

The Sutcliffe parents and daughters

Thomas Sutcliffe married Mary Green in early 1853 probably at a Non-conformist chapel in the little village of Midgley at the top of Calderdale. This was where their three eldest children Ada born 4th September 1853, Sarah born 29th December 1855 and Harry born 15th August 1857 were baptised on 13th November 1853, 3rd December 1855 and 1st November 1857. Their one-month-old little boy Adam was buried at Midgley on New Years Day 1860. In 1853 their address was Scout Hut but then Greenroyd where the family were on 7th April 1861.

1861 census

Thomas Sutcliffe	Head 32 Power Loom worker
Mary Sutcliffe	Wife 27
Ada Sutcliffe	Dau 7
Sarah Sutcliffe	Dau 5
Harry Sutcliffe	Son 3
Address Green Royd, Midgley	

Later that year daughter Emma was born during Q3 1861. She was probably the Emma Sutcliffe baptised at Midgley on 26th April 1862 but unusually no parents were recorded. However, this fits with the death of a 7-year-old Emma Sutcliffe buried in the same plot as baby Adam on 20th September 1868.

Meanwhile her sister Susannah, who was born on 14th February 1865, was baptised at Midgley chapel on 27th August 1865. The birthplace of the next daughter Eden was recorded as being in Midgley on census returns. And as for her older siblings the birth was registered in the Halifax district, but no baptism record has been found. Completing the family, the youngest son Fred was born on 2nd January 1870 in Bailiffe Bridge where his father had moved the family to as he took up a position at the mill of carpet manufacturers, T.F. Firth & Sons Ltd. Fred was taken back to the Midgley chapel for his baptism on 4th December 1870. This all fits with the 1871 census data.

1871 census

Thomas Sutcliffe	Head 43 Overlooker Carpet Looms
Mary Sutcliffe	Wife 39
Ada Sutcliffe	Dau 17 Flower perfumer
Sarah Sutcliffe	Dau 15 ditto
Harry Sutcliffe	Son 13 Scholar
Susannah Sutcliffe	Dau 6 ditto
Eden Sutcliffe	Dau 3
Fred Sutcliffe	Son 9/12
Address Wyke Lane, Wyke	

During the next decade Ada, Sarah and Harry would marry. *The Cleckheaton Guardian* from Friday 6th July 1877 announced Ada's marriage to Seth Ingham on 25th June 1877.

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

Their story has already been told in

Seth Ingham and family.

Thomas and Mary Sutcliffe had triplets in 1872. Three births with a mother whose maiden name was Green were recorded in the Bradford district – where Fred Sutcliffe's birth was registered - in Q4 1872. Infants Joseph, Martha and Mary Sutcliffe died the same quarter and were buried at Midgley on 4th November 1872 as noted on the *UK, Records of the Removal of Graves and Tombstones, 1601-2007* record which will be shown later.

1879. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church 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.
400	September 17 1879	William Pollard	25	Bachelor	Deber	Halifax	John Pollard	Deber
		Sarah Sutcliffe	24	Spinster	-	Halifax	Thomas Sutcliffe	Weaver

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by James or after Banns by us,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { William Pollard } in the Presence of us, { Sarah Sutcliffe } John Frower Senior Curate

The eldest Sutcliffe son, Harry, was not with his parents that night as he had married Adeline Hoyle as the *Brighouse News* announced on October 23rd, 1880.

Notice that they married in the same Chapel as his sister Ada and that Adeline had witnessed his sister Sarah's 1879 marriage. Adeline's parents were Timothy Hoyle and his wife Sarah née Gibson. They had already buried three teenagers and an infant grandson in Lightcliffe churchyard, but their story **The Hoyle family** will need to wait until later.

1881 census

Thomas Sutcliffe Head 52 Beer House Keeper
Mary Sutcliffe Wife 40
Susannah Sutcliffe Dau 16
Power Loom Weaver
Fred Sutcliffe Son 10 Factory Boy
Sarah Pollard Dau 25 Servant
Address Hightown, Liversedge

Forty-seven-year-old Mary Sutcliffe née Green was buried at Midgley on 30th July 1881. A few days later her daughter, Sarah Pollard, gave birth to Mary Emma Pollard on 3rd August 1881. No baptism record has been found for her. But her sister Hilda Pollard born on 9th July 1887 and her brother Edgar Pollard born in Q 1889 were baptised together at St. John's Church, Coley on 27th October 1889. The baptism record says that 'Delver' William Pollard and his wife Sarah lived at Lumbrook, a hamlet between Coley and Northowram, near Halifax. This is the only reference to William Pollard that has been found. He simply 'disappears' after this. Unfortunately, Sarah Pollard and her children have not been found on the 1891 census either but 'reappear' later.

