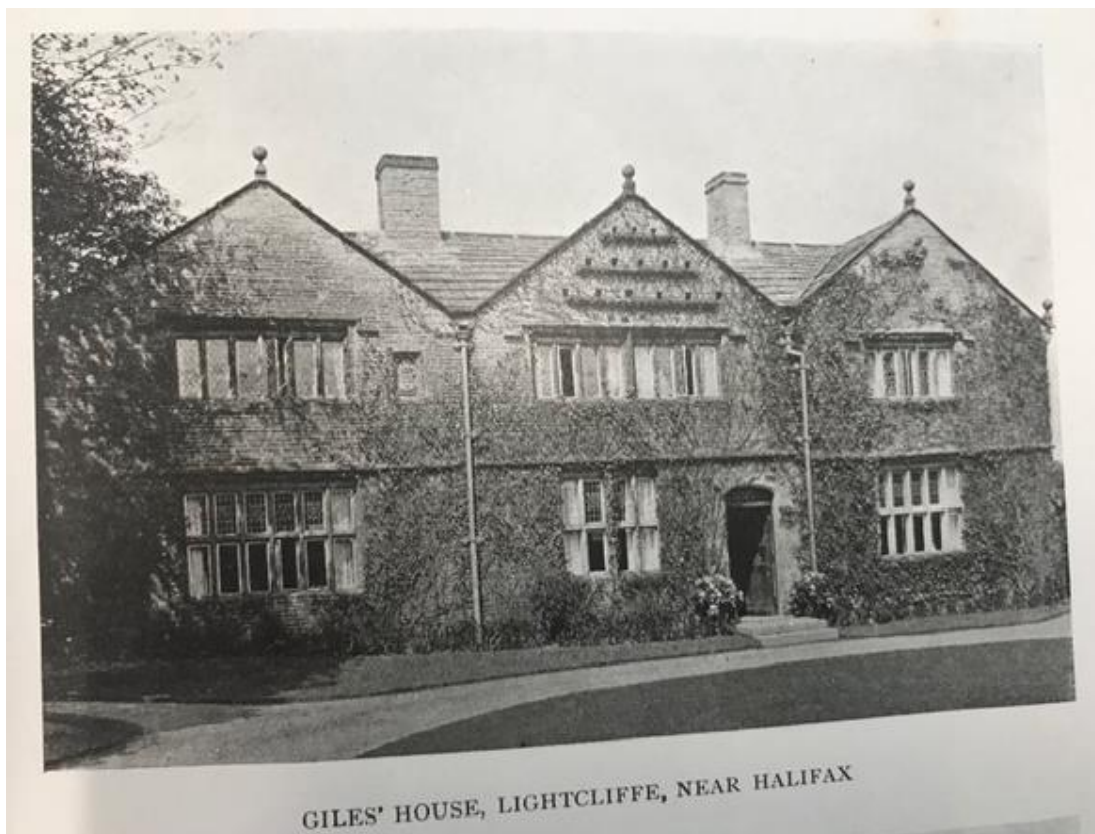


## The Carters of Giles House



Taken from a local history article in the *Bradford Observer* for 11<sup>th</sup> February 1950 there is this reference to the first member of the Carter family to occupy Giles House, Lightcliffe.

Scratched on one of the diamond window panes in Giles House, Lightcliffe, are the words “Jeremiah Carter came to Giles House on May Day, 1770. The Lord is My Shepheard [sic], therefore I lack nothing” Somone preferring another translation of the psalmist has added beneath “ I shall not Want.”

Other handwritten inscriptions on square windowpanes in Giles House, mainly but not exclusively, refer to events in the lives of other occupants of the house.

Another article will give more details about the house, its previous and then subsequent owners and occupiers.

### **The History of Giles House**

This article will concentrate on the Carter family.

Members of this Carter family get a number of mentions in the diaries of Anne Lister of Shibden Hall.

According to his non-conformist burial record Jeremiah Carter was born in Greetland near Elland, although the two different records disagree as to his exact date of birth. One document says 11<sup>th</sup> February 1711, the other 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1712. And then there is a transcribed baptism record from St. Mary's Church, Elland, for a Jeremiah Carter, the son of Eli Carter of Greetland dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 1711. Take your pick!

Again, from this Elland church there is a transcribed record for the marriage of Jeremiah Carter to Elizabeth Sykes on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1739. Then five children, with father Jeremiah, were baptised at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe; Jeremiah born 8<sup>th</sup> May 1745 on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1745, Hannah on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1747, Nathaniel on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1749, John born on 30<sup>th</sup> December 1751 on 19<sup>th</sup> January 1752 and two daughters 'Elizabeth & Rachel' on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1755.

