

The Tomlinson and Mosey families

In the article about

Abraham Hemingway of Southolme Farm

it was noted that his son George Hemingway was buried in Lightcliffe churchyard with his Tomlinson in laws. But before then an infant, Alice Ann Hemingway, George's daughter and so Abraham's granddaughter was buried with her great grandmother Frances Mosey. Then I realised that the chest tomb in the closed section of the churchyard with its side collapsing was dedicated to a Mosey couple and their son. [Don't worry even when there was a tomb above ground the occupants of the plot were buried as normal underground.]

Time to investigate these two families.



The Mosey couple were John Mosey and his wife Sarah née Carter. They were married in Halifax on 26th August 1764. Both bride and groom were 'of Hipperholme' and he was described as manufacturer.

Banns of Marriage

N^o 221 John Mosey of this Parish Manufacturer
and Sarah Carter of this
Parish Spinster both of Hipperholme were
Married in this Church by License this
twenty sixth Day of August in the Year One Thousand Seven
Hundred and sixty four by me Edward Nelson Carter
This Marriage was solemnized between Us { John Mosey
Sarah Carter
In the Presence of Mr. Maltins
Sam Sharpe

The Lightcliffe parish records then have nine possible baptisms of Mosey children whose father's name was John or Jn'o. A son Francis, baptised on 16th December 1764, was definitely John and Sarah's first born as you will see from his memorial inscription later on. Jeremiah baptised on 31st August 1766, John on 18th September 1768, Mary on 31st March 1771, Sarah on 26th September 1773, Samuel on 3rd September 1775 and Elizabeth on 29th September 1779 were most probably Francis's siblings. Two little boys both named William were baptised at St. Matthew's Church. The first William on 4th March 1781 but then he was buried in the churchyard on 13th April 1783. A second William was baptised on 22nd May 1785 but he was buried on 27th April 1786, again in an unknown plot. The burial records describe the infants as being sons of John so they were almost certainly the two sons referred to in the memorial inscription on their parents tomb over the plot now given the code P*11. The daughter may have been Sarah or Elizabeth or a little girl who was not baptised.

Fifty-two-year-old John Mosey died on 14th July 1791 with his wife passing away nearly three years later on 4th February 1794 aged fifty. They were buried in St. Matthew's churchyard on 17th July 1791 and 7th February 1794 respectively.



**IN MEMORY OF JOHN MOSEY OF HOVE EDGE
WHO DIED 14TH OF JULY 1791 AGED 52 YEARS**

**ALSO OF SARAH MOSEY HIS WIFE WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
THE 4TH OF FEBRUARY 1794 AGED 50 YEARS**

ALSO OF TWO SONS AND A DAUGHTER WHO DIED IN THEIR INFANCY

**ALSO OF FRANCIS MOSEY SON OF THE ABOVE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1848
IN THE 84TH YEAR OF HIS AGE.**

**DELIVERED FROM THIS MORTAL CLAY
FROM SORROW, SIN AND PAIN
WE SHALL WITH CHRIST IN LASTING DAY
TRUE HOLINESS OBTAIN**

D.SYKES, SLEAD-SYKE, SCULPTOR

Eldest son Francis Mosey married Fanny, but the marriage date and Fanny's maiden name have not been found. They had two children baptised at St. Matthew's Church, George Daykin Mosey on 31st August 1800 and Mary on 6th March 1803. It was hoped that George's middle name was a clue to his mother or grandmother's maiden name, but it did not help.

George Daykin Mosey was almost certainly the Mosey who features in Anne Lister's diaries, as a joiner / carpenter and wheelwright. From 1826 Anne Lister has him 'railing off' places such as Calf Croft and Lower Brea Wood.

On New Year's Day 1829 she wrote :-

went out at 9 3/4 to Mosey in the Cunnery brow among the fir timber cutting out 9 feet long posts (to stand 7 feet out of the ground) for fencing off single trees.

From 1836

Mark Hepworth at H-x binding his son William apprentice as wheel-right and carpenter to Mosey of Halfhouses near Hove edge

Also in 1836 – but there are other references to carts being bought and sold from and to Mosey.

- after the Manns had Mosey and Mark Hepworth – paid the former for a good strong new broad wheeled cart £25 but he took 2 old carts at £5 so that I paid him only £20

[Mark Hepworth was another Shibden Hall tenant who will need to be researched as he too was buried in St. Matthew's churchyard, Lightcliffe]

It appears that George Mosey also did work for Ann Walker

From 1839

then came Mosey to be paid £33.11.5 for new tree-guards at Cliff hill –

Meanwhile his sister Mary Mosey had married Richard Tomlinson on 4th November 1832 in Halifax with their father Francis Mosey as a witness. Richard was probably the son of William and Hannah Tomlinson born on 2nd October 1809, baptised at St. Cuthbert's Church, Ackworth on 22nd October 1809.