Oct 27 No. 1981.	Edgar	William + Sarah	Pollard	Lumbrook	Delver	J. Morton
Oct 27 No. 1982.	Hilda	William + Sarah	Pollard	Lumbrook	Delver	J. Morton

Meanwhile Harry and Adeline Sutcliffe welcomed two sons, Raymond born 7th September 1881 and Arthur born 6th August 1885. This must have been just before Harry, a carpet weaver, went to work for Firths in America. Subsequent USA censuses say that he arrived there in 1885 quite possibly to work at the new Firth carpet mill in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. But by the time Adeline, Raymond and Arthur went over in 1889 Firths had relocated their carpet mill to Firthcliffe, Cornwall, Orange County, New York state. This was where their children Florence, Harold, Ernest and Elsie were born. Their story will be picked up again in the article

Harry Sutcliffe in Firthcliffe

Susannah Sutcliffe married Henry/Harry Naylor on 22nd October 1887 in the Halifax parish church. Their son James Arnold Naylor was born Q4 1888. Then Eden (often mis transcribed as Ellen) Sutcliffe married Sam Mitchell on 17th May 1890 again in Halifax. Their son Hubert was born 8th November 1890.

1891 census

Thos Sutcliffe Head 62 Carpet Weaver
 Sam Mitchell Son in law 23 Dyer's Labourer
 Eden Mitchell Dau 23
 Hubert Mitchell Grdson 4/12
 Fred Sutcliffe Son 20
 Beam Carrier Carpet Works
 Address Springwell Terrace, Lightcliffe

1891 census

Harry Naylor Head 26 Strap maker
 Susannah Naylor Wife 26
 James Arnold Naylor Son 2
 Address 14 Ripley St., Lightcliffe

On 31st March 1891 census youngest son Fred Sutcliffe was recorded as being married. He had married Sarah Ellen Tiplady days before, the marriage being registered in the Halifax district. Like her husband Sarah Ellen Sutcliffe was with her parents and family on census night 1891. Fred worked for the carpet manufacturers at Bailiffe Bridge as did others in his immediate family as well as related Inghams and Leaches. This continued link with T.F. Firths & Sons Ltd will be explored in the article

Fred Sutcliffe and family

Fred Mitchell was born Q1 1896. His cousin, Ruth Evelyn Naylor was born on 28th March 1899 and baptised at the Ebenezer Methodist Chapel on 14th June 1899. A few days earlier on 10th June 1899 Minnie Pollard was born, almost certainly the daughter of Mary Emma Pollard.

1901 census

Thomas Sutcliffe [father in law] 72 Widower
 Sam Mitchell Head 33
 Labourer in Stone Quarry
 Eden Mitchell Wife 33
 Hubert Mitchell Son 10
 Fred Mitchell Son 5
 Nancy Booth Mother-in-law 66 Widow
 Address Springwell Terrace, Lightcliffe

The fact that Sam Mitchell was recorded as Head of the household is almost certainly explained by what happened to his father-in-law a few days later.

But who was Nancy Booth, recorded as someone's mother-in-law?

And did the Naylor's remain in Lancashire?

1901 census

Sarah Pollard Wife 45
 Mary E Pollard Dau 19
 Card Stamper Brussels Carpet
 Hilda Pollard Dau 13
 Threader operative Fancy Tex
 Edgar Pollard Son 11
 Minnie Pollard Granddaughter 1
 Address Sackville St., Lightcliffe

1901 census

Harry Naylor Head 36 Belt maker Leather
 Susannah Naylor Wife 36
 Jas A Naylor Son 12
 Ruth E Naylor Dau 2
 Margaret Collins Boarder 22
 Baby linen machinist
 Alice M Hoyle Boarder 19 ditto
 Address 111 Branch Rd., Burnley, LAN

The widow Nancy Booth was Sam Mitchell's mother. Her story will be told in

Nancy Mitchell and family.

Twelve days later, on 11th April 1901, Thomas Sutcliffe was buried with his wife and young children in the churchyard at Midgley Methodist church. It looks as if some of the headstones, including that of the Sutcliffe family, had to be removed to Halifax. The record mentioned above is shown below.

36	-	2	Adam Sutcliffe	1.1.1860	1 month
			Emma Sutcliffe	20.9.1868	7 years
			Mary Sutcliffe	30.7.1881	47
			Also 3 infants Martha, Mary and Joseph		
			Thomas Sutcliffe	4.11.1872	
				11.4.1901	73

Two more Mitchell grandsons arrived, George during Q2 1902 and Leonard during Q3 1905.