The non-conformist records suggest that some of the family became Moravians perhaps living at German House before moving to Giles House in May 1770. Ten years later the eldest son, another Jeremiah, married Mary Agnes Nyberg/Vyberg on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1780 as announced in the *Leeds Intelligencer* on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1780.

Last week was married at Calverley, Mr Jeremiah Carter, a considerable stuff-manufacturer at Gilesfold, near Halifax, to Miss Mary Agnes Vyberg, of Fulneck.

Mary Agnes Nyberg/Vyberg was a Swedish Moravian, the daughter of Lorenzo Thorstonsten Nyberg and his wife Martha née Briant. At the time her father was the Moravian Church Priest at Fulneck. Four Carter children, yet another Jeremiah, Agnes, Nathaniel and William were christened at Fulneck perhaps by their maternal grandfather on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1783, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1785, 30<sup>th</sup> November 1788 and 14<sup>th</sup> March 1790. The family lived at Hill Top, Pudsey.

A number of non-conformist burials were recorded in Fulneck and very helpfully note the date of birth of the deceased. Elizabeth Carter née Sykes born 6<sup>th</sup> November 1716 died on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1793 and was apparently buried on the same day. Her daughter Rachel born on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1755 died on 8<sup>th</sup> April 1798 and was buried on 11<sup>th</sup> April 1798. 'Widower Jeremian Carter of Lightcliffe' died on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1801 and was buried on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1801. This is the burial that is recorded twice with two different birth dates for Jeremiah. His son Jeremiah Carter of Fulneck died on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1803 and was buried on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1803. His record says that he was born in Lightcliffe on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1745. An 82-year-old Elizabeth Carter of Fulneck died on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1837 and was buried on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1837. This might be Rachel's twin born on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1755, as the dates fit.

John Carter married Ellen Nicholl on 28<sup>th</sup> December 1789 in St. John's Church, Halifax as announced in *Leeds Intelligencer* for 5<sup>th</sup> January 1780.

Monday was married, Mr John Carter, of Lightcliffe, to Miss Nicholl, only daughter of Mr Nicholl, of Lower-Place, both near Halifax.

He was a manufacturer from Hipperholme. She was from Southowram, the daughter of Daniel and Susan Nicholl and the granddaughter of Samuel and Grace Nicholl, all of whom were buried in St. Matthew's churchyard. Read about the Nicholls in

**The Nicholl family of Southowram**

John and Ellen Carter had seven children, all baptised at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe; Maria on 28<sup>th</sup> October 1790, Jeremiah on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1792, John on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1794, Henry on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1796, Ellen on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1798, Edward Nicholl on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1801, Daniel on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1807 and finally William born 1<sup>st</sup> January 1812 – as etched on a window pane - on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1812. No address was recorded on these baptism records, but it is more than likely that this Carter family were living at Giles House.

Their daughters Maria and Ellen were also married at the parish church of Halifax.

*Leeds Mercury 18 July 1812*

On Thursday, at the parish church of Halifax, Mr. Fryer, of Rastrick, near Halifax, to Miss Maria Carter, eldest daughter of Mr. Carter of Giles-house near Lightcliffe.

*Leeds Intelligencer 11 January 1827*

On Tuesday last, at the parish church Halifax, by the Rev. Edward N. Carter, the Rev. Joseph Jaques, of Cawthorn, to Ellen, the second daughter of Mr. Carter, of Yew Cottage, near the former place.

By 1827 it looks as if John Carter and his wife had moved to Yew Tree Cottage leaving his family at Giles House with his sons managing the wool stapler business.

1828-11-05 ( journal; WYAS)

*Mrs Carter of Yew cottage (Daniell Nicholl's daughter formally of Lower Place) drank tea with us,*

Their son Edward Nicholl Carter must have taken holy orders before he too married.

*Leeds Intelligencer 30 December 1830*

#### MARRIAGES

This morning at Mirfield, by the Rev. Thomas Atkinson, of Hartshead, the Rev. Edward Carter, of Mirfield to Susan, fourth daughter of Mr. Robert Wooler, of Rouse Mill, near Dewsbury.

Their father John Carter died on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1835 and was buried on 10<sup>th</sup> October 1835, at the Moravian cemetery at Lower Wyke. Anne Lister made this comment in her diary entry.

