

Private George Percy Stephenson Brown
(21st December 1886 – 26/27th September 1917)



George Percy Stephenson Brown known as Percy was the eldest son of Francis Henry Brown and his second wife Elizabeth Ann Nettleton. The family were Hipperholme Wesleyans; this is their story.

Francis Henry Brown was a 22-year-old grocer when he married 27-year-old Ellen Elizabeth Ann Casburn at West Parade Chapel, Wakefield, Yorkshire on Christmas Day 1877. Both of them lived at Belle Vue, Sandal Magna. Thomas Henry Brown, a “Grocer and Draper”, and Martha Brown (nee Stephenson) were his parents. Ellen was a dress maker and her father William Compsons Casburn was a gardener. Francis Henry and Ellen Elizabeth Ann’s son Ernest Casburn Brown was born on 24th December 1878 and baptised in the Wesleyan-Methodist Chapel at Wakefield on 7th May 1879. All three were living at the Tadmans Building, Thomes Lane, Alverthorpe cum Thomes, Wakefield, on the 1881 census. Francis Henry Brown was a “Grocer and Provision Dealer”. Also in the household was his younger brother who was a reporter.

Sadly, Ellen Elizabeth Ann died in 1883 (Q3 Wakefield) aged just 33 years leaving Francis Henry with a five-year-old son. A couple of years later in 1885 Francis Henry Brown remarried. His bride, Elizabeth Ann Nettleton, was from Halifax. They had three children George Percy Stephenson, born on 21st December 1886, Martha Louisa, born 1889, and William Archibald born in 1890. These three young children and their older half-brother Ernest Casburn Brown were with their parents at Park View, Hipperholme cum Brighouse on census night 1891. Their father Francis Henry Brown was by then a coal Merchant.

On 6th February 1892 15-month-old William Archibald (known as Archie) died and was buried in St Matthew’s Churchyard, Lightcliffe on 10th February 1892 in plot L17 owned by his father Francis Henry Brown. Before the 1901 census four more children were born including a set of twin girls. Horace arrived in 1892, Thomas Clifford on 19th April 1895 before the twin girls Mabel and Marion appeared in 1897.



This image of six Brown children, presumably George Percy, Martha Louise, Horace, Thomas Clifford and the twins Mabel and Marion was kindly sent by a descendant.

1901 census

Francis H Brown	Head	46	Coal Merchant & Confectioner
Elizabeth A Brown	Wife	43	Baker
Ernest C Brown	Son	22	Baker & Confectioner
George P S Brown	Son	14	
Martha L Brown	Dau	12	
Horace Brown	Son	8	
Thomas C Brown	Son	5	
Mabel Brown	Dau	3	
Marion Brown	Dau	3	
Lizzie Hart	Servant	37	Housekeeper
Frances M Halliwell	Servant	20	Baker & Confectioner
Address Wakefield Rd., Lightcliffe			

George Percy Stephenson Brown attended Halifax Secondary School leaving in 1900. Later, from 1906 to 1908, he went to the Borough Road College, London which was established by the Quaker, Joseph Lancaster and is now part of Brunel University. He is remembered on their Roll of Honour. A Biography from the college notes that:-

Private George P. S. Brown attended Borough Road College for two years, competing for the college rowing team, being examined in music and teaching and graduating with an Intermediate Science [qualification?].

After that he took a teaching post in Liverpool. George Percy Stephenson Brown married Agnes Stuart White Fell in 1910. Previously, in the 1901 census, she was a 16-year-old Pupil Teacher at a school in Kirkdale, Liverpool so this was presumably how they met. Their son James Francis Clifford Brown was born in March 1911 and appears with his mother as a visitor at the house of a chauffeur Edward Totty and family in Heuthland Dale Avenue, Keswell, Cheshire on 2nd April 1911. Percy Brown was not with his wife and newborn son on census night, instead he was a 24 year old "Assistant Master" in an Elementary School, run by Liverpool City Council, boarding with two other assistant masters with a McFadden family at 8 Arbles Lane, Anfield, Liverpool. A second son Eric Stuart Brown was born a year later in 1912.

