

The Wards and the Wilkinsons part 1

Ann Hemingway née Appleyard and her husband John Hemingway of The Rooks have already had their family's story told in

John Hemingway of Rooks parts 1 & 2

Ann Appleyard was the daughter of William Appleyard and Ruth Ward who married on 26th January 1807. Again, the Appleyards' back stories have already been told in

The Appleyards of Laverack Hall

The Appleyards and related Turners

What follows here is the Ward and then Wilkinson story.

Ruth Ward was the eldest child of William (Will) Ward and his wife Ann Wilkinson. They were both from Hipperholme and were married in Halifax on 19th May 1783. William Ward was a cordwainer. He might be the William Ward baptised on 30th March 1760 in Ripponden, the son of Eli Ward and a Mary Farrar who married on 28th January 1753. An Eli Ward was buried in an unknown plot in Lightcliffe churchyard on 22nd October 1799.

There is more certainty over William and Ann Ward's Lightcliffe family. Ruth was baptised at St. Matthew's Church on 8th February 1784, Sarah on 22nd June 1788, John on 11th April 1790, Susanna on 19th August 1792 and Jonas on 10th April 1796. Infant John Ward was buried in an unknown plot at Lightcliffe on 22nd April 1791. Another son Joseph must have been born about 1786 between the births of Ruth and Sarah. Twenty-six-year-old Joseph Ward died on 15th June 1812 and was buried on 17th June 1812 with his maternal Wilkinson grandparents in a Lightcliffe plot in the closed section of the churchyard. This plot, now given the code S*25, has a very long memorial inscription on its ledger stone detailing three generations of the Wilkinson/Ward family. The ledger stone near the boundary wall of the old church has now had the moss on it cleared so that the memorial inscription is readable.

**HERE LIES THE BODY OF CRISPIN WILKINSON OF LAVERACK HALL (SENIOR)
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE 1779
IN THE 70TH YEAR OF HIS AGE.**

**ALSO THE BODY OF SUSANNA WIFE OF THE ABOVE CRISPIN WILKINSON
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE DECEMBER 8TH 1788
IN THE 76TH YEAR OF HER AGE**

**ALSO THE BODY OF JOSEPH THE SON OF WILLIAM AND ANN WARD AND
GRANDSON OF THE ABOVE SAID CRISPIN AND SUSANNA WILKINSON
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE JUNE 15TH 1812 AGED 26 YEARS**

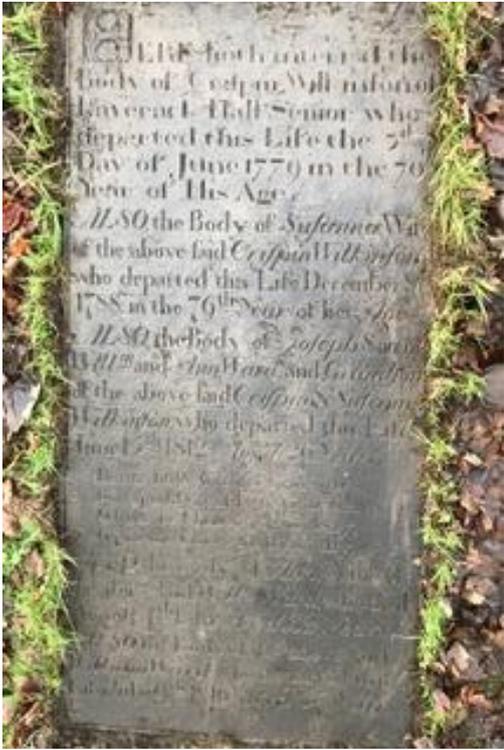
**DEATH LITTLE WARNING TO ME GAVE
BUT QUICKLY CALLED ME TO THE GRAVE
O HASTE TO CHRIST MAKE NO DELAY
FOR NO ONE KNOWS HIS DYING DAY**

**ALSO THE BODY OF ANN WIFE OF THE ABOVE WILLIAM WARD
WHO DIED AUGUST 4TH 1813 AGED 62 YEARS**

**ALSO THE BODY OF THE ABOVE SAID WILLIAM WARD
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE JULY 9TH 1816 AGED 57 YEARS.**



