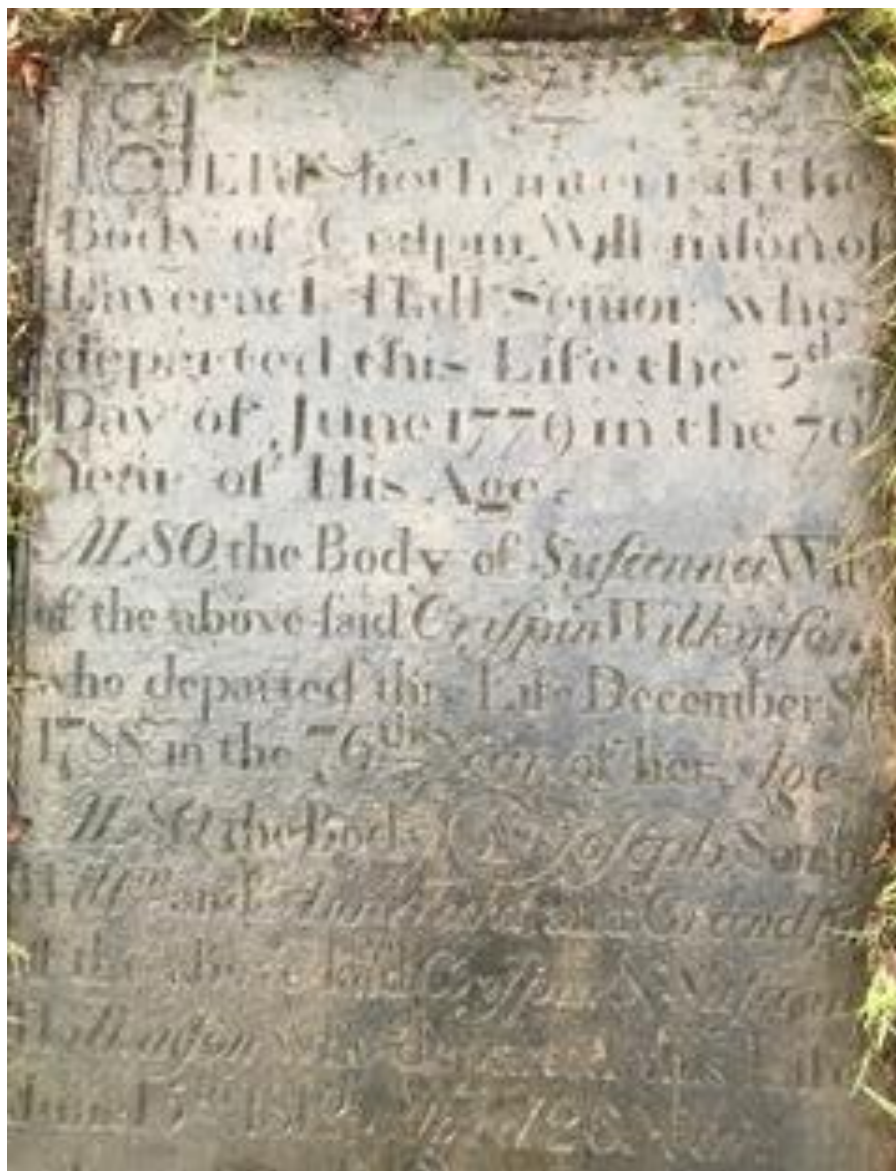


## The Wards and the Wilkinsons part 2

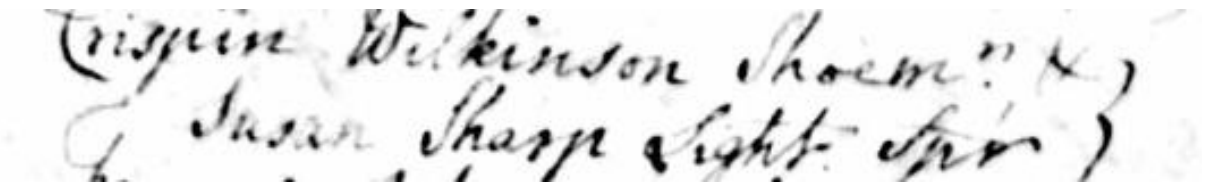
The start of the long memorial inscription on the Lightcliffe plot now given the code S\*25 says:-

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

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



Shoemaker Crispin Wilkinson married Susan(na) Sharp on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1739 in Halifax.