1835-10-09 ( journal; WYAS)

*A- [Ann] wrote note to Mrs. Carter of Giles house offering leave for the funeral of her husband to pass along the Crownest road (...) enclosed her note under cover to Mr. Washington desiring him to take it himself to Mrs. Carter tomorrow morning early*

John Carter's non-conformist burial record gives the death and burial dates above as well as his date of birth.

*“John Carter, Manufacturer, Lightcliffe  
Born 20<sup>th</sup> December 1751”*

His death was announced in various newspapers including the *Leeds Times 10 October 1835*.

On Tuesday last, in the 84<sup>th</sup> year of his age, Mr John Carter of Gileshouse near Halifax

The two oldest sons, Jeremiah and John, have proved impossible to positively identify after their Lightcliffe baptisms. There are just too many Jeremiah and John Carters with fathers John or Jeremiah.

Intriguingly there is a John Carter son of Jeremiah – so not this Carter family but perhaps a distant relative – who was baptised at Lightcliffe on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1801. He went to St. John's College, Cambridge and has this alumni record.

	John. Carter
	College ST JOHN'S
	Entered Michs. 1819
More Information	Admitted at a College. sizar at ST JOHN'S, Mar. 16, 1819. B. at Lightcliffe, in the parish of Halifax, Yorks.
Matriculation:	the formal admission of a student into the University as distinguished from his admission into a College.
	It occurred in each of the three terms, Lent, Easter, Michaelmas. 1819; B.A. 1824; M.A. 1827; D.D. 1841.
	Ord. deacon, 1825; priest (York) 1826; C. of Aberford, Yorks., 1825-31. Probably P.C. of Saxton, Yorks., 1832-79.
	Head Master of Queen Elizabeth's School, Wakefield, in 1841-51.

This would appear to confirm that he was the Mr Carter under discussion in Anne Lister's diaries for the position at Hipperholme school which in the end he did not get.

1835-02-22 ( journal; Kerstin H)

*Talked of Mr Priestleys getting Hipperholme school for Mr Carter brother of the man who sings in the organ loft ..... Mrs Ann Walker as much against Mr Carter's having the school, and for Mr Warburton's having it as we are.*

1835-03-05 ( journal; Frankie)

*.. I not for Mr Carter now of Aberford having Hipperholme school*

1835-03-31 ( journal; Karen Trillo)

*She and all the neighbours anxious for Mr Warburton to get Hipperholme school. Mr William Priestley wrote to Mr Thomas Robinson to ask for his vote for Mr Carter who is B.A. but not M.A. yet would have been if Mister Hudson had lived 2 months longer.*

The information about his degrees would appear to disagree with his Cambridge Alumni record but then that record could be wrong. The diary entries have him at Aberford in 1835 where he was the curate which agrees with the information in the parish records for his children's baptisms. Six Carter children were baptised there from 1826 to 1835. Similarly other records say that he was the headmaster of Wakefield Grammar School from 1837 to 1847. Whilst there he did become a Doctor of Divinity in 1841. On leaving Wakefield GS he became vicar of Saxton, near Tadcaster Yorkshire, where he remained until his death On 9<sup>th</sup> November 1878.

But was he related to the Carters of Giles House? Who knows!

But returning to the known sons of John Carter and his wife Ellen née Nicholl. The names of Henry, Edward (Nicholl) and Daniel Carter also crop up in Anne Lister's diaries and are quoted here in one place so as not to break up the overall story.

1822-06-11 ( journal; Jenna Beyer)

*Mr Walker dissatisfied that my uncle had yesterday crossed out the name of Mr Henry Carter as a new trustee and inserted Mr Waterhouse - my uncle therefore called at Hipperholme as he returned dashed out Mr Waterhouse and again wrote Mr Henry Carter said at once I would not have done so thus altering in private what had been done at a meeting of himself and Mr Walker of Walterclough and making him appear as it (...)*

1822-07-02 ( journal; Jenna Beyer)

*wrote the rough draft of a long explanatory note from my uncle to Mr Walker why my uncle would not take any measure singly, stating that the erasure of Henry Carter's name was not allowing to Mr Hudson that he would not act with the new trustees (...) will send, he is only doubting whether to add to it the paragraph about Henry Carter - thus I have nearly the whole day over this concern, tedious and disagreeable, leading to conversations I have heard a hundred times, but I thought of all my uncle does and will do*

1825-06-25 ( journal; Steph Gallaway)

*Nothing done yesterday about the Sutcliffe Yew trees - wood road - Mr. Jones, their Engineer, could not attend - Therefore Messrs John Green and Henry Carter, commissioners, appointed to view the road with Mr. Robinson on Tuesday, and then the matter to be settled with my uncle*