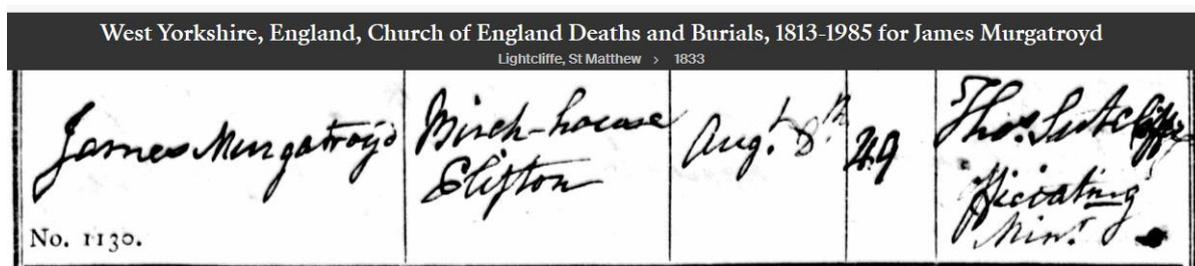
Above the bottom part of the memorial on plot S*25,
 Below before and after images after the moss was cleared.



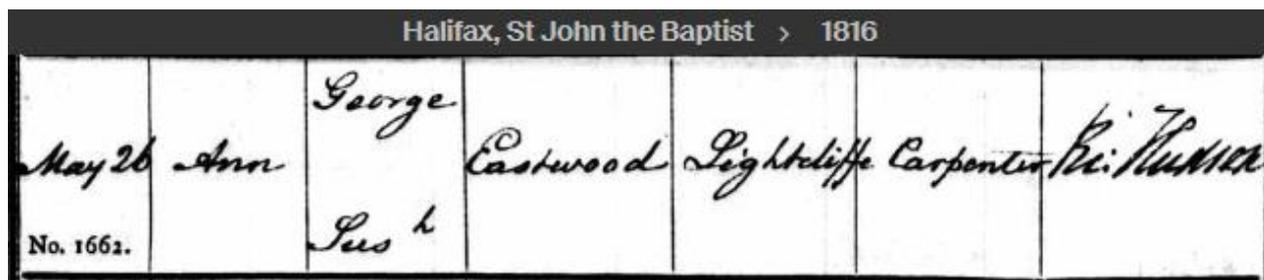
Ann Ward née Wilkinson of Lower Green was buried on 7th August 1813, her husband William Ward of Laverack Hall on 11th July 1816. Their death dates are on the ledger stone.

Before then daughters Ruth and Sarah had married. As already mentioned, Ruth Ward married William Appleyard in 1807.

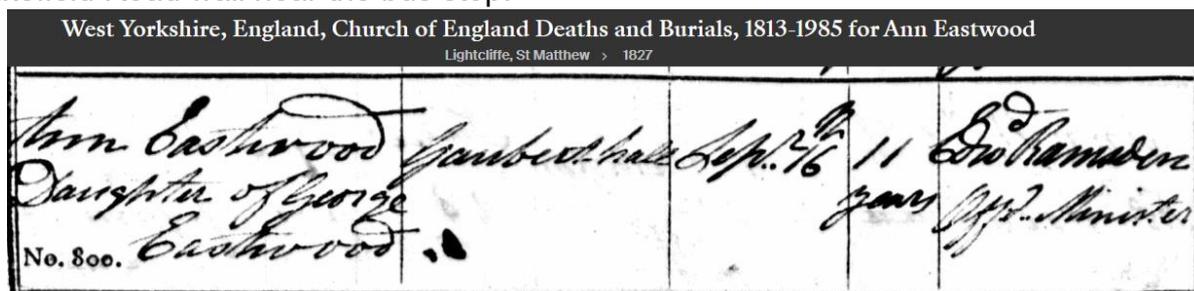
Two years later her sister Sarah Ward married a blacksmith James Murgatroyd on 9th October 1809 again in Halifax. They had a son, William, baptised at St. Matthew's Church on 7th April 1811 and then a son, Joseph, and a daughter, Ann, who might or might not be twins, also baptised there on 27th June 1813. At the time James was a blacksmith of Hipperholme. The family then moved to Shelf where seven more children were born. They were baptised at Halifax, Henry on 24th September 1815, Elizabeth on 5th April 1818, James on 19th November 1820, Martha on 1st June 1823, Harriet on 17th September 1826, Jonas on 17th May 1829 and finally George on 2nd October 1831. By then the family were probably at Birk House, Clifton where James died. The forty-nine-year-old was buried in an unknown Lightcliffe plot on 8th August 1833.



