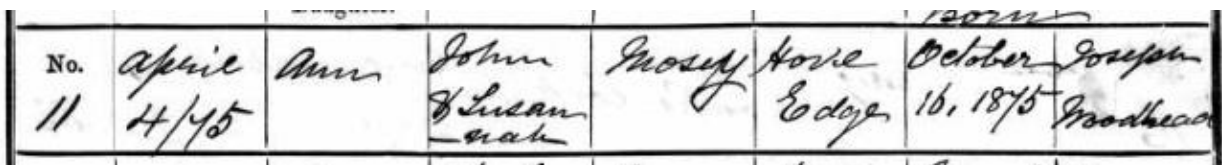
Frank Sugden	Head	48	Wheelwright/Wood worker
Mary Sugden	Wife	50	
Herbert Sugden	Son	24	Blacksmith in Machine Shop
Ethel Sugden	Dau	19	Worsted Yarn Worker
Harry Sugden	Son	16	Bootmaker Apprentice
Ida Sugden	Dau	13	Worsted Spinner
Wilfred Sugden	Son	10	
Address 10 Ford, Queensbury			

When 58-year-old Mary Sugden, formerly Friend née Mosey, died on 6th January 1909 she was brought back to Lightcliffe to be buried with her first husband and two children in plot B23 on 9th January 1909.

This plot has no headstone.

Ann Mosey

Ann Mosey's birth was registered in the Halifax district in Q4 1857. It would appear that on her 1875 baptism record the last two digits of her birth year were transposed on her date of birth which should be 16th October 1857.



Again, the above form is from the West Yorkshire, Non-conformist records on

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On census night 1871 thirteen -year-old Ann Mosey was a factory hand living with her parents and some siblings in Hove Edge. She has not been found on the 1881 census but not long after it was taken, she married Fred Hardy on 20th July 1881 in Halifax.

1881. Marriage solemnized at <i>The Parish Church</i> in the <i>Parish</i> 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.	
218	<i>July</i>	<i>Fred Hardy</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Book.</i>	<i>Solmn</i>	<i>Hove Edge Hipperholme</i>	<i>W. Hardy</i>	<i>Solmn</i>	
	<i>30 1881</i>	<i>Ann Mosey</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>Sp.</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Hove Edge Hipperholme</i>	<i>Jos. Mosey</i>	<i>Wheelwright</i>	
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <i>W. Dawson</i> by me, <i>W. Dawson</i> Clerk: <i>W. Dawson</i>									
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <i>Fred Hardy</i> and <i>Ann Mosey</i>			in the Presence of us, <i>Matias Hardy</i> and <i>Emma Mosey</i>						

Their daughter Emma, born 12th October 1881 was baptised at St. Matthew's Church on 5th February 1882. Another daughter Annie was buried on 7th March 1881 in Lightcliffe plot M21 aged just 21 months.

1891 census

Fred Hardy Head 37 Stone Quarryman
 Ann Hardy Wife 33
 Emma Hardy Dau 9 Scholar
 Jane Hardy Dau 6 ditto
 Lucy Hardy Dau 4
 Address Hove Edge Cottage, Hipperholme cum Brighouse

The Hardy family have not been found in 1901 but they were probably still in the area.

Just before the 1911 census Jane Hardy married Luther Rawnsley Q1 1911

Emma Hardy would later marry James H Crothers Q3 1911.

1911 census

Fred Hardy Head 57 Flag facer
 Ann Hardy Wife 53 Wife
 Emma Hardy Dau 29 Silk Preparer
 Lucy Hardy Dau 24 Worsted Twister
 Alice Hardy Dau 18 Worsted Twister
 Nellie Hardy Dau 15 Worsted Spinner
 Florence Hardy Dau 14 Silk Dresser Doffer
 Address 6 Broad Oak Place, Lightcliffe

1911 census

Luther Rawnsley Head 26 Wall Stone Dresser
 Jane Rawnsley Wife 25
 Fred Rawnsley Son 1/12
 Address 5 Toones Buildings, Broad Oak, Hove Edge, Lightcliffe

1921 census

Fred Hardy Head 67 Stone Fetter Herbert Brook, Quarry Owner
 Ann Hardy Wife 63 Home Duties -
 Alice Hardy Dau 28 Confectionery Machinist John Mackintosh, Toffee Manufacturers
 Nellie Hardy Dau 25 Confectionery Machinist John Mackintosh, Toffee Manufacturers
 Florence Hardy Dau 24 Poplin Weaver Barraclough & Coy, Staff Manufacturers
 Address 6, Broad Oak Place, Brighouse, Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1921 census

James H Crothers Head 39 Woollen Fitter J B Batys & Co Commission Spinner
 Emma Crothers Wife 39
 Clifford Crothers Son 5
 Address 22, Wood Side, Halifax, Elland, Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Ann Hardy née Mosey died on 21st February 1925. She was buried with her namesake little Annie on plot M21 on 35th February 1925. Her husband Fred Hardy joined them on 11th March 1931.