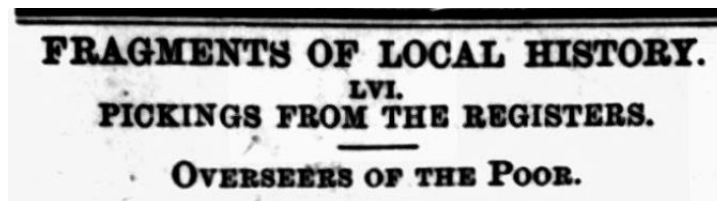


Crispin Wilkinson Shoem<sup>r</sup> &  
( Susan Sharp Light-cliffe )

They then had seven children baptised at Eastfield Chapel, Lightcliffe; Mary on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1740, Crispin on 26<sup>th</sup> December 1743, William on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1745, Sarah on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1748, Ann on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1751, Susan on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1754 and Thomas on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1756. Infant sons William and Thomas were buried in unknown graves in Lightcliffe churchyard on 1<sup>st</sup> February 1747 and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1757.

This Crispin Wilkinson is almost certainly the Crispin Wilkinson listed in the *Brighouse News* a hundred years later by J.Horsfall Turner in his articles about local history.

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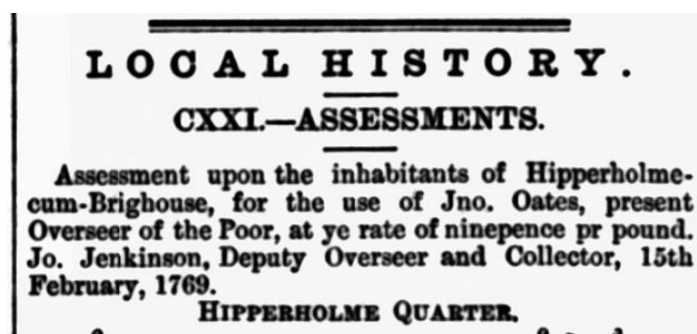


**FRAGMENTS OF LOCAL HISTORY.**  
LVI.  
**PICKINGS FROM THE REGISTERS.**  
**OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.**

1764 Wm., Radcliffe, Crispin Wilkinson

The Overseers served for just one year. The list of names has some very familiar ones on it. Looking at the Hs, the surnames Hardcastle, Hepworth, Hemingway, Hinscliffe, Holland, Holmes etc all appear. Very occasionally an address is given e.g. 1700 Will. Walker of Crow Nest, 1730 Hen. fflather of Lower Green, 1741 Geo.Gibson Slead Hall, 1822 Wm. Schorfield of Brighouse Lane Head.

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**LOCAL HISTORY.**  
CXXI.—ASSESSMENTS.  
Assessment upon the inhabitants of Hipperholme-cum-Brighouse, for the use of Jno. Oates, present Overseer of the Poor, at ye rate of ninepence pr pound. Jo. Jenkinson, Deputy Overseer and Collector, 15th February, 1769.  
**HIPPERHOLME QUARTER.**

Under the HOVE EDGE QUARTER

10 Crispin Wilkinson ..... 0 7 6

FRAGMENTS of LOCAL HISTORY

LVIII

HIPPERHOLME CHURCHWARDENS

1760,	James Milner.
1,	William Walker.
2,	William Walker.
3,	William Walker.
4,	Fran : Dison.
5,	Thos. Mann.
6,	Edwd. Mallinson.
9,	Joshua Hemingway.
1770,	Crispin Wilkinson.
1,	William Holland.
4,	Wm. Priestley, Esq.
5,	Thomas Pearson, Robt. Taylor, sidesman.
9,	Daniel Sharp, warden for Lightcliffe Chapel, and Coley Church.
1820,	"
1,	"
2,	Samuel Sowden.
4,	Wm. Stocks.
6,	Henry Carter.
7,	Wm. Chew.
2,	Joseph Holroyd, John Brooke.
4,	Samuel Armytage, John Brooke.
5,	William Pearson, Alfred Camm.

Just why there are gaps between the years is not known. Again, some of the names in this section e.g. William Walker, William Holland, Samuel Armytage, Samuel Sowden etc., are well known. Samuel Washington is listed in 1823 and then again in 1856 & 7. [There is no list for the 1830s and 1840s]. Mark Dawson, one time Mayor of Bradford, is listed 1861 to 1864, the last year recorded.

Crispin Wilkinson (senior) of Laverack Hall died on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1779. He was buried in Lightcliffe churchyard on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1779, presumably after a funeral service in the then newly built St. Matthew's Church. A month later his name appeared on *the Prerogative & Exchequer Courts Of York Probate Index, 1688-1858*

393 Wilkinson Crispin of Howo Edge in Lightcliffe p. Halifax Ad. J. 1779

Crispin Wilkinson must have known William Walker who had the new church built and other locals.

His only surviving son, Crispin junior, married Sarah Green on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1770 in Halifax. They were both from Lightcliffe and he, like his father, was a shoemaker. They had three daughters baptised at Eastfield Chapel. Their eldest daughter Betty was baptised on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1771 the day before she was buried in Lightcliffe churchyard according to the parish records. Another daughter, Mary was baptised on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1772 followed by Hannah on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1774. Teenager Hannah Wilkinson was buried at Lightcliffe on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1788 in yet another unknown plot in the closed churchyard.



