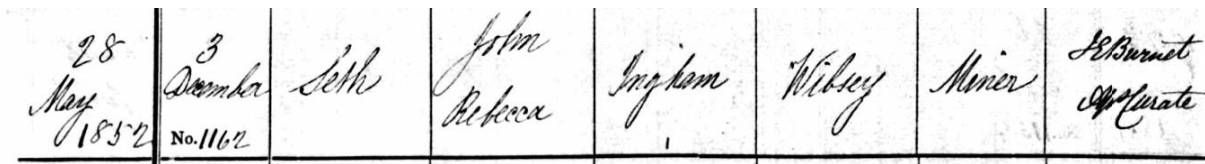


Seth Ingham and family



Seth Ingham was born on 28th May 1852 and baptised with his younger sister Sarah on 3rd December 1854 at St. Peter's Church, Bradford. They were two of the younger children of John and Rebecca Ingham whose story has already been told in

The Ingham parents

There is another article about an older brother **Squire Ingham and family**

1861 census

John Ingham Head 40 Coal Miner
 Rebecca Ingham Wife 35
 Charles Ingham Son 16 Coal Miner
 Squire Ingham Son 14 ditto
 Hartwell Ingham Son 11 Hurrier
 Seth Ingham Son 8 ?Trub? Piker [sic]
 Sarah Ingham Dau 6 Scholar
 Rachel Ingham Dau 3
 Address New Road, Storr Hill, Wyke

1871 census

John Ingham Head 50 Deputy Steward at Colliery
 Rebecca Ingham Wife 46
 Squire Ingham Son 24 Coal Miner
 Hartwell Ingham Son 21 Coal Miner
 Seth Ingham Son 18 Coal Waggoner
 Sarah Ingham Dau 16 Weaver
 Rachel Ingham Dau 13 Domestic Servant
 Address Birkby Lane, Bailiffe Bridge

Seth was born into a coal mining family and like his father and older brothers he too worked at a coal mine from at least the age of eight. But he appears to have been a waggoner rather than a miner. That occupation, however, was not without its dangers as *The Dewsbury Chronicle* reported on Saturday July 10th 1875.

ACCIDENT AT BRIGHOUSE. - On Friday afternoon, a waggoner named Seth Ingham, who was employed by the Low Moor Coal and Iron Company, met with an accident on the tramway of the Ox Pit, Clifton, near Brighouse. About three o'clock he was uncoupling some wood waggons near Flatt Pits, Clifton, without having first put the brake on the wheels of the lower waggon. The consequence was that the moment they were uncoupled the waggons commenced to move down the incline, and before he could get out of the way his foot was so severely crushed that he had to be conveyed to his home at Bailiffe Bridge, and medical aid obtained.

The Cleckheaton Guardian announced a happier event two years later, on Friday 6th July 1877.

INGHAM – SUTCLIFFE. – On the 25th ult., at Hanover-street Chapel, Halifax, Mr. Seth Ingham, of Lightcliffe, to Miss Ada Sutcliffe, of Scholes.

Ada Sutcliffe was born on 4th September 1853, the eldest daughter of Thomas Sutcliffe and his wife Mary.

Three Ingham sons were born before the 1881 census, Herbert on 2nd July 1878, Thomas on 30th August 1879 and Howson on 31st December 1880. They were followed by four girls, Mary born 1883, Annie born 1884, Lilian born 2nd February 1886 and Lottie born 1887 and then another son Raymond born 18th September 1889.

Fourteen-month-old Lottie died on 26th November 1888. Hers was the first burial in plot G55 in St. Matthew's churchyard Lightcliffe on 30th November 1888. Another infant daughter Minnie who was born and died in Q1 1894 is also remembered on the memorial inscription which was eventually placed on this headstone.

1881 census

Seth Ingham Head 28 Coal Waggoner
Ada Ingham Wife 26
Herbert Ingham Son 2
Thomas Ingham Son 1
Howson Ingham Son 3mo
Eden Sutcliffe Visitor 13
Address Bailiffe Bridge

1891 census

Seth Ingham Head 38 Coal Waggoner
Ada Ingham Wife 37
Herbert Ingham Son 12 Creeler Carpet Works
Thomas Ingham Son 11 Creeler ditto
Howson Ingham Son 10 Ticket hanger ditto
Mary Ingham Dau 8 Scholar
Annie Ingham Dau 7 Scholar
Lillian Ingham Dau 5 Scholar
Raymond Ingham Son 1
Address Birkby Lane, Bailiffe Bridge

During this time Seth Ingham was very much involved with the Ebenezer New Connection Chapel at Bailiffe Bridge. There are many newspaper reports of him giving talks, presiding over proceedings, charring meetings etc., etc. As superintendent of the school, he led the 1891 Whitsuntide procession of 300 teachers and students to sing hymns at the Waddington Building and then Gomersall Building before visiting Cliffe Hill mansion, the residence of Mr. (Benjamin) Scarf, Lightcliffe, 'where oranges and aerated water were freely partaken'. They had coffee and buns when they returned down the hill to the school!