Sister Susanna Ward married carpenter George Eastwood also of Hipperholme on 15th July 1816 in Halifax. Before then they had had their daughter Ann Eastwood baptised at St. John's Church, Halifax on 26th May 1816.



Eleven-year-old Ann Eastwood of Gaubert Hall died on 11th September 1827. She was buried in plot B*5 in Lightcliffe churchyard on 16th September 1827. This plot is close to the Wakefield Road wall near the bus stop.



Meanwhile her uncle Jonas Ward had married Sarah Riley on 26th April 1821 in Halifax. Although they lived in Hipperholme where Jonas was a blacksmith most of their children were baptised at St. John's Church, Coley; Ann on 3rd November 1822, Joseph on 5th September 1824, Ruth on 6th August 1826, William on 9th November 1828, John on 27th November 1831 and Betty on 23rd March 1834. Little John was buried in Lightcliffe churchyard in the plot now given the code R*4 on 11th October 1835. The last-born, Rebecca Ward, was baptised at St. Matthew's Church on 29th January 1837.

On 6th June 1841 the siblings were in these households.

1841 census

Sarah Murgatroyd 50 Independent
 Harriet Murgatroyd 15
 Jonas Murgatroyd 12
 George Murgatroyd 10
 Address Birk house, Clifton

1841 census

George Eastwood 50 Carpenter
 Susanna Eastwood 45
 Address Gaubert Hall, Hipperholme cum
 Brighthouse

In the next two households

Son Henry Murgatroyd 25 Farmer & family

Son William Murgatroyd 30 Ag Lab & family

Other family Murgatroyds have not been found.

1841 census

Jonas Ward 45 Blacksmith
 Sarah Ward 45
 Ann Ward 15
 Ruth Ward 14
 William Ward 12
 Betty Ward 7
 Rebecca Ward 4
 Address Lidgate, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

Sarah Murgatroyd of Clifton was buried in an unknown plot, perhaps where her husband was buried, in St. Matthew's churchyard on 11th April 1844. This seems to be the last Lightcliffe connection for this Murgatroyd family.

Her Eastwood sister and brother-in-law, however, remained in the Lightcliffe area.

1851 census

George Eastwood Head 62 Carpenter
 Susanna Eastwood Wife 58 Wife
 Address Lidgate, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

1861 census

George Eastwood Head 72 Under Steward
 Sarah Robinson Servant 53 General Servant
 Address German House, Hipperholme cum
 Brighthouse

Fifty-nine-year-old Susannah Eastwood née Ward died on 31st October 1851. She was buried with her daughter on 4th November 1851.





IN MEMORY OF ANN
DAUGHTER OF GEORGE AND SUSANNA EASTWOOD
OF GAUBERT HALL WHO DIED SEPTEMBER 1827 AGED 11 YEARS

ALSO OF SUSANNA
WIFE OF THE ABOVE GEORGE EASTWOOD
WHO DIED OCTOBER 31ST 1851 AGED 59 YEARS.

Her husband George Eastwood was buried at Lightcliffe on 7th July 1863 perhaps in the same plot as his wife and daughter, but his name was not added to the memorial inscription.

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 for George Eastwood				
Lightcliffe, St Matthew > 1863				
George Eastwood	Upper Lidgate	July 7	4/1863 74	Wm Gurney
No. 1419.				

Sometime between the 1841 and 1851 censuses, brother Jonas Ward had moved his family to Shipley. Daughter Ann Ward married Joshua Kendall, a farmer, on 26th February 1851 in Bradford Parish Church.