1911 census

Francis Henry Brown	Head	56 Confectioner
Elizebeth Ann Brown	Wife	53 Assisting in the business
Martha Louisa Brown	Dau	22 Assisting in the business
Horace Brown	Son	18 Warehouseman
Thomas Clifford Brown	Son	15 Salesman
Marian Brown	Dau	13 Female Clerk
Mabel Brown	Dau	13 Scholar
Martha Brown	Mother	83 Retired
Address 21 Wakefield Rd., Lightcliffe		

George Percy's older half-brother Ernest Casburn Brown has not been found in this census although there is evidence that he should have been somewhere! He does appear on the 1939 register as a "General Warehouseman", single and living alone at 8 Horton Park Avenue, Bradford.

Tragedy struck the family in 1914 before WW1 started when Horace Brown died unexpectedly. The obituary is from the *Halifax Courier* on Saturday March 28th, 1914.

THE LATE MR. H. BROWN

UNTIMELY END TO A PROMISING CAREER



The death occurred on Monday, at the age of 21 of Mr Horace Brown, the third son of Mr F.H. Brown, Wakefield-road, Lightcliffe.

Mr Horace Brown was a young man of fine character and exceptional ability, and his untimely death as a result of pneumonia removes one whose place in various spheres it will be difficult to fill. His activities as a member of the Hipperholme Wesleyan Church extend into every part of its life. In the Sunday School for almost two years he had been superintendent of the junior grade department which consists of scholars from 8 to 10 years old. He was deeply interested in the application of modern methods to Sunday School work, and lost no opportunity of making himself and others familiar with the best ways of doing effective work amongst the young. In this he won the admiration of all who observed his work and in a remarkable degree gained the affection of the scholars who were under his care. By attending each Sunday morning and afternoon, he along with a group of helpers, carried on a modern Sunday school department which has been

witnessed and highly commended by visitors to the school from time to time.

Along with seven others he was a candidate in the Teacher's Special Examination, conducted by the Sunday School Union on March 13.

He was an enthusiastic member of the Wesley Guild, and had been appointed as Hipperholme's representative at the fourth National Conference to be held in Birmingham during the coming Easter. As an occasional contributor at the ordinary meetings of the Guild his efforts were greatly appreciated, and an address given by him on a recent devotional evening on "Love as the goal of life" will long be remembered by those privileged to hear it.

He was a collector for the Wesley Foreign Missionary Society; and secretary for the Juvenile Missionary Collection, in whom he succeeded in stimulating a considerable amount of interest, as was evidenced at the annual meeting just held. He was also the local secretary for the Orient Missionary Exhibition shortly to be held in Halifax, and in connection with this he did much useful work.

From boyhood, Mr Brown was a member of the Independent Order of Rechabites, and was an ardent supporter of the Band of Hope movement. The work he did, the influence diffused by him, and the enthusiasm he inspired in those associated with him, will be a precious memory to the many who held him in such high esteem.

The interment took place on Wednesday afternoon at Lightcliffe amid many manifestations of sorrow. The services at the residence, at the Wesley Church and at the graveside were conducted by the Rev. John Shenton.

The principal mourners included :- Mr and Mrs. F.H.Brown, Mr Ernest Brown, Mr Percy Brown (Liverpool), Misses Marion and Mabel Brown, Mr and Mrs Willie Brown, Mr and Mrs Walter Brown, Mrs Josiah Wood and Mr Geo Wood, Mr and Mrs Isherwood, Mrs and Miss Sucksmith, Miss Nettleton, Mr Holmes, Miss Amy Brown, Mr Rideal, Mrs Hill and Mrs Hooper.

Miss Brown and Mr Clifford Brown were unable to be present.