The three younger Sutcliffe sisters will continue to be followed in this article. On 2nd April 1911 they were in the following households. Eldest sister Ada Ingham had died in 1910, but her family were still in Birkby Lane, Bailiffe Bridge. Youngest brother Fred Sutcliffe and his family were in Smith House Lane.

1911 census

Sarah Pollard Head 55 [nothing recorded]
 Mary Emma Pollard Dau 29 -
 Hilda Pollard Dau 23 [blank]
 Edgar Pollard Son 21 Weaver Carpet Works
 Minnie Pollard [GRd] Dau 11 School
 Address 4 New St., Bailiffe Bridge

1911 census

Sam Mitchell Head 43 Labourer
 Eden Mitchell Wife 43
 Hubert Mitchell Son 20 Weaver
 Fred Mitchell Son 15 Grocer's Shop Assistant
 George Mitchell Son 9
 Leonard Mitchell Son 5
 Nancy Booth Grandmother 76

1911 census

Harry Naylor Head 46 Head Belt maker Leather
 Susannah Naylor Wife
 James Arnold Naylor Son 22
 Clerk (Patent Glazing)

Address 88 Springwell Terrace Bailiffe Bridge
 but then also recorded having the postal
 address 88 Wakefield Road Hipperholme

Ruth Evelyn Naylor Dau 12 Scholar
 Address 12 Smithy Carr Lane, Brighouse

Edgar Pollard, a carpet weaver, married a fellow T. F. Firths & Sons Lt. employee Lousia Lee on 10th December 1913 in Brighouse. Notice that his father, William Pollard, a delver by trade, was recorded as being deceased.

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1913. Marriage solemnized at St. Paul's Chapel Brighouse in the
 District of Kalifon in the County of York W.R.

Column No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	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.
7	10 th December 1913	Edgar Pollard	24 years	Bachelor	Carpet Weaver	4 New Street Bailiffe Bridge	William Pollard Deceased	Delver.
		Lousia Lee	19 years	Spinster	Carpet Litter	11 Lightcliffe Road Brighouse	John Albert Lee Deceased.	Stone Dresser.

Married in the St. Paul's Chapel according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Wesleyan Methodists by Cuthbert

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Edgar Pollard and Lousia Lee in the Presence of us, Hilda Pollard and Paul Geyson And in the Presence of Henry Bursley Authorised Person for the Said Building

Carpet Litter 19 11.13

Lousia's father John had died on 31st January 1904 as the *Brighouse News* announced,

LEE.—Jan. 31. Aged 38 years, John Lee, stone dresser, 11, Lightcliffe-road, Brighouse

A daughter Kathleen Plollard was born on 31st March 1914. But then the Great War started. It is not clear just when Edgar Pollard signed on with the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. He was discharged on 25th May 1918 and died on 16th April 1919. His military record says he had 'Tuberculosis of Lungs' and 'Exhaustion aggravated by active service'. It is not known if or when or where he was buried but as he was an employee of T. F. Firths & Sons Ltd., he is remembered on the memorial they had erected at Bailiffe Bridge. As you can see his name is the last on one of the panels.



His cousins Hubert Mitchell and Fred Mitchell also served but survived,

Reservist Hubert married Edith Alice Hodgson on 14th April 1915. They lived at Rooks View, Victoria Road, Bailiffe Bridge. But then he was mobilised on 13th April 1916. He served as a Lance Corporal with the Durham Light Infantry. His son Harold was born on 2nd April 1918.

Fred Mitchell of 7, Coronation Terrace, Bailiffe Bridge was enlisted into the East Yorkshire Regiment at the beginning of 1917. He was discharged on 4th July 1918 because he was no longer fit for military service. His military records say that he suffered from 'Chronic Rheumatism'.

Fifty-three-year-old Eden Mitchell née Sutcliffe died on 23rd November 1920. She was buried in plot D44 in St. Matthew's churchyard on 26th November 1920. Very understandably her parish burial record has been read as Ellen not Eden

2474 D44 Nov 23rd Nov 26th Ellen Mitchell 53 years

1921 census

Sarah Pollard	Head 65	House Holder Invalid Married	
Mary Emma Pollard	Dau 39	Invalid	
Hilda Pollard	Dau 33	House Duties	
Minnie Pollard	Dau 22	Carpet Winder	T.F. Firths & Sons Bailiffe Bridge

Address 4 New Street, Bailiffe Bridge

1921 census

Louisa Pollard	Head 26	Widow Carpet Setter	T.F. Firths & Sons Bailiffe Bridge
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Address 6 New Street, Bailiffe Bridge

Her 7-year-old daughter Kathleen Pollard was with her widowed maternal grandmother Grace Lee at 11, Lightcliffe Road, Brighouse.