On 31st March 1901 Seth was still working as a coal waggoner at a pit but most of his family worked for the carpet manufacturers T. F. Firths & Sons Ltd at Bailiffe Bridge as did many of his Ingham and Leach relatives.

1901 census

Seth Ingham	Head 48 Waggoner Coal Pit Top
Ada Ingham	Wife 46
Herbert Ingham	Son 22 Piece Passer (Carpet Mill)
Thomas Ingham	Son 21 Sizer (Carpet Mill)
Howson Ingham	Son 20 Cropper (Carpet Mill)
Mary Ingham	Dau 18
Annie Ingham	Dau 17 Sewer (Carpet Mill)
Lilian Ingham	Dau 15 Setter (Carpet Mill)
Raymond Ingham	Son 11

Address Birkby Lane, Bailiffe Bridge – next to nephew and brother

Three sons would marry in the next decade.

Herbert Ingham married Ada Collins in Q3 1902, their daughter Emma was born Q3 1908. Two years later Howson Ingham married Gertrude Dixon Berry during Q2 1904. They had a daughter, Hilda born 7 March 1905, and a son Frank born 20th November 1909.

Their mother Ada Ingham née Sutcliffe died on 29th April 1910. She was buried with her infant daughter Lottie and possibly Minnie in plot G55 in St. Matthew's churchyard on 3rd May 1910. During that same quarter Raymond Ingham married Hannah Reeds in Q2 1910 their daughter Elsie was born Q3 1910.

By 2nd April 1911 the widower Seth had become a 'Milk Dealer' with his son Raymond living nearby and working for him. Notice how many members of the family worked for T.F. Firth & Sons Ltd.

1911 census

Seth Ingham Head 58 Milk Dealer
 Thomas Ingham Son 31 Sizer
 Mary Ingham Dau 28
 Annie Ingham Dau 27 Carpet Mender
 Lilian Ingham Dau 25 Carpet Mender
 Address Birkby Lane Top, Bailiffe Bridge

1911 census

Howson Ingham Head 30 Carpet Finisher
 Gertrude Ingham Wife 30
 Hilda Ingham Dau 6
 Frank Ingham Son 1
 Address
 6 Belle Vue Place, Bradford Road, Brighouse

1911 census

Herbert Ingham Head 32 Carpet Finisher
 Ada Ingham Wife 33
 Emma Ingham Dau 2
 Address 12 Laurel Bank, Lower Wyke

1911 census

Raymond Ingham Head 21
 Milk Man's Assistant
 Hannah Ingham Wife 23
 Elsie Ingham Dau 9/12
 Address Birkby Lane Top, Bailiffe Bridge

Then in 1913 Thomas Ingham made the first of many trips to the USA with his uncle Fred Sutcliffe. Where they went and why they went will be dealt with later.

Seth Ingham, died on 29th March 1917. He was buried with his wife and infant daughters in Lightcliffe plot G55 on 2nd April 1917. A year later in Q3 1918 his daughter Mary became the second wife of widower Fred Aspinall whose first wife and newborn daughter were the first occupants of Lightcliffe plot M76. See later.

1921 census

Herbert Ingham Head 42 Carpet Finisher T.F. Firth & Sons Ltd Clifton Mills Brighouse
 Ada Ingham Wife 43
 Emma Ingham Dau 12 ½ time Carpet Mill hand T.F. Firth & Sons Ltd Clifton Mills Brighouse
 Address Coronation Terrace, Bailiffe Bridge, Brighouse

1921 census

Thomas Ingham Head 42 Warp Sizer T.F. Firth & Sons Ltd Clifton Mills Brighouse
 Annie Ingham Sister 37 Carpet Sizer T.F. Firth & Sons Ltd Clifton Mills Brighouse
 Lillian Ingham Sister 35 Carpet Sizer T.F. Firth & Sons Ltd Clifton Mills Brighouse
 Address 35 Highfield Avenue, Bailiffe Bridge

1921 census

Howson Ingham Head 40 Warehouseman for Carpet Manufacturer
 Gertrude Ingham Wife 40 [T.F. Firth & Sons Ltd Clifton Mills Brighouse
 Hilda Ingham Dau 16 Setting Dept Carpet Manufacturer
 Frederick Ingham Son 11 [T.F. Firth & Sons Ltd Clifton Mills Brighouse
 Address 8 Allenroyd, Bailiffe Bridge