The Wesleyan church and school were represented by Mr. G. Rushton and Mr E.E Hooper (stewards), Messrs W. Crowther, Joseph Wood, Ccr Crabtree, and S Turner (trustees), Mr J.S.Lees (treasurer), Messrs T.Smith and L. Tattersall (superintendents), Mr Harold Dyson (secretary), Messrs H.Maude and B.Wood (school organist), Messrs G.Moorhouse, H.Wilkinson, Arnold Ainsley and Willie Clough (teachers) Messrs W.Wadsworth, A. Booth, Norman Wood, Herbert Smith, H.Turner, L. Wood, F.Pratt (from the Young Men's Class), Miss I Wood and E.Naylor (superintendent of the Primary Department).

Among others also present were Messrs Foster, Speight, Keighley and Jones (representing Messrs Priestley's Ltd, of Bradford , with which firm the deceased had been employed), Mr George Gelder

(Independent Order of Rechabites); Mr B Hanson (Halifax Sunday School Union); Mr F. Connell (Lightcliffe Congregational Church); Messrs T Wressel, F.Wressel, C.Aspinall, G.W.James, A Coates, H.Sharp, A Scholefield, and Fairley.

A large congregation of sympathisers assembled for the service at the church.

Many beautiful floral tributes were sent including the following:- From Horace's sorrowful mother and father and family; In loving memory from Percy and Agnes; Louie and Arthur; Will and Lizzie; Walter and Hettie; Uncle and Aunt (Emscote, Halifax); Cousin George; Auntie Bertha, S.Ellen, and cousins Annie, Maude, Gertie and Harold; Gladys; Mr and Mrs J.A. Penney; Francis, Bert and Arnold; Mr and Mrs James; Mr and Mrs Jackson and family (Huddersfield); Florence Wilson, "In loving memory of my dear teacher; school superintendents; Hipperholme, Wesleyan Sunday School. "A tribute of love and affection from the teachers and elder scholars"; Young Men's Class and Cricket Club; colleagues at Priestleys, Ltd., "In affectionate remembrance."

The funeral arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr Joshua Booth

Twenty-one-year-old Horace Brown died on 21st March 1914 and was buried in St.Matthew's Churchyard, Lightcliffe on 23rd March 1914 in the family grave plot L17 – although the owner of the grave was then recorded as John F Brown, an error.

From the detailed obituary we read that brothers, Ernest Brown and Percy, were present along with the twin sisters Marion and Mabel but Horace's brother Thomas Clifford and sister Louise Martha (Louie) were not able to attend.

Horace Brown's employers had been Messrs Priestley Ltd of Bradford.

The next time the family got a mention in the *Halifax Courier*, on Saturday 11th September 1915, it was to report a happier occasion, the marriage of Martha Louise, known as Louie, to Arthur Rideal.

MARRIAGES

RIDEAL – BROWN – On Wednesday, Sept 8th, 1915, at the Wesleyan Church Hipperholme, by the Rev. G.E.Scott (St John's Halifax) Arthur Rideal, Myrtle Bank, Lightcliffe, to Louie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F.G [sic] Brown Wakefield Road, Lightcliffe.

Then in 1916 this Military Service Act was passed.



The Bill which became the Act was introduced by Prime Minister H. H. Asquith in January 1916. It came into force on 2 March 1916. Previously the British Government had relied on voluntary enlistment, and latterly a kind of moral conscription called the Derby Scheme.

The Act specified that men from 18 to 41 years old were liable to be called up for service in the army unless they were married, widowed with children, serving in the Royal Navy, a minister of religion, or working in one of a number of reserved occupations. A second Act in May 1916 extended liability for military service to married men, and a third Act in 1918 extended the upper age limit to 51.

This Military Service Act would affect the three surviving Brown brothers.

On 2nd May 1916 **George Percy Stephenson Brown** enlisted with the King's Liverpool Regiment and went to France in November 1916. He was killed in France on 26/27th September 1917. His Borough Road College Biography states that:-

He had been recommended for commission but was shot and killed by enemy aircraft on 26 September 1917. He left a wife and two sons aged 6 and 7.

The *Halifax Courier* for Saturday 13th October 1917 recorded :-

DIED IN THE COUNTRY'S SERVICE

BROWN;- Sept 26th 1916 [but they mean 1917 and they might mean 27th see Probate], killed in action, RFm, G.P.S. (Percy) Brown, King's Liverpool Rifles, in his 31st year, the dearly beloved son of F.H and E.A Brown 59, Wakefield-road, Lightcliffe.