1921 census

Harry Naylor	Head 56	Leather Belt Maker	T.F. Firths & Sons Clifton Mills
Susannah Naylor	Wife	Home Duties	
Ruth Evelyn Naylor	Dau 22	Shorthand Typist	J. Blakeborough & Sons Engineers Woodhouse Works Brighouse

Address 13 Smithy Carr Lane, Brighouse

1921 census

Sam Mitchell	Head 53	General Labourer Out of Work	
Hubert Mitchell	Son 30	Tapestry carpet weaver	T.F. Firths & Sons Clifton Mills
Edith Alice Mitchell	Dau-in-law 28	Home Duties	
Harold Mitchell	Grndson 3		
Fred Mitchell	Son 24	Tapestry carpet weaver	T.F. Firths & Sons Clifton Mills
George Mitchell	Son 19	Brussels carpet weaver	T.F. Firths & Sons Clifton Mills
Leonard Mitchell	Son 16	Brussels carpet creeler	T.F. Firths & Sons Clifton Mills

Address Coronation Terrace, Bailiffe Bridge, Brighouse

Brother Fred Sutcliffe and family were at 9, Eastcliffe, Lightcliffe on 19th June 1921. Brother Harry, now a naturalised American, was in the USA although he did visit his family in Lightcliffe in 1923 and again in 1927.

Their sister Sarah Pollard died on Christmas Day 1926 aged 71 years. She was buried on 28th December 1926 in Lightcliffe plot G56 i.e. next to where her parents and infant daughter were interred.

The death of another sister Susannah Naylor née Sutcliffe was announced in the Brighouse News on 22nd February 1934.

NAYLOR — Feb. 19th, Susannah Naylor,
69 years, 13 Smithy Carr Lane, Brighouse.

Kathleen Pollard married Frederick Jenkinson during Q2 1938 leaving the related households looking like this when the 1939 register was taken on September 29th 1939.

1939 register

Hilda Pollard	09 Jul 1887	Carpet Sewer	Single	90	1
Mary E Pollard	03 Aug 1881	Invalid	Single	90	2
Minnie Pollard	10 Jun 1899	Carpet Piecer	Single	90	3

Address 14 Wakefield Road, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

Grace Lee	26 Jun 1864	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Widowed	148	1
Louisa Pollard	02 Jul 1894	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Widowed	148	2
Janie Dean	16 Oct 1902	Yarn Winder Carpet Works	Married	148	3
Geoffrey GDean	17 Nov 1928	At School	Single	148	4
Thomas W Spence	08 Mar 1871	Retired			

Address 20 Marion Street, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

Frederick Jenkinson	03 Jan 1914	Butchery Manager & Slaughter	Married	33	1
Kathleen Jenkinson	31 Mar 1914	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	33	2

Address 1 Smith House Lane, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

Harry Naylor	28 Jun 1864	Worker Sudler Leather Belt Maker Heavy Work	Widowed	294	1
Ruth E Naylor	28 Mar 1899	Incapacitated	Single	294	2

Address 13 Smithy Carr Lane, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

Harriet Scriven	06 May 1874	Female Unpaid Domestic Duties	Widowed	155	1
Sam Mitchell	01 Sep 1867	Male Stone Labourer	Widowed	15	2
William Cooper	04 Jan 1910	Male General Labourer	Single	155	3

Address 1 Waddington Yard, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

Hubert Mitchell	08 Nov 1890	Male Carpet Loom Turner	Married	238	1
Edith A Mitchell	26 Jul 1892	Female Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	238	2
Leonard Mitchell	29 May 1905	Male Carpet Domestic Duties	Single	238	3

Address 7 Coronation Terrace, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Again, Fred Sutcliffe and his wife were nearby at 18 Smith House Lane, Lightcliffe. But as for all the above Lightcliffe addresses Brighouse and then Brighouse M.D was recorded.

The invalid Mary Emma Pollard died on 21st December 1945. She was buried with her mother, Sarah Pollard née Sutcliffe, in Lightcliffe plot G56 on 14th December 1945. Her sister Hilda joined them on 5th November 1955.

POLLARD Hilda of 356 Wakefield-road Bailiff Bridge Brighouse Yorkshire spinster died 2 November 1955 Administration London 5 December to Kathleen Jenkinson (wife of Frederick Jenkinson). Effects £428 10s 11d

All three names are on the headstone.



Sam Mitchell probably died in Jan 1959. He was not buried at Lightcliffe with his long-deceased wife Eden Mitchell née Sutcliffe, perhaps he was cremated. But when Minnie Pollard died on 24th August 1964, she was buried with her great aunt, Eden, four days later in Lightcliffe plot D44 which has no headstone.

Widow Louisa Pollard née Lee died at the end of 1975.

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