1825-07-28 ( journal; WYAS)

*could impose this trouble on him rather any other of the trustees, if he did not choose it - that perhaps some of the rest might be glad to take it - for instance Mr. Carter - to which Mr. Priestley merely replied Mr. Carter was an old man - asked Mr. Priestley if this was his only reason - he said, (...) anxious to please him - he had said he would not act with Mr. Henry Carter and my uncle had had his name erased on this account and he (Mr. William Priestley) knew (...) moment convinced, he (Mr. Priestley) had told me himself he would not act with Mr. Henry Carter but now (4 10/60 p.m.) on recollection (but vide my journal) I am not quite sure (...) Priestley (his wife) told me 'she was sure Priestley would not act with Mr. Henry Carter' on this. Mrs. Priestley coming in, feared she had interrupted us 'Oh! no! (said I) 'we have nothing more to say on the subject' to which Mr. William Priestley replied 'Oh! say what you (...)*

1835-01-21 ( AW's journal; ISAW)

*Mr. Daniel Carter called about hay at Lidgate, thinking it was mine, told him, Mr. Samuel Washington bought the hay*

1836-09-11 ( journal; Frankie)

*at church at a few minutes before 3 (having called for 2 or 3 minutes at the school to see the timepiece put up yesterday by Russell) - Mr. Edward Carter did all the duty - preached (stupidly) 28 minutes from 1 Corinthian 1.22, 23, 24*

1838-01-04 ( journal; Frankie)

*Mr. Henry or the other Carter rode up - wanted to speak to me - a meeting to be called next week at Lightcliffe to lay a church rate -*

The above diary quotes and earlier ones were taken from the transcribed journals - transcribers names in brackets - held by

West Yorkshire Archives Services, Calderdale SH:7/ML/E/6 to 20

Susan Nicholl née Netherwood died at Giles House on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1839 and was buried with her husband Daniel Nicholl in plot U\*29 of Lightcliffe churchyard on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1839.

1839. Marriage solemnized by license in the parish of <u>Lewisham</u> in the County of <u>Kent</u>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Residence.	Rank or Profession of Father.
76	April 25	Daniel Carter and Mary Anne Owen	27 age 24	Bachelors Spinster	Squire	Halifax Co. York Brookley	John Carter Edward Owen	Wool Farmer
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Church of England</u> by me, <u>Edw. Owen</u>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>Daniel Carter</u>			in the Presence of us, <u>Edw. Owen</u>			<u>Mary Anne Owen</u>		

Later that year, her grandson Daniel Carter, the fifth son of John and Ellen, married Mary Ann Owen in Lewisham on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1839. She was the daughter of a Kent farmer Edward Owen and his wife Mary Anne née Atkins who had a large family.

Daniel and Mary's son Albert Edward Carter was born on 10<sup>th</sup> February 1840 at Giles House and baptised at St. Matthew's on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1840. Giles House was also where Daniel's brother, Henry Carter, was living when he died a later that year on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1840 as reported in the *Leeds Intelligencer* 25 July 1840. He was buried in St. Matthew's churchyard on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1840 the first occupant of plot II\*6.

Monday last in the 45<sup>th</sup> year of his age, Mr. Henry Carter, son of the late Mr. Carter of Giles House, near Halifax

It is interesting to see where various members of the family were on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1841.

1841 census

William Ratcliffe	50	Ind
William Carter	25	Land Agent
John Carter	8	
Ellen Carter	65	Ind
James Sykes	50	M.S.
Sarah Sykes	20	F.S.
Ellen Helm	15	F.S.
Address		
Smith House, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse		

1841 census

Daniel Carter	30	Ma(nufacturer)
Mary Carter	30	
Edward Carter	1	
William Brodley	25	M.S.
James Drake	15	M.S.
Isabella Bentley	20	F.S.
Hannah Sharp	15	F.S.
Address		
Giles Fold, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse		

Widow Ellen Carter née Nicholl and her youngest son William Carter were living at Smith House with William (Towne) Radcliffe. With them was a young grandson, another John Carter, the son of Rev. Edward Nicholl and Susan Carter. This left Giles House occupied by Daniel Carter, his wife and their young son. Why Ellen Carter and her son William moved out of Giles House is understandable, leaving it for Daniel and Mary Carter. But why did they move into Smith House?