His probate reads:-

Brown, George Percy Stephenson of 211 Ince-avenue Anfield Liverpool private 4th battalion King's Liverpool Regiment died 27 September 1917 in France Administration Liverpool 19 February [1919] to Agnes Stuart White Brown. Effects £173



He is remembered on the CWGC Tyne Cot Memorial as well as on his family's grave, plot L17, in St Matthew's Churchyard.

In March 2016 this gravestone was turned over to reveal its memorial inscription. Later it was restored to an upright position.



**The Brown headstone laid flat
on plot L17.**

Now it stands upright



Percy's wife, Agnes Brown, does not appear to have remarried. She may well be the "Head Teacher" recorded as living at Holmleigh Aigburth Road, Liverpool on the 1939 register. There are 15 other occupants of this 'house' including other "School Teachers", a "Music Teacher", a "Chaplain (Resident)", a "Cook" and several ladies doing "Household Work" as well as various 'closed' records. Apparently, there was a convent school called La Sagesse School in Aigburth Road, Liverpool which had a separate house named "Holmleigh". The school pictured below may well be where Agnes Brown was the Head teacher.



Sagesse Convent, Grassendale, Liverpool.

Croquet Lawn



Sagesse Convent, Grassendale, Liverpool.

Front View from Grounds



Sagesse Convent, Grassendale, Liverpool.

Drill Class

Agnes Stuart White Brown – to give her her full title - passed away on 8th November 1945 leaving the following probate record.

BROWN Agnes Stuart White of 23 Rutland-avenue Liverpool 17 died 8 November 1945 at Liverpool Royal Infirmary Probate Bristol to James Clifford Brown school master. Effects £851 18s 8d.

Following in the footsteps of both his parents their son James Francis Clifford Brown became a school master and indeed a headmaster as well. In 1959 James Francis Clifford Brown was appointed Headmaster of Warminster School, Wiltshire, with his successor taking charge in 1971. Then the *London Gazette* for 30th December 1978 recorded the awarding of an M.B.E to “James Francis Clifford Brown Secretary, Norfolk Community Bus Committee”. And finally, it was announced that:-

James FRANCIS C BROWN died at Fakenham Norfolk 1985.

His probate reads:-

BROWN James Francis Clifford of Northfield Lodge Standard Rd Wells-next-the-Sea Norfolk died 28 May 1985 Probate Ipswich 26 February [1986] £ 92,161

His brother, Eric Stuart Brown, was born 8 May 1912. He died in 1998 – his probate which was granted on 1st March 1999 says he died on 28 November 1998 - in Bristol. This gentleman was a company officer for “Bristol Avon”.

But now let us return to G Percy S Brown’s surviving brothers and so the uncles of the above James Francis Clifford Brown and Eric Stuart Brown. Ernest Casburn Brown would have been 35 years old when WW1 broke out. And as there is no suggestion that he ever married he would have been eligible for the ‘moral conscription’ under the ‘Derby Act’ but no evidence has been found to confirm whether or not he served. When the Military Service Act of 1916 was brought in brother Thomas Clifford Brown was an unmarried 21-year-old and thus a ‘prime’ target for this conscription.

Thomas Clifford Brown

(19th April 1895 - 6th January 1985)

Shortly after the Military Service Act was brought into force on 2nd March 1916 Thomas Clifford Brown must have applied for a certificate of exemption. He went before a Military Service Tribunal in Halifax on 9th March 1916. At the time he was 21 years and 3 months old, single, working as a “Salesman for a Bakery” probably his family’s business and living with them at 59 Wakefield Road, Lightcliffe. His record from “*The Pearce Register of British WW1 Conscientious Objectors*” continues:-

Absolutist : Yes

Motivation: Wesleyan, Hipperholme Wesleyan church.