Richard Tomlinson of Hipperholme of this Parish	Parish
Farmer, Bachelor	
and Mary Mosey of Hipperholme of this Parish	Parish
Spinster	
were married in this Church by Licence with Consent of	
this Fourth Day of	
November in the Year One thousand eight hundred and Sixty two	
By me James Graham Curate	
This Marriage was solemnized between us	Richard Tomlinson
	Mary Mosey
In the Presence of	Francis Mosey
	Mark Hepworth
No. 202.	

Richard and Mary Tomlinson had a daughter Ann baptised at St. Matthew's, Lightcliffe on 5th May 1833 when Richard was a Lightcliffe farmer.

Halfhouse - or Halfhouses as Anne Lister referred to the place - was where George Mosey and his parents were on 6th June 1841 with his sister, brother-in-law and little niece, two households away on the census form.

1841 census

Francis Mosey 76 Wool C
 Fanny Mosey 74
 George Mosey 40 Carpenter
 John Mosey 15
 Address Halfhouse, Lane Ends Green,
 Hipperholme cum Brighouse

1841 census

Richard Tomlinson 30 Ag. Lab
 Mary Tomlinson 35
 Ann Tomlinson 8
 Address Halfhouse, Lane Ends Green,
 Hipperholme cum Brighouse

But who was 15-year-old John Mosey?

There is a Lightcliffe baptism for a John Mosey on 4th May 1823 giving his parents as John and Mary Mosey of Hove Edge.

Lightcliffe, St Matthew > 1823						
May 4 No. 688.	John son of	John & Mary	Mosey	Hove Edge	Wool- cumber	William Mosey

But when cartwright John Mosey of Hipperholme married Susannah Booth in Halifax on 5th April 1847 no father was recorded for him. This suggests that he was Mary Mosey's son living with his maternal grandparents and uncle in 1841. Perhaps he worked with his carpenter and wheelwright uncle George Mosey.

1847 Marriage solemnized at _____ in the Parish of Halifax in the County of York								
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.
242	April 5	John Mosey Susannah Booth	23 19	Bach. Mia?	Cart- wright	Hipperholme Do	William Booth	Wagon
Married in the Parish Church _____ according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church. After Reading of _____ by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		John Mosey Susannah Booth		In the Presence of us,		Thomas Bell John Thomas		

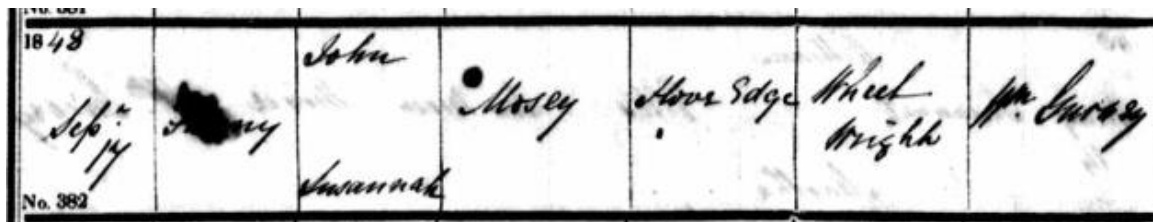
By 1847 Susannah Booth already had a son Thomas Booth baptised at Lightcliffe on 30th March 1845. She and John had more children, but they were not all baptised at St. Matthew's.

John 's maternal grandmother, Fanny Mosey of Hove Edge, died on 18th September 1847. She was buried in the front closed section of the churchyard on 21st September 1847 in the plot now given the code P*8 which has this ledger stone over it.



A year later when her husband Francis Mosey died on 13th September 1848, he was buried with his parents in plot P*11 on 15th September 1848 with the memorial inscription already recorded on the now slightly collapsing chest tomb.

A few days later his grandson John Mosey, a wheelwright of Hove Edge, had a daughter Fanny – it does say Fanny not Henry – baptised at St. Matthew's.



1851 census

George Mosey Head 50 Carpenter
Address Wood Bottom, Hipperholme cum
Brighthouse

1851 census

Richard Tomlinson Head 41 Farmer Labourer
Mary Tomlinson Wife 48
Ann Tomlinson Dau 18 Dress maker
Address Wood Bottom, Hipperholme cum
Brighthouse

1851 census

John Mosey Head 27 Wheelwright
Susey Mosey Wife 23 Wife
Mary Mosey Dau 10mo
Fanny Mosey Dau 3
Address Wood Bottom, Hipperholme cum
Brighthouse

These three households were recorded next to one another on the census form.