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANN
THE DEARLY BELOVED WIFE OF FRED HARDY OF LIGHTCLIFFE
WHO DIED FEB 21ST 1925 AGED 67 YEARS**

GOD HAS CLOSED THE TIRED EYES AND HIS BELOVED SLEEPS

**ALSO OF THE ABOVE FRED HARDY
WHO DIED MARCH 6TH 1931
AGED 77 YEARS**

This headstone is now laid flat. Along the kerb side there are two more inscriptions to daughters Annie Hardy and Emma Crothers who were also buried in plot M21 albeit 55 years apart.



Little Annie Hardy's memorial inscription is almost impossible to read it simply says:-

ALSO ANNIE THEIR DAUGHTER WHO DIED IN HER INFANCY

She was twenty-one months old when she was buried in 1881.

Another daughter, Emma Crothers, died on 12th July 1936 and was buried in the Hardy family plot, M21, on 15th July 1936 aged 54 years.



**ALSO EMMA CROTHERS ELDEST
DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE
DIED JULY 12TH 1936
AGED 54 YEARS**

Emma Mosey

Emma Mosey was born on 14th January 1859. As already noted, she was baptised with her older sister Mary on 14th October 1877 at Hove Edge recorded in the West Yorkshire, Non-conformist records on

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On census night 1871 eleven-year-old Emma Mosey was with her parents and some siblings in Hove Edge. Like her slightly older sister Ann and brother James she was a factory hand. Emma has not been found on the 1881 census but on 12th July 1884 she married William Kershaw. He was born in Leeds in 1865 but after his father died in 1870 he moved to Northowram where his parents were from to live with a married sister there.

1884. Marriage solemnized at the <u>Parish Church</u> in the <u>Parish</u> of <u>Halifax</u> in the County of <u>York</u>								
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.
455	July 12 1884	William Kershaw	20	Bachel.	Labourer	Hove Edge Lightcliffe	Bethel Kershaw	Coal Miner
		Emma Mosey	24	Sp.	-	Hove Edge Lightcliffe	John Mosey	Greenwright
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>R. Plum & Steadman</u> or after <u>Banns</u> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>William Kershaw</u> <u>Emma Mosey</u>		in the Presence of us,		<u>Joseph Sagar</u> <u>William Marshall</u>		

Before the next census William and Emma Kershaw had two infant sons buried in plot L45 of St. Matthew's churchyard, four-month-old Harry on 14th October 1885 and ten-week-old Fred on 17th August 1887.

1891 census

William Kershaw Head 27 Stone Quarryman
Emma Kershaw Wife 30
Arthur Kershaw Son 1
Address
Hove Edge Cottages, Hipperholme cum
Brighouse

1901 census

William Kershaw Head 37 Stone Delver
Emma Kershaw Wife 40
Arthur Kershaw Son 11
Annie Kershaw Dau 7
John Kershaw Son 4
Address 137 Halifax Rd., Brighouse

Forty-two-year-old William Kershaw died on 15th February 1907 and was buried with his two infant sons in Lightcliffe churchyard in plot L45 on 19th February 1907.

1911 census

Emma Kershaw Head 51 Charwoman
Arthur Kershaw Son 21 Brick Labourer
Annie Kershaw Dau 17 Silk Spinner
John Kershaw Son 14 Dyer
Address 24, Wood Top, Hove Edge, Lightcliffe

1921 census

Emma Kershaw Head 61 At Home
John Kershaw Son 24
Carpet Printer T F Firth & Sons Ltd
Address 19, Hill Top, Lightcliffe, Hipperholme

1939 register

Ernest Topham	08 Jan 1892	? Labourer Heavy Worker	Married	36	1
Annie Topham	07 Jan 1894	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	36	2
Emma Kershaw	? Jan 1860 [should be 14 Jan 1859]	No Occupation	Widow	36	3

Address 216 Harley Head, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Eighty-five-year-old Emma Kershaw née Mosey died on 10th May 1945. She was buried with her husband and two infant sons in Lightcliffe churchyard in plot L45. This is another unmarked plot between the headstones but at least you now know some of the back story for Emma and some of her sisters.



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