It appears that he applied for or was given an ECS (Exemption from Combatant Service). But, he “disobeyed orders in the Non-Combatant Corps (4 Northern)” and was court martialled in Halifax on 22nd July 1916; “posted to (3 Northern 26.7.16 Brampton en le Morthen)”. There is then a record from a Magistrates Court

“Arrest reported 28.7.16 - Absentee.”

What happened next is unclear; in fact, Thomas Clifford Brown’s CO record has nothing further in 1916 and nothing at all for 1917.

On 4th June 1918 Thomas Clifford Brown, conscientious objector, was court martialled in Grimsby and sentenced to “1yr. HL (With hard labour) com. to Detention”. But then just a couple of months later he was court martialled at Wallsend on the 10th August 1918 but this time it was “2 yrs. HL (With hard labour), to Wormwood S”. There was a “Central Tribunal at Wormwood S. 18.10.18, CO class A to Brace Committee”. It is recorded that he was in “Wormwood S still serving 2nd sentence 9.5.19” i.e. after the war had ended.

[The Home Office Scheme: The Brace Committee

Because of the scandal of the court-martial of men, the deaths of men in prison and a feeling that some men had unjustly been denied exemption, the Home Office set up an alternative work scheme. This was administered by the Brace Committee and is sometimes called the Brace Scheme. The idea was that these men should make an "equal sacrifice" to the men at the front.]

Later Thomas Clifford Brown trained to become a minister in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, as you can see from the 1921 census information. His parents and some siblings were still in Lightcliffe.

1921 census

Thomas Clifford Brown Boarder 26 Wesleyan Lay Evangelist Wesleyan Methodist Church
Address Beech Cottages, Bowgreave, Barnacre with Bonds, Lancashire, England

1921 census

Francis H Brown	Head	66	Grocer & Confectioner	Own Account
Elizabeth A Brown	Wife	63	Home Duties	-
Mabel Brown	Dau	23	Shop Assistant	Private
Agnes Ferguson	Boarder	24	Typist	Edw Foster & Sons Ltd, Halifax
Ernest C Brown	Visitor	42	Warehouseman	S & H Illingworth, Bradford

Address 59, Wakefield Road, Lightcliffe, Hipperholme, Yorkshire (West Riding), England

On 19th June 1921 Marion Brown was a ‘Clerk & Shorthand Typist’ boarding in Wimbledon Park, Surrey. Her twin Mabel Brown, after training at Kingsmead College went as a missionary to India in 1924.

In 1932 Thomas Clifford Brown married Crissie Nowell in the Kendal district. They did not have had any children.

Francis Henry Brown died in Morecambe on 8th December 1934. He was brought back to Lightcliffe for burial with his sons in plot L17 on 12th December 1934 as reported in both the *Halifax Evening Courier* and the *Morecambe Guardian* newspapers.

Mr. Francis Henry Brown of Morecambe

The funeral took place on Wednesday at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe, of Francis Henry Brown, of 75 Devonshire-road, Morecambe. Mr. Brown was formerly in business as a grocer and confectioner at Lightcliffe and was for many years a superintendent at Hipperholme Methodist Church Sunday School. A service was held at West End Methodist Church, Morecambe, conducted by Dr. Lewis, and the Revs. S.J. Johnson and J.S. McLaughlin officiated at Hipperholme.

The mourners were: Mrs Brown (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Rideal (son-in-law and daughter), the Rev. Clifford and Mrs. Brown (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Marion Brown (daughter). Representing

There followed a list of representative and those who had sent floral wreaths.