1921 census

Fred Aspinall Head 56 Winding Overlooker T. F Firth & Son Bailiff Bridge
 Mary Aspinall Wife 38 - -
 Amy Aspinall Dau 17 Worsted Winder T. F Firth & Son Bailiff Bridge
 Address 68, Bradford Road, Bailiff Bridge, Hipperholme

1921 census

Raymond Ingham Head 31 Farm Labourer for Clayton Hoyle of Whitwood Farm, Bailiffe Bridge
 Hannah Ingham Wife 33
 Elise Ingham Dau 10
 Address Birkby Lane, Bailiffe Bridge

In August 1927 Thomas Ingham made another trip to the USA with his uncle Fred Sutcliffe to visit his recently widowed aunt, Fred's sister-in-law. He gave his sister Annie's name as his relative in the UK at the address they shared above. Annie died on 27th August 1933 and was buried with her parents and sisters on 1st September in Lightcliffe plot G55 which was then declared to be full. She has a probate record.

2991	G55	August 27 th	Sept 1 st	Annie Ingham	49 years	Full
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INGHAM Annie of 35 Highland-avenue Bailiffe Bridge Yorkshire spinster died 27 August at High Royds Menston Yorkshire Probate Wakefield 10 November to Thomas Ingham warp sizer. Effects £172 8s.

Then in spring 1935 the fifty-something-year-olds, Thomas Ingham and Alice Maud Holdsworth, got married in either April, May or June. This was probably just after her mother died on 10th April 1935. Sarah Holdsworth née Medley was buried with her husband Fred on 13th July 1935. He had died the previous year on 4th July 1934 and had been buried in plot J32 in Lightcliffe churchyard two days later.



Fred and Sarah had married in 1880, their only child, Alice Maud, was born a year later. She was baptised at St. John's Church, Coley on 3rd July 1881. The Holdsworth census data tells you more.

1881 census

Fred Holdsworth Head 23 Dyer's Labourer
 Sarah Holdsworth Wife 23
 Maude A. Holdsworth under 1 month
 Address Norwood Green

1891 census

Fred Holdsworth Head 34 Railway Labourer
 Sarah Holdsworth Wife 34
 Alice Holdsworth Dau 10 Scholar
 Address Norwood Green

1901 census

Fred Holdsworth Head 43
 Labourer on ? Rly L & Y?
 Sarah Holdsworth Wife 44
 Alice Maud Holdsworth Dau 20 Dressmaker
 Address Lane Ends, Hipperholme

1911 census

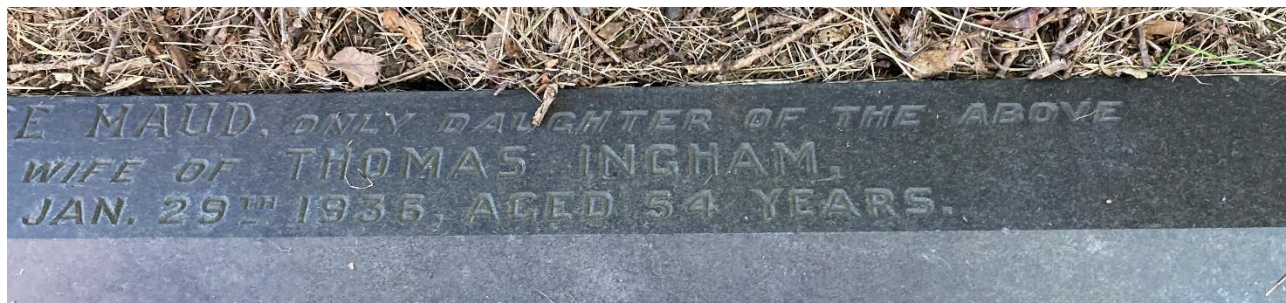
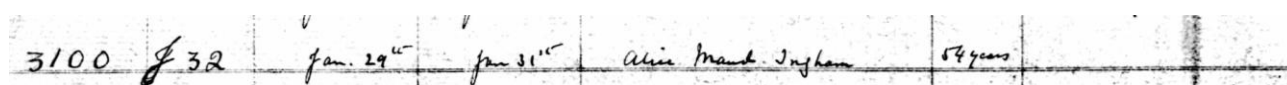
Fred Holdsworth Head 53 Railway labourer
 Sarah Holdsworth Wife 53
 Alice Maud Holdsworth Dau 30 Dressmaking
 Address Honeysuckle Cottage, Norwood
 Green & Coley

The census taken on 19th June 1921 would appear to confirm that Fred Holdsworth, having originally been a dyer, was then employed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company.