It is possible that John Carter, the husband of Ellen Carter née Nicholl, and then their youngest son William Carter, a land agent, may have looked after both the business interests as well as the welfare of William Towne Radcliffe. This may also have been because the Radcliffes owned Giles House. After William Towne Radcliffe's father Charles Radcliffe died in 1817 things were complicated as William had already been declared a lunatic. More will be explained in the article :- **The Radcliffes of Smith House**

But back to the Carters.

During the next decade Daniel and Mary Ann Carter of Giles House had four more children baptised at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe; Owen born 17<sup>th</sup> April 1842 on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1842, Mary Ellen born 12<sup>th</sup> April 1843 on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1843, Fanny born 12<sup>th</sup> February 1845 on 8<sup>th</sup> Mary 1845, and John born 1<sup>st</sup> March 1847 on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1847. Henry Atkins Carter was born on 12<sup>th</sup> April 1849 but not baptised until 27<sup>th</sup> March 1853.

Six-year-old Albert Edward Carter died on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1846. His funeral service was taken by his uncle Rev. Edward Nicholl Carter. He was interred next to his late uncle Henry Carter in the plot given the code JJ\*6 on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1846. The two plots have matching headstones and the only two footstones at Lightcliffe.



Another uncle, the land agent William Carter died at Smith House on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1850 as reported in the *Bradford Observer* on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1850.

On Monday week, aged 38 Mr Wm Carter, land surveyor, Smith House, Lightcliffe near Halifax

He was buried with his brother in plot II\*6 – the left hand one in the above image - on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1850.

1851 census

William T Radcliffe Head 61  
 Landed Proprietor  
 Ellen Carter Housekeeper 79  
 Landed Proprietor  
 Thomas Wilcock Servant 66 Servant  
 Hannah Gledhill Servant 53 ditto  
 Ann Drake Servant 25 ditto  
 Address Smith House, Lightcliffe

The property listed between Smith House and Giles House on the 1851 census was Cliffe Hill where Ann Walker lived with her friend and Housekeeper the widow Lydia Fenton née Wilkinson and servants.

1851 census

Daniel Carter Head 42 Manufacturer  
 Mary Carter Wife 36  
 Owen Carter Son 8  
 Mary Carter Dau 7  
 Fanny Carter Dau 6  
 John Carter Son 4  
 Henry Carter Son 1  
 William Hiley Servant 39 Husbandman  
 Eliza Drake Servant 23 Servant  
 Emma Drake Servant 19 Servant  
 Harriet Killough Washer woman 51 Servant  
 Address Giles House, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

Nothing much had changed by the 1861 census. The entry for Smith House is very difficult to read and there is confusion as to the servants' ages – but you can work out some from the 1851 census. This time the 14-year-old John Carter at Smith House is another of Ellen Carter's grandsons, the son of Daniel and Mary Carter. It is interesting that Ellen Carter was listed as 'Guardian'.

1861 census

John Radcliffe Head 71  
 [should be William Towne]  
 Gentleman (Lunatic)  
 Ellen Carter Guardian 89 Widower  
 Thomas Wilcock Servant ?? Servant  
 Hannah Gledhill Servant ?? General Servant  
 Martha Jackson Servant ?? ditto  
 John Carter 14  
 Address Smith House, Lightcliffe

1861 census

Dan Carter Head 56 Farmer  
 Mary Carter Wife 54  
 Owen Carter Son 17 Son  
 Mary Carter Dau 15 Scholar  
 Fanny Carter Dau 12  
 Henry Carter Son 10  
 Elizabeth Owen Visitor 25  
 Charles Siblald Servant 12  
 Address Giles House, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

William Towne Radcliffe died on 6<sup>th</sup> September 1862. More details will be given in the Radcliffe write up. But it is interesting that the 'officiating officer' on his parish burial record was (Rev). E(dward) N(icholl) Carter, the 'Incumbent of Heckmondwike'.





Just a few weeks later Daniel and Mary Carter lost their seventeen-year-old daughter Fanny on 28<sup>th</sup> November 1862. She was buried with her little brother Albert Edward Carter on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1862 in Lightcliffe plot JJ\*6.



IN MEMORY OF ALBERT EDWARD THE ELDEST CHILD OF  
DANIEL AND MARY CARTER OF GILES HOUSE  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL 1846 AGED 6 YEARS

ALSO OF FANNY THEIR YOUNGEST DAUGHTER  
WHO DIED THE 28<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER 1862  
IN THE EIGHTEENTH YEAR OF HER AGE

THE MAID IS NOT DIED BUT SLEEPETH

MATTH IX 24<sup>TH</sup>

Their grandmother Ellen Carter née Nicholl died on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1864 aged 92. She was buried in plot II\*6 with her sons Henry and William as the parish record and memorial inscription explain.