Mr. F.H. Brown

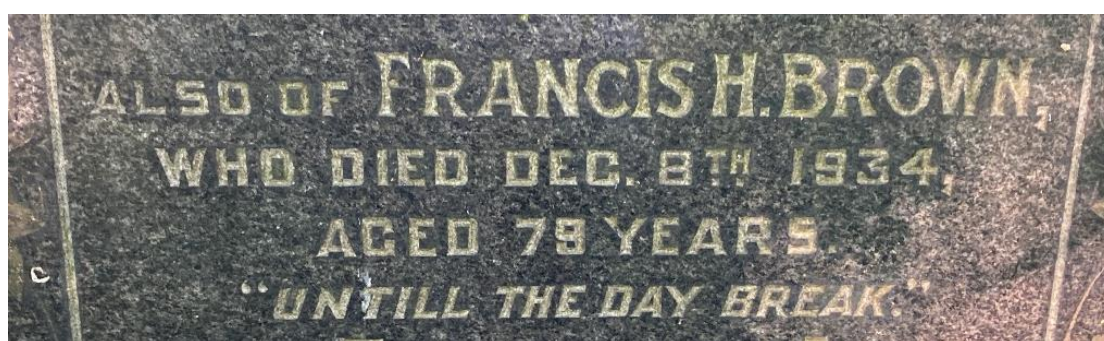
The death took place on Saturday, after a few days' illness of Mr. Francis Henry Brown, of 75 Devonshire Road, Morecambe and Heysham.

Mr. Brown who was 79 years old, was a native of Wakefield and it was in this city that he started his long service of local preaching, he later went to Lightcliffe, near Halifax, where he spent the greater part of his life before coming to Morecambe ten years ago.

Always a very keen and devout worker for the church, Mr. Brown was greatly respected both by the people of Hipperholme Wesleyan Church of which he was a trustee, and by the people whom he knew in this town. He leaves a widow, one son and three daughters.

His son, the Rev. T.C. Brown, is a Methodist minister at Selby, Yorkshire and one of his daughters, Miss Mabel Brown is a missionary, The two other daughters are Mrs Rideal and Miss Brown.

The funeral took place on Wednesday and a service was conducted by the Rev. D.W. Lewis D.D..



BROWN Francis Henry of 75 Devonshire-road Morecambe-and-Heysham Lancashire died 8 December 1934 Probate Lancaster 18 March [1935] to Elizabeth Ann Brown widow and Thomas Clifford Brown Methodist minister. Effects £6345 2s 4d

His daughter who was a missionary came home a year later.

Morecambe Guardian 22 March 1935

WELCOME HOME

Miss Mabel Brown

Returns From India

About one hundred ladies met at West End Methodist schoolroom on Wednesday afternoon to welcome home Miss Mabel Brown, who has recently returned on furlough from Trichinopoly, India, where she is doing evangelistic work.

Miss Brown is the daughter of the late Mr. F. H. Brown of Devonshire Road, Morecambe and Heysham, who died recently. Her brother is a Methodist minister.

Among the ladies present on Monday afternoon was Mrs. Brown, her mother. In a welcome on behalf of the ladies of West End Methodist Church, the Rev. D.W. Lewis, D.D., said that although there was a decrease in the income of the Mission funds, the missionary work was surely as important today as ever it was. The only way to save the world to-day was by teaching the Gospel and setting a good example.

1939 register

Elizabeth A Brown	10 Jan 1858	Female Housekeeper	Widowed
Mary B Nettleton	20 Jan 1869	Female Retired Draper	Single

Address 75 Devonshire Road, Morecambe, Morecambe and Heysham M.B., Lancashire, England

1939 register

Thomas C Brown	19 Apr 1895	Male	Methodist Minister	Married
Crissie Brown	28 Oct 1887	Female	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married

Address Wesley Manse Clifford Street, Appleby-In-Westmorland, Appleby M.B., Westmorland, England

Halifax Evening Courier 05 May 1941

“In Town To-night.”

Miss Mabel BROWN, a native of Hipperholme, who is now on furlough from India, figured in the “In Town To-night” broadcast on Saturday evening, when she described some aspects of her missionary work in an interview with Mr. Roy Rich, who also has associations with the Halifax district.

Miss Brown is the daughter of the late Mr. F.H. Brown, who had a confectioner’s shop opposite Lightcliffe Station up to some sixteen years ago. Her parents retired to Morecambe, where Mr. Brown died, Mrs. Brown still resides there.