1921 census

Fred Holdsworth Head 63 Railway Labourer for L & Y Permanent Way Dept at Wyke station
 Sarah Holdsworth Wife 63
 Alice Maud Holdsworth Dau 38 Dressmaker for Brighthouse Cooperative Society Dressmaking Dept.
 Address Church View, Norwood Green

Alice Maud and Thomas were together as a married couple for just a few months before she died on 29th January 1936. She was buried with her parents on 31st January 1936 with her name added to the kerbstone around Lightcliffe plot J32.



INGHAM Alice Maud of Church View Norwood Green Halifax (wife of Thomas Ingham) died 29 January 1936 Administration London 4 September to the said Thomas Ingham warp sizer and Arthur Holdsworth retired Wool sorter. Effects £2391 15s 11d.

Brother-in-law Fred Aspinall died on 9th June 1937 as his probate record confirms.

ASPINALL Fred of 2 Greenfield-place Lightcliffe Brighouse Yorkshire died 9 June 1937
Probate Wakefield 28 June to Mary Aspinall widow and Amy Buck (wife of John Sutcliffe Buck) Effects £497 16s 1d

Three days later he was buried in Lightcliffe plot M76 with his eight-day old daughter Edith and her mother, his first wife Frances Mary née Rastrick. Her parents William and Frances Rastrick were interned in the adjacent plot N76. As there are many related Rastricks with Lightcliffe baptism and burial records their stories will have to wait to be told later. As you can read on the headstone below, another tiny baby, 7-week-old grandson Kenneth Buck, was also buried in the plot on 10th February 1932.



The last burial in this plot was on 24th May 1938 for Fred's second wife Mary née Ingham who died aged 55 years on 21st March 1938.

ASPINALL Mary of 2 Greenfield-place Lightcliffe Brighouse Yorkshire widow died 21 March 1938 at the Royal Infirmary Bradford Administration (with Will) Wakefield 12 July to Thomas Ingham retired carpet operative and Herbert Ingham carpet finisher. Effects £292 6s 4d

When Thomas Ingham travelled again to the USA in 1937 his marital status had changed to widower. This time he and his uncle Fred Sutcliffe had company as his sister, Lillian, and Fred's wife, Sarah Ellen, accompanied them. Their intended destination was Newburgh, New York state, to visit their cousin Raymond Sutcliffe.

The carpet warp sizer was also recorded as a being 'widowed' then the 1939 register was taken in September 1939 just after WW2 started.

1939 register

Herbert Ingham	02 Jul 1878	Carpet Finisher	Married	237	1
Ada Ingham	18 Aug 1877	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	237	2

Address 8 Coronation Terrace, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding),

1939 register

Lillian Ingham	02 Feb 1886	Carpet Sewer Rtd	Single	89	1
Thomas Ingham	30 Aug 1879	Sizer Carpet Rtd	Widowed	89	2

Address 35 Highfield Avenue, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding)

1939 register

Howson Ingham	31 Dec 1880	Carpet & Lino Fitter	Married	8	1
Gertrude Ingham	15 Jan 1881	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	8	2
Frank Ingham	20 Nov 1909	Carpet & Lino Fitter	Single	8	3

Address 8 Allan Royd, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

Raymond Ingham	18 Sep 1889	Dairy Farmer Unemployed	Married	75	1
Hannah Ingham	26 Dec 1887	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	75	2

Address 84 Wakefield Road, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

Joe Whitaker	28 Oct 1904	Pharmacist (Master)	Married	346	1
Hilda Whitaker	7 Mar 1905	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	346	2

Address 14, Willow Drive, Bradford, Bradford C.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

The Whitakers were married on 26th December 1931 at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe. He was a pharmacist from Rookes Lane, Norwood Green. Her address was her parents' home, 8 Allan Royd, Bailiffe Bridge.

Herbert Ingham died on 4th July 1941. He too was buried in St. Matthew's churchyard on 9th July 1941 in a new plot, U37, by the west wall but with no headstone.

INGHAM Herbert of 8 Coronation-terrace Bailiffe Bridge Brighouse Yorkshire died 5 July 1941 Probate Wakefield 26 July to Ada Ingham widow Emma Oates (wife of Alfred Leeson Oates) and the said Alfred Leeson Oates plumber. Effects £329 7s 10d

When his wife Ada died on 21st May 1966 this announcement appeared in *the Halifax Evening Courier* two days later.