Six - year-old Thomas Booth was with his maternal grandparents William and Mary Booth.

Ann Tomlinson married George Hemingway on 9th January 1854 at the Square Chapel, Halifax. Then this notice appeared in the *Halifax Courier* on 27th October 1855.

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, that by an Indenture, dated the Twentieth day of October, 1855, GEORGE MOSEY, of Hove Edge near Halifax, in the County of York, Wheelwright, ASSIGNED all his ESTATE and EFFECTS whatsoever to GEORGE HEMINGWAY, of Southowram, in the said County, Farmer, in trust for the equal Benefit of the Creditors of the said GEORGE MOSEY as should execute the said Indenture, or otherwise assent thereto, on or before the first day of December next.

GEORGE BRIERLEY

Solicitor to the Trustee

Waterhouse street Halifax 26th October 1855

1861 census

Richard Tomlinson Head 51 Ag. Labourer
Mary Tomlinson Wife 58
Address Hove Edge, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

1861 census

George Mosey Head 60 Carpenter
Address Hove Edge, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

Again, the three households were next door to one another.

1861 census

John Mosey Head 37 Carpenter
Susan Mosey Wife 33
Thomas Booth Mosey Son 16 Silk Dresser
Mary Mosey Dau 10
Henry Mosey Son 8
James Mosey Son 6
Ann Mosey Dau 3
Emma Mosey Dau 1
Address Hove Edge, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

When little Alice Ann Hemingway, the daughter of George and his wife Ann née Tomlinson died on 4th December 1865 she was buried with her great grandmother Fanny Mosey in Lightcliffe plot P*8 on 8th December 1865. As the memorial inscription says she was just fifteen months old.



Mary Tomlinson died on 14th August 1867 and was buried in Lightcliffe plot T27 on 17th August 1867. Until recently all but the black stained part of this ledger stone was buried.



When widower Richard Tomlinson married widow Christiana Greenwood on 18th March 1868 in Birstall he was described as a 'Traveller'.

1868. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Birstall in the County of York								
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.
6	March 18	Richard Tomlinson	58	widower	Traveller	Lightcliffe	William Tomlinson	Farmer
		Christiana Greenwood	58	widow		Birstal	Stephen Berk	Miner

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Licence or after with legal Vicar by with legal Vicar

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Richard Tomlinson and Christiana Greenwood in the Presence of us, Thomas Selton and George Bramley

George Daykin Mosey has not been found on the 1871 census although he should be somewhere. Anne Lister's cart builder, fence maker and general carpenter, George Daykin Moisey, died a year later and was buried in an unknown plot in Lightcliffe churchyard on 25th Mary 1872.

His nephew John Mosey – another carpenter and wheelwright - and family were still living in Hove Edge on 2nd April 1871 but will no longer be followed as most of them have no further connections with St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe. However, three of the Mosey daughters - Mary, Anne and Emma - do so their stories will be told in :-

The Mosey daughters

That just leaves Richard Tomlinson to check up on in 1871 and then 1881.

1871 census

Richard Tomlinson Head 61 Labourer
 Christiana Tomlinson Wife 61
 Address Hove Edge, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

1881 census

Richd. Tomlinson Head 71 Stone agent
 Christiana Tomlinson Wife 71
 Address 11 Hove Edge, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

The death of Richard Tomlinson was announced in the Brighthouse & Rastrick Gazette on 1st October 1881.

DEATHS

TOMLINSON,--Sept, 26, aged 72 years, Richard
Tomlinson , stone merchant, Hove Edge

He was buried on 29th September 1881 with his first wife in plot T27 which would later be occupied by his only daughter and son-in-law Ann and George Hemingway. The recently unearthed ledger stone over this plot has the following memorial inscription on it.



**IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARY THE WIFE OF RICHARD TOMLINSON
OF HOVE EDGE WHO DIED AUGUST 14TH 1867, AGED 64 YEARS**

**ALSO OF THE ABOVE RICHARD TOMLINSON
WHO DIED SEPTEMBER 26TH 1881 AGED 72 YEARS**

**ALSO OF ANN THE AFFECTIONATE WIFE OF GEORGE HEMINGWAY OF
LAVERACK LANE AND DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE RICHARD AND MARY
TOMLINSON WHO DIED FEBRUARY 25TH 1887 AGED 54 YEARS.**

**ALSO OF THE ABOVE NAMED GEORGE HEMINGWAY
WHO DIED JUNE 19TH 1890 AGED 67 YEARS**

REST IN PEACE

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