While residing in this district Miss Brown was associated with Hipperholme Methodist Church. She took a great interest in foreign missions, being secretary of the junior missionary auxiliary. She also had charge of the junior department in the Sunday school. It was from this church that she decided to enter missionary work. About the same time, Miss Agnes Ferguson, from the same Sunday school, also joined, and she is now in India, having been home two years ago. Miss Brown will visit Hipperholme early this summer as missionary deputation. Her brother, by the way, is the Rev. Clifford Brown, a Methodist minister in the Settle district.

Halifax Evening Courier 06 March 1944

MISSIONARY WORKER'S DEATH

The death has been reported on March 2 at Grange-over-Sands of Miss Mabel Brown, a native of Hipperholme and a former worker on the foreign mission field. Miss Brown is the daughter of Mrs. E.A. Brown now of 75, Devonshire-road, Morecambe, and the late Mr. F.H. Brown who at one time had a confectioner's shop opposite Lightcliffe station.

When living in this district Miss Brown was connected with Hipperholme Methodist

Church and was in charge of junior department of the Sunday School. She became interested in foreign missionary work early in life, and it was from this church that she decided to become a missionary worker. After training at Kingsmead College, Birmingham, she sailed for India in 1924. She served ten years in Trichinopoly and then undertook a trek in the West of India. She returned home in 1941, and in May of that year broadcast in the "In Town To-night" series.

Mabel Brown died at the home of her older sister Martha Louise Rideal.

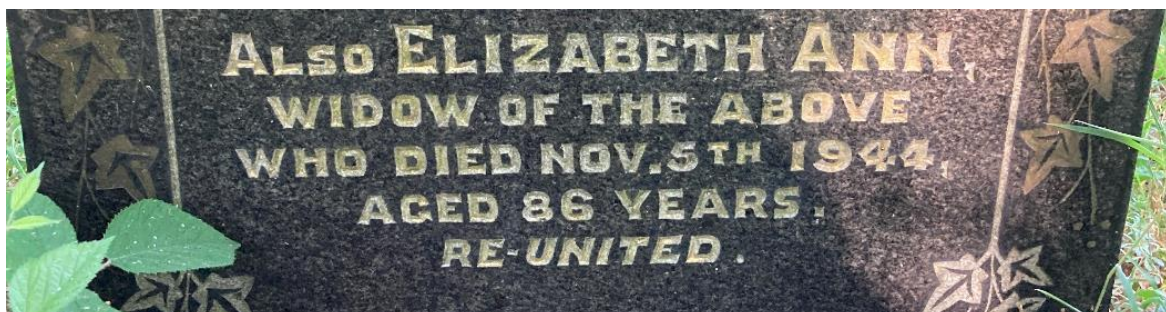
BROWN Mabel of 75 Devonshire-road Morecambe Lancashire spinster died 2 March 194 at Dir Lea Kents Bank-road Grange-over-Sands Lancashire Probate Llandudno 25 April to Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company Limited. Effects £1039 6s 2d

Mother Elizabeth Ann Brown née Nettleton died on the 5th November 1944, aged 86, in Lancashire and was again brought back to St Matthew's Churchyard, Lightcliffe for burial on 8th November 1944 filling the family grave, plot L17.

Halifax Evening Courier 07 November 1944

DEATHS

BROWN --- November 5, at 75 Devonshire-road, Morecambe, Elizabeth Ann Brown, widow of Francis Henry Brown (formerly of Lightcliffe) in her 87th year. Interment at Lightcliffe Old Church, November 8, at 3 p.m.



BROWN Elizabeth Ann of Christabel 75 Devonshire-road Morecambe-and-Heysham Lancashire widow died 5 November 1944 Probate Lancaster 9 January [1945] to Thomas Clifford Brown Methodist minister and Arthur Rideal company director. Effects £1740 10s 10d.

Ernest Casburn Brown died on 13th April 1948 as announced in the Halifax newspaper.

Halifax Evening Courier 15 April 1948

DEATHS

BROWN --- On April 13, at Bradford, Ernest Casburn Brown, aged 69 years, eldest son of the late Francis H. Brown, formerly of Lightcliffe, interred at Belle Vue Cemetery, Wakefield.