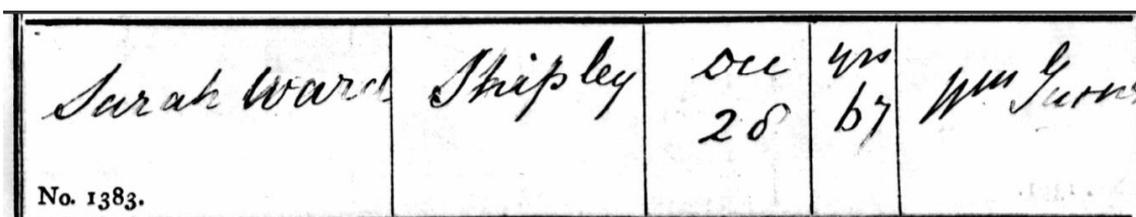
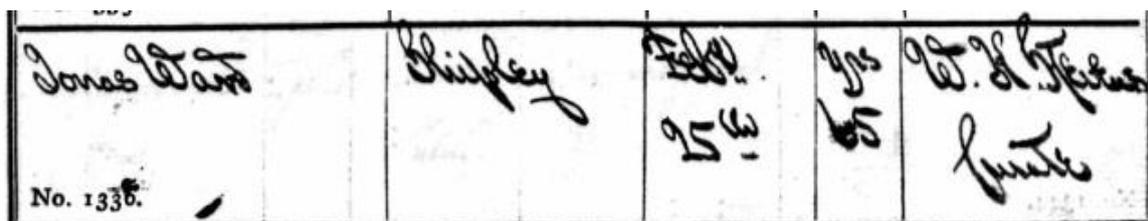
1851 census

Jonas Ward Head 55 Blacksmith
 Sarah Ward Wife 55 Wife
 Joseph Ward Son 26 Blacksmith
 William Ward Son 23 ditto
 Betty Ward Dau 17 Power loom weaver Worsted
 Rebecca Ward Dau 14 ditto
 Joshua Kendall Son-in-law 27 Farmer
 Ann Kendall Dau 28
 John Kendall Grndson 10 Mo
 Samuel Barson Apprentice 17 Blacksmith
 Address Lane End, Shipley

1861 census

Jonas Ward Head 65 Blacksmith
 Sarah Ward Wife 65
 Betty Ward Dau 27 Worsted Power Weaver
 Rebecca Ward Dau 24 Worsted Power Weaver
 John Ward Grandson 10 Scholar
 Address Lane End, Shipley

A year later both Jonas and his wife Sarah died in Shipley on 21st February 1862 and December 1862. But as the Lightcliffe burial records show they were each brought back to St. Matthew's churchyard for burial in plot R* 4, where their son John had been buried nearly thirty years before.



The Kendall parents had also died during the 1860s which probably explains the makeup of the households of the two unmarried Ward sisters in three more censuses.

1871 census

Betty Ward Head 37 Worsted weaver
 Rebecca Ward Sister 34 ditto
 John Ward Nephew 20 Engine Tenter
 William Kendall Nephew 13 Worsted spinner
 Address Valley Rd, Shipley Fields, Heaton, Bradford

Address 7 Dumb Mill Place, Heaton, Bradford

Betty Ward died on 14th December 1882. She too was brought back to Lightcliffe for burial with her parents on 18th December 1882.

1881 census

Betty Ward Head 47 Worsted weaver
 Rebecca Ward Sister 44 ditto
 William Kendall Nephew 23 Cotton Warp Dresser

1891 census

William Kendall Head 33 Cotton Warp Dresser
 Caroline Kendall Wife 30
 Sarah Kendall Dau 2/12

Betty Ward	Shipley	December 18	Years 48	G. Bagot
No. 279.				

And then finally Rebecca Ward died on 10th April 1893, and she too was buried in Lightcliffe plot R*4 on 13th April 1893.

Rebecca Ward.	Cyprus Terrace Idle.	April 10 th 1893.	56 years	B. Wright.
No. 405.				



**IN MEMORY OF JOHN
SON OF JONAS AND SARAH WARD OF LIDGATE
WHO DIED OCTOBER 7TH 1835 AGED 3 YEARS AND 11 MONTHS**

**ALSO OF THE ABOVE NAMED JONAS WARD
WHO DIED FEBRUARY 21ST 1862 AGED 65 YEARS**

**ALSO OF SARAH WIFE OF THE ABOVE JONAS WARD
WHO DIED DECEMBER 23RD 1862 AGED 67 YEARS**

**ALSO OF BETTY WARD DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED DECEMBER 14TH 1882 AGED 48 YEARS**

**ALSO OF REBECCA WARD THEIR DAUGHTER
WHO DIED APRIL 10TH 1893 AGED 56 YEARS.**

Now catch up with the Wilkinsons in part 2.

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