INGHAM. —On May 21, 1966, in hospital aged 88 years, of Thornhill Grange Rastrick beloved wife of the late Herbert Ingham (formerly of Bailiffe Bridge). Friends please meet for service at Spring Gardens Chapel of Rest, Lightcliffe Road, Brighouse, on Wednesday, at 2 p.m. Internment at Lightcliffe Churchyard at 2.30 p.m.

There is, however, no record of this internment in St. Matthew's Church burial register.

Howson and Gertrude Ingham lost their son Frank in 1942. He was buried in Brighouse Cemetery where this Ingham headstone has the following memorial inscription on it letting you know when his parents died. They were also buried at Brighouse. No probate records have been found for them.

TO THE DEAR MEMORY OF
FRANK
THE BELOVED SON OF
HOWSON AND GERTRUDE INGHAM
WHO DIED JUNE 14TH 1942 AGED 32 YEARS.

ALSO OF THE ABOVE
HOWSON INGHAM
WHO DIED AUG. 10TH 1949 AGED 68 YEARS.

ALSO THE ABOVE
GERTRUDE INGHAM
WHO DIED OCT. 27TH, 1956, AGED 77 YEARS

But there is this one for their son-in-law the pharmacist, Joe Whitaker.

WHITAKER Joe of 22 Briarwood Cres Wibsey Bradford died 11 November 1968 Probate Leeds 17 December. £6597

His wife, Hilda née Ingham, may be the Hilda Whitaker whose death was registered in the Bradford district in Aug 1990 with a just-slightly-wrong date of birth 17th March 1905 instead of 7th March 1905.

Her spinster aunt Lillian Ingham died on 15th September 1943. She appears to have been buried with her parents and sisters in plot Lightcliffe plot G55, despite the fact that it was described as being full when her sister Annie Ingham died in 1933.

The ink blot on the Lightcliffe parish burial record does not help but it does look as if Lillian was buried in plot G55 on 18th September 1943.

3.	G.55	Sept 15/43	Sept 18/43	Lillian Ingham	57 years
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF ADA
THE BELOVED WIFE OF SETH INGHAM
WHO DIED APRIL 29TH 1910
IN HER 57TH YEAR
ALSO OF LOTTIE DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED NOVEMBER 26TH 1888 AGED 14 MONTHS
ALSO OF MINNIE WHO DIED IN HER INFANCY
THY WILL BE DONE
ALSO OF THE ABOVE NAMED SETH INGHAM
WHO DIED MARCH 29TH 1917 IN HIS 65TH YEAR.
HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED REST
ALSO LILLIAN AND ANNIE

There is a probate record.

INGHAM Lillian of 35 Highfield-avenue Bailiffe Bridge Brighouse Yorkshire spinster died 15 September 1943. Probate Wakefield 2 May [1944] to Thomas Ingham of no occupation.

Retiree, Thomas Ingham, made one more journey to the USA arriving back to Southampton on 10th September 1952, presumably after the usual four to six weeks stay. This time the 73-year-old was accompanied by his cousin, Seth Sutcliffe, whose father Fred had died in 1949. Their Sutcliffe story will be told later.

Thomas Ingham was probably the Thomas Ingham whose death on 26th May 1963 was followed by a West Yorkshire cremation on 29th May 1963. The death of this eighty-three-year-old Thomas Ingham registered in the Halifax district fits with his date of birth, 30th August 1879. No probate record has been found for him.

His younger brother, Raymond, who died later the same year as the *Huddersfield Daily Examiner* reported, does have a probate record.

OBITUARY

Mr. R. Ingham

Of Brighouse

Mr. RAYMOND INGHAM, 449, Bradford Road, Brighouse, who has died at the age of seventy-four had a long association with Ebenezer Methodist Church, Bailiffe Bridge.

Trust secretary from 1921 to 1940, he had also been treasurer of the church society fund for twenty years and secretary for sixteen years. For fifteen years he was joint secretary of the gift day fund.

He is survived by a widow and one daughter.

INGHAM Raymond of 449, Bradford Road Bailiff Bridge Brighouse Yorkshire died 6 December 1963 Probate Wakefield 16 January to Hannah Ingham widow. £2153

His wife Hannah Ingham died on 21st July 1967 as her probate confirms.

INGHAM Hannah of 20 West Street Bailiff Bridge Brighouse Yorkshire died 21 July 1967 at 340 Wakefield Road Bailiff Bridge Probate Wakefield 12 September to Elsie Murgatroyd married woman. £1400

That completes the Ingham family stories but in time there will be further articles about the related Sutcliffes and Rastricks.

D. M. Barker

September 2026