His daughter Ann Wilkinson married William Ward on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1783. And, as has already explained in part 1, they had a large family who had many connections with St. Matthew's old church and the churchyard.

Widow Susanna Wilkinson née Sharp died not long after her granddaughter, Hannah, on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1788. She was buried with her husband, Crispin senior, in the Lightcliffe plot now given the code S\*25 on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1788.

Their daughters Mary (1740 - ), Sarah (1748 - ) and Susan (1754 - ) and the granddaughter Mary (1772 - ) have not been positively identified after their Lightcliffe baptisms. They may have married and remained in the area and so could be buried in the churchyard. Or they may have moved away.



**Before and after images of the Wilkinson and Ward ledger stone on plot S\*25**

This would appear to conclude the Hemingway, Appleyard, Ward then Wilkinson saga.

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See below for information about some more Crispin Wilkinsons.

## Crispin Wilkinsons

The name Crispin Wilkinson is relatively easy to research so some more digging has been done with some (hopefully) interesting results.

There are over a hundred Wilkinsons buried in Lightcliffe churchyard including two more Crispin Wilkinsons the (young?) sons of a George and a Josh Wilkinson. This suggests that this is a family name from way back, too far back to investigate. The son of George died in 1764, the son of Josh in 1781.

But thanks to Brighouse newspaper reports it is known that another Crispin Wilkinson, a farmer and shoemaker of Clifton, lost his wife Nancy (Ann) in 1872 and then was burgled in 1877. Interesting facts that check out with his name, abode, occupation and date of death. The memorial inscription on his Hartshead headstone says:-

**IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF GEORGE  
SON OF CRISPIN AND ANN WILKINSON OF CLIFTON  
WHO DIED FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 1871 AGED 36 YEARS  
ALSO ANN, WIFE OF THE ABOVE  
WHO DIED MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> 1872 AGED 72 YEARS  
ALSO OF THE ABOVE NAMED CRISPIN WILKINSON  
WHO DIED JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> 1879 AGED 78 YEARS**

He was the Crispin Wilkinson, son of shoemaker George Wilkinson, who was baptised at Hartshead on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1801.

But there was another Hartshead baptism of a Crispin Wilkinson, the son of cardmaker John Wilkinson, on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1781 which fits with the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1838 *Leeds Mercury* death announcement below. John Wilkinson was buried at Hartshead on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1838.

On Thursday week, aged 81, Mr. John Wilkinson, merchant, Clifton, near Halifax, father of the late Crispin Wilkinson, Esq. of Buenos Ayres, and of the late Samuel Wilkinson, Esq. of Santiago de Chili, South America.

No. 142	John Wilkinson	Clifton	April	years 81	John Wilkinson
			29 <sup>th</sup>		Min <sup>r</sup> .

The late Crispin Wilkinson would appear to be the 1781 baptised son of John Wilkinson but what was he doing in Buenos Aires? And why was his brother, the late Samuel Wilkinson, in Chile?

An Ancestry contributor gives Crispin Wilkinson's date of death as 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1821 and then goes on to explain more.

In 1821 a group of British expatriates in Buenos Aires, Argentina gained permission to obtain land to bury their dead according to their own traditions. Non-Catholics were not allowed to be buried in the catholic cemeteries.

The Land was adjacent to Socorro Parish Churchyard. Crispin is listed as the fourth internment in the St Johns Cathedral archives. His details are listed as:-

- Clifton, Yorkshire, England
- Age 37 (more or less)
- Burial 5/7/1821
- Cause of death - Fever
- Merchant

And here is the starting list of burials with Crispin Wilkinson of Clifton, Yorkshire the fourth entry down.

### Burials in the Protestant Cemetery, 1821 to 1825

Source: St John's Cathedral archives, item 35-25-01

Last Name, First Name	Where born	Age	Date d/m/yyyy	State	Disease	Occupation
Adams, John	England	30	??/1821	Single	Consumption	Carpenter
Okes, Henry	Cambridge, England	32	9/4/1821		Accidental death	Merchant
Lampkin, Mary	England	32	19/6/1821	Married		
Wilkinson, Crispin	Clifton, Yorkshire, England	37 more or less	5/7/1821		Fever	Merchant
Overton, William	England	28	19/7/1821	Married	Hepatitis	
Unknown male	North America		??/8/1821		Poisoned	Master of vessel
Jones, John	England	40	?/1821	Married	Liver complaint	Servant
Forest, Robert	England	30	28/10/1821		A fall from his horse	Master of the brig Pleyedies
Unknown male	England		??/12/1821		Suffocation	Seaman
Lane, John	Sweden	32	20/3/1822		Accidental death	Bootmaker

His brother Samuel Wilkinson was baptised at Hartshead on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1789, the son of cardmaker John Wilkinson.

Another Ancestry contributor records Samuel Wilkinson's death in Santiago, Chile on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1828. This fits with his father's death announcement but no other information has been found about him. Presumably he was a merchant like his brother. But what did he die of? Who knows!

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