<i>Ellen Carter</i> No. 1443.	<i>Giles House</i>	<i>Jan 4<sup>th</sup></i> <i>9<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>92</i> <i>years</i>	<i>H. S. Carter</i> <i>H. S. Carter</i>
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TO THE MEMORY OF HENRY CARTER OF GILES HOUSE  
 WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 1840  
 AGED 44 YEARS

ALSO OF WILLIAM CARTER BROTHER OF THE ABOVE  
 WHO DIED AT SMITHHOUSE 21<sup>ST</sup> OF OCTOBER 1850  
 IN THE 39<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HIS AGE

ALSO ELLEN WIDOW OF MR JOHN CARTER OF GILES HOUSE  
 AND MOTHER OF THE ABOVE  
 WHO DIED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY 1864  
 IN THE 93<sup>RD</sup> YEAR OF HER AGE.

And then there was this announcement in the *Bradford Daily Telegraph* for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1870.

**LIGHTCLIFFE – DEATH OF MR. D. CARTER, ---**

On Friday Mr. Daniel Carter, manufacturer, died at his residence, Giles House, Lightcliffe, near Halifax. He had resided all his life in the same house (a fine old Elizabethan homestead) in which he was born, and in which his ancestors lived and made cloth. He was a good specimen of “the Old English Gentleman,” and for many years he was one of the acting trustees of Hipperholme Grammar School, and also one of the trustees of the Halifax Piece Hall.

Daniel Carter died on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1870. He was buried in plot S1 in the middle section of Lightcliffe churchyard on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1870 with the Ven. Archdeacon Rev Charles Musgrave of Halifax officiating. There is a probate record.

The Will of Daniel Carter late of Giles House Lightcliffe in the Parish of Halifax in the County of York Gentleman deceased who died 6 May 1870 at Giles House aforesaid was proved at Wakefield by the oaths of Henry Owen of Lee in the County of Kent Estate Agent and Owen Carter of Giles House aforesaid Merchant and Henry Atkins Carter of Lee aforesaid Banker’s Clerk the Sons three of the Executors. Effects under £800

1871 census

Mary Carter	Head	58	Widow
Owen Carter	Son	28	Merchant
Mary Ellen Carter	Dau	26	
John Carter	Son	24	Farmer
Ellen Pearson	Servant	13	Gen. Servant
Address Giles House, Hipperholme cum Brighouse			

As you can see from the census data Daniel Carter’s widow and family continued to live at Giles House. Henry Atkins Carter has not been found but it seems likely from his father’s probate record that he was a bank clerk living in Kent.

His oldest surviving brother, Owen Carter, died at Giles House on 17<sup>th</sup> February 1875 aged 32. He was buried with his father in plot S1 on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1875.

CARTER Owen of Giles House Lightcliffe near Halifax died 28 February 1875 Administration London 26 November to Mary Ellen Carter spinster Effects £100

And then this notice appeared in the Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1875 relating to Giles House and other properties.

Messrs DAVIS & SHOESMITH will SELL BY AUCTION at the Royal Hotel in Brighouse in the county of York, on Wednesday the Sixth of October, 1875, at Three for Four o'clock in the Afternoon precisely, by order of the Court of Chancery.

The valuable FREE HOLD FARM, called GILES HOUSE, in the occupation of Mrs Carter, situated at Lightcliffe in the parish of Halifax, in the same county .....

Whatever happened after this sale of Giles House – and lots of other lots -, the Carters appear to have remained in residence. Farmer John Carter was recorded as winning various prizes at Halifax and Calder-Vale Agricultural show in 1876. But then he must have travelled to New Zealand as the death of 33-year-old John Carter was recorded there in 1880. This is confirmed on the memorial inscription on his family's headstone.

Then there is the interesting baptism of eleven-year-old Fanny Emma Owen of Giles House at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe. The officiating officer as you can see was the Lightcliffe vicar, Rev George Bagot.

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1910 for Fanny Emma Owen						
	Year	Month	Name	Parents	Where performed	By whom
Born	1879	November	Fanny Emma	Edward Joseph Owen & Frances Sarah	Giles House	Rev Geo. Bagot
	1868					
	No. 729					
	1877					

Fanny Emma Owen was the daughter of Edward Joseph Owen, Mary Ann Carter's nephew, and Frances Sarah Owen née Harrison. They had married in 1861 and had three children including Fanny Emma, whose birth was registered in the Wakefield district in 1868, before the 1871 census. At that time Edward Joseph Owen was described as a 'Auctioneer & Surveyor's Clerk' living in Lewisham Kent. His wife Frances died in 1873 leaving three young children. They appear to have then been looked after by other family members, grandparents and in little Fanny's case, her great aunt. Fanny Emma Owen would remain with the Carter family for the rest of her life.