He was buried back in Wakefield where he was born, perhaps with his mother Ellen Elizabeth Ann Brown née Casburn

Two sisters of Elizabeth Ann Brown née Nettleton were also buried in St. Matthee's churchyard. Sarah Ellen Sucksmith née Nettleton died on 28th January 1948 and was buried in plot F37 on 1st February 1948. Mary Bertha Nettleton died on 16th January 1958. She was buried with her sister in Lightcliffe plot F37 on 20th January 1958.

Read more about these sisters in

Three Nettleton sisters



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF SARAH ELLEN
WIFE OF THE LATE JOHN SUCKSMITH
DIED JAN 28TH 1948 AGED 84 YEARS
DEARLY LOVED**

**ALSO OF MARY BERTHA NETTLETON
DEARLY LOVED SISTER OF THE ABOVE
DIED JAN 16TH 1958 AGED 88 YEARS**

**ALSO OF EDWARD SUCKSMITH
DEARLY BELOVED SON OF THE ABOVE
JOHN & SARAH ELLEN SUCKSMITH
DIED OCT 19TH 1966
CREMATED AT PARK WOOD**

Her probate reads:-

NETTLETON Mary Bertha of Farfield Huddersfield Road Halifax spinster died 16 January 1958 at St Johns Hospital Halifax Probate Wakefield 10 March to Arthur Wood retired bank manager. Effects £873 13s 3d.

Crissie Brown nee Nowell the wife of Thomas Clifford Brown died on 21 October 1966. Her probate reads:-

BROWN Crissie of 2 Rydal Mount Burneside Road Kendal Westmorland died 21 October 1966 at Kendal Green Hospital Kendal Probate Carlisle 9 December to Thomas Clifford Brown retired Methodist minister and Charles Hulme Nowell Methodist minister, £5441

Rev. Thomas Clifford Brown then married Gertrude Parrington in 1967. She died in Morecambe, Lancashire.

BROWN Gertrude of 12 St Christophers Wy Morecambe & Heysham Lancs died 3 July 1981 Probate Liverpool 2 September £15 265.

And then :-

BROWN, the reverend Thomas Clifford of 181 Heysham Rd Morecambe Lancs died 6 January 1985 Probate Newcastle-upon-Tyne 11 February £45 832

And finally, here are the probate and other records for the family of George Percy Stephenson Brown's sister Martha Louise. Arthur Rideal and Martha Louise Rideal (née Brown) had two sons John Yates Brown born in 1919 and Philip Gordon Brown born in 1923. The Rideal probates:-

RIDEAL Martha Louisa of Dir-Lea Kents Bank-road Grange-over-Sands Lancashire (wife of Arthur Rideal) died 7 April 1956 at Victoria Hospital Morecambe and Heysham Lancashire Probate London 14 June to the said Arthur Rideal company director and Philip Gordon Rideal dental surgeon. Effects £9764 13s 10d.

RIDEAL Arthur of Dir-Lea Kents Bank Road Grange-over-Sands Lancashire died 10 October 1965 at Residenza Calandra Mare 12A Via Aurelia 22 Ventimiglia Italy Probate Lancaster 2 February [1966] to Martins Bank Limited and Philip Gordon Rideal dentist. £85 970

From the *London Gazette* 1st April 1976

John Yates Rideal
Address, Description and Date of Death of Deceased Dirlea,
Chapel Lane, Kinsham, near Tewkesbury, Glos, Motor
Mechanic. Died 15th March 1976.

But then his probate

RIDEAL John Yates of 1 Wolverhampton Av Blackpool died 15 March 1976 Probate Oxford 15 June £ 9153

The dentist Philip Gordon Rideal was probably this gentleman.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE 1675

TEMPORARY SURGEON LIEUTENANTS (D)– contd. 1945 – contd.

Philip Gordon Rideal L.D.S.

(proby) ...

RIDEAL, Philip Gordon of 6 The Pines Yarm Stockton on Tees died 9 August
1989 Probate Newcastle-upon-Tyne 17 November £97 921

This then concludes the story of the Brown family, Hipperholme Wesleyans.



D.M.Barker

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