1881 census

Harry Carter	Head	32	Barrister Clerk unemployed
Mary Carter	Mother	60	Annuitant
Mary Ellen Carter	Sister	34	ditto
Fanny Emma Owen	Cousin	12	School girl
Mary Holmes	Servant	16	Servant
Address Giles House, Hipperholme cum Brighouse			

Three years after the census Henry Atkins Carter married Rev. Bagot's daughter, Edith in Lee, Kent as reported by the *Dublin Express* on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1884.

#### MARRIAGES

Carter and Bagot --- April 24, at St Meldred's Church, Lee, Kent, by the Rev T W Holder, vicar, Henry Carter youngest son of the late D Carter, of Giles House, Yorkshire to Edith, only daughter of the late Rev Geroge Bagot, M A, vicar of Lyghtcliffe [sic].

The late Rev. George Bagot, M A, had died at The Vicarage – now Abbotsford House, Wakefield Road - Lightcliffe on 17<sup>th</sup> June 1883 as reported in various newspapers including the *Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer* on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1883.

LIGHTCLIFFE --- DEATH OF THE VICAR The Rev. George Bagot, vicar of Lightcliffe, died on Sunday after a short attack of inflammation of the lungs. He was about sixty-two years old, and was appointed to the living by the vicar of Halifax in 1869, on the death of the Rev. Wm. Gurney, M.A. He was previously for many years curate of the parish church of Halifax. He was an M.A. of the University of Dublin. St. Matthew's parish has a population of 4212, and the value of the living is £270, with church accommodation for 530 [sic ?50? or ?£30? of ?????]. The date of the funeral is not yet fixed.

The remaining Carters and an Owen were in these households on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1891.

#### 1891 census

Mary Carter Head 82 Living on own means  
Mary E Carter Dau 46 ditto  
Frances S Owen Niece 21 ditto  
Matilda Hawthorne Servant 16 General  
Domestic Servant  
Address Giles House, Hipperholme cum  
Brighouse

#### 1891 census

Henry Alkins Carter Head 41 No occupation  
Edith Carter Wife 38 Wife  
Emma Penser Servant 23  
Address  
3, The Collage, St Mary's St., Worcester

Edith Carter née Bagot died a few months later as her probate record notes.

CARTER Edith of St. Mary's Street Worcester (wife of Henry Atkins Carter) died 12 July 1891 Probate London 2 February [1892] to Philip Halliley Carter chartered accountant. Effects £3095 15s 10d. resworn December 1892 £1519 9s 6d.

Philip Halliley Carter (1869 – 1949) was a great grandson of the Moravians, Jeremiah Carter (1745 – 1803) and his Swedish wife Mary Agnes Carter née Nyberg.

Henry Atkins Carter, Edith's husband, also has a probate record.

CARTER Henry Atkins of 3 St. Mary's-street Worcester gentleman died 28 March 1893 Probate London to Arthur Robert Lake solicitor and Mary Ellen Carter spinster Effects £160 6s. resworn January 1894 £260 6s.

But going back to the Carters of Giles House, it was in 1891 that Mr J Horsfall Turner wrote about a walk he had led, undertaken by members of the Halifax Antiquarian Society. They had a guided tour of the Lightcliffe area which included Giles House.

#### AT GILES HOUSE

the next stopping point, the party were heartily welcomed by Mrs Carter, a genial old lady, said to be verging on her 84<sup>th</sup> year. A shower of rain came on which necessitated the members accepting Mrs Carter's kindly invitation to assemble in one of the rooms of the old house, where for a few minutes Mr. J. Horsfall Turner discoursed on Giles House and its interesting associations.

Sometime after this the 'genial old lady' must have moved back down south presumably after giving up the tenancy of Giles House having lost all her sons. The last inscription on a Giles House window '*Mary Elliott came to Giles House 1<sup>st</sup> January 1894*' confirms this. Mary Ann Carter née Owen passed away on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1894 at Clapham as the *Yorkshire Evening Post* for 8<sup>th</sup> June 1894 reported.

CARTER – June 3, at her residence, Newby, Clapham, in the 87<sup>th</sup> year of her age Mary Ann, widow of the late Daniel Carter, late of Lightcliffe. --- Will be interred at Lightcliffe Church today (Friday), at 12.30 o'clock – Friends will please accept this (the only) intimation.

As the death announcement says she was buried in Lightcliffe plot S2 next to her husband and son. The parish burial record says that she died on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1894 and was buried the next day on 7<sup>th</sup> June. This seems unlikely as she died in Kent but then was buried in Lightcliffe. It makes more sense that she was buried, as the *Yorkshire Post* indicated on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 1894 and died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June as her memorial inscription says.

Just where the only surviving member of Daniel and Mary Ann Carter's family, daughter Mary Ellen Carter lived after her mother moved to Clapham and then after she died is not known. But by 31<sup>st</sup> March 1901 she and her relative Frances Owen were living in Leeds with a very interesting boarder.

#### 1901 census

Mary E Carter	Head	53	Living on own means
Frances Owen	Cousin	32	
Bernard O Stocks	Boarder	43	Living on own means
Jane Toulson	Servant	26	General Servan Domestic
Address 13 Cromer Terrace, Leeds			

The boarder Bernard Octavius Stocks was the youngest son of Lightcliffe-born engraver Lumb Stocks R.A. (1812 – 1892) and his wife Ellen née Fryer. On the 1911 census, bachelor Bernard Stocks, living alone, described himself as a 'Painter (artist) Private Means'. His older brothers Walter Fryer Stocks and Arthur Stocks were also painters who like their father exhibited at the Royal Academy.

It is entirely probable that Lumb Stocks and his parents, who lived at Gaubert Hall, Lightcliffe, and thus his family knew the Carter family of nearby Giles House, Lightcliffe.

Mary Ellen Carter and Frances (Fanny) Emma Owen have not been found on the 1911 census. But by 1921 they were in Aldborough near Boroughbridge, Yorkshire. Mary Ellen Carter died there on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1921, coincidentally the anniversary of her mother's death seventeen years before.

#### DEATHS

CARTER – June 3, at Aldborough, aged 78, Mary Ellen, eldest daughter of the late Daniel and Mary Carter, late of Giles House. – To be interred at Lightcliffe Old Church tomorrow (Tuesday), June 7, at 1.30.

Mary Ellen Carter was buried in St. Matthew's churchyard on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1921 in plot S2 where her mother was recorded as being buried. There is only one headstone for these two plots. It has a very long memorial inscription with some useful information on it. But unfortunately, there does not seem to have been room to add daughter Mary Ellen Carter's name or details.



SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF DANIEL CARTER OF GILES HOUSE  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE SIXTH DAY OF MAY 1870  
IN THE SIXTY THIRD YEAR OF HIS AGE.

ALSO OF OWEN SECOND SON OF THE ABOVE DANIEL CARTER  
WHO DIED AT GILES HOUSE ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 1875  
AGED 32 YEARS.

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ALSO OF JOHN THIRD SON OF THE ABOVE DANIEL CARTER  
WHO DIED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 1880 IN GISBORNE HOSPITAL AND  
WAS BURIED IN GISBORNE CEMETERY, NEW ZEALAND AGED 33 YEARS.

ALSO OF MARY ANN THE BELOVED WIFE OF THE ABOVE DANIEL CARTER  
WHO DIED IN CLAPHAM JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> 1894 IN THE 87<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HER AGE.

A few days after Mary Ellen Carter was buried the 1921 census was taken on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1921. Notice the name(s) recorded on the schedule.

1921 census

Frances Owen      Head    53                      Home Duties -  
Jane Kershaw      Visitor 61                      Visitor -  
Address Aldborough, Yorkshire (West Riding), England

This space to be filled up by the Enumerator.		
Registration District.	Registration Sub-District.	Enumeration District.
AT OUSEBURN N. BOROUGHBRIDGE		
Name of person responsible for making the return. <i>Frances Owen</i>		
Postal Address <i>Aldborough</i>		

CARTER Mary Ellen of Aldborough near Boroughbridge York spinster died 3 June 1921  
Administration London 9 February [1922] to Frances Owen spinster. Effects £260 5s.

1939 register

Winifred F Owen (Billington)	24 Mar 1901	Bought Ledger Clerk Departm Store	Single 82	1
Fanny Owen	11 May 1868	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Single 82	2
Pamela M Owen (Kay)	01 May 1926	At School	Single 82	3

One closed record.

Address 42 St John's Road, Harrogate, Harrogate M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Frances (Fanny) Emma Owen died Q3 1941 in the Knaresborough district. She had been brought up by the Carter family of Giles House and then lived with the spinster Mary Ellen Carter. Fanny's death brings the Carters of Giles House story to a close.

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