

A DRIVER and WEATHERHEAD family history

Silsden, West Yorkshire, England

Tracing the story of two Silsden families, through six generations of change

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Appendix 15

1868 Subscription book for the new Primitive Methodist Chapel.

Date	Name	Amount	Total
12-17-92	Wm Driver	1 0 0	1 0 0
10	John Wright	5 0 0	5 0 0
	Mr. [illegible]	0 5 0	0 5 0
	Miss [illegible]	2 10 0	2 10 0
	Mr. [illegible]	0 7 6	0 7 6
30	George Jackson	1 0 0	1 0 0
36	A Friend	0 10 0	0 10 0
	A Friend	0 10 0	0 10 0
	James Wilson	0 5 0	0 5 0
April 10	James Wilson	1 0 0	1 0 0
April 20	Miss [illegible]	5 0 0	5 0 0
Aug 10	George Jackson	30 0 0	30 0 0
25	Thos Wilson	1 1 0	1 1 0
28	George Jackson	10 0 0	10 0 0
	George Barrow	10 0 0	10 0 0
Dec 4	John [illegible]	5 0 0	5 0 0
Aug 28	John [illegible]	10 0 0	10 0 0
June 28	James [illegible]	3 0 0	3 0 0
July 3	Thos [illegible]	1 10 0	1 10 0
	Thos [illegible]	5 0 0	5 0 0
	Thos [illegible]	5 0 0	5 0 0
			97 18 6

On page number one of this subscription book the first subscriber is shown as being William Driver.

There are two Williams that might have made this contribution, **either** William, P1+, stone mason age 20 and as yet unmarried, perhaps still an apprentice and if so still on a low income, the son of Samuel Driver and Mary Gill, **or**, William, P1, nail maker, age 49, husband of Sarah Morris, running his own business.

Below, at pages 4 and 5, it shows contributions by Charles Weatherhead and his brother Thomas. Charles' name is to be found on several pages of this subscription book.

There were a number of events held to raise money and perhaps the largest was the Bazaar. The next photograph, of pages 8 and 9, show the results from this event. The largest contribution was achieved by a stall run by Mrs Smith and Mrs Blakey amounting to £105.

It is most likely that these were the married sisters Grace and Margaret Weatherhead, P3 and P2, both in their late 40s and most likely aided by some of their children.

Immediately above that entry are two entitled Proceeds of Ladies Refreshment Room and Proceeds of Young Men's Refreshment Room. While I can recall seeing railway carriages that are for Ladies Only, I was surprised that at a bazaar in a village separation of the sexes was apparently the norm.

Next, another sample from this book is of pages 86 and 87. This is entitled Money borrowed without interest, where, amongst others, is the record of Charles Weatherhead lending £10.

On six pages 32 to 37, there are the diary notes about agriculture, work and the weather, one sample closes this appendix.

(A) Money recd.			L	s	d
Brought forward			246	10	10 ¹ / ₂
Sept 24 th	{ Frank Beny Bradford 				

8) Receipts in connection with
the Bazaar:

	£	s	d
June 11 th Admission at door	10	10	1 1/2
" " Subscriptions at the opening - - - - }	28	18	6
" 6 th Admission at door	7	2	6
" 7 th Admission at door	2	11	9
" " Rec ^d of Th ^r Bradley for Ticket Money }	21	10	6
8 th Proceeds of Ladies Refreshment Room }	7	2	10 1/2
" Proceeds of Young Men's Refreshment Room }	10	10	11 1/2
11 th Mrs. Smith & Blakely Skill - - - }	105	0	0
" Miss John Bacon & Co. do	80	1	0
17 th Miss Mary Clarkson's Goods for goods sold }	21	10	8
29 th A Lady friend for J. Green Branthwaite }	5	0	0
July 1 st Mr. F. Richmond Colne	5	0	0
	295	8	10 1/2

Opening Subscriptions in
aid of the Bazaar for J.M.
New Chapel School June 4th

	£	s	d
✓ Jas. Briggs Esqr.	10	0	0
✓ J. Sykes	2	0	0
✓ J. Fletcher	4	0	0
✓ W. Fletcher	5	0	0
✓ C. Weatherhead	2	0	0
✓ Geo. Baron	1	0	0
✓ Geo. Clarkson Senr.	1	0	0
✓ Geo. Clarkson Jr.	1	1	0
✓ Jas. Green	1	0	0
✓ John Shuttleworth	1	0	0
✓ J. Vodd (Bingley)	10	6	0
✓ A Member of Choir	5	0	0
✓ A friend	2	0	0
	28	18	6

86) Money Borrowed without interest				87			
1870				Prof. forward			
June 21 st	From the P.M. Sunday	£	3 d	Sum. Art. forward	360	0 0	
1841	School Silsden (G. H.)	50	0 0	June 19 th John Atkinson	10	0 0	
Feb. 4 th	From Miss St. W.				340	0 0	
	Hetcher Silsden	100	0 0	Aug 28 Sumnerscales Hill	10	0 0	
" 18 th	From Cornelious Hilling			Sept 19 th James Green	10	0 0	
	Silsden	10	0 0				
" 23 rd	Gco. Jackson Junior	50	0 0				
March 10 th	John Brantley	10	0 0				
" "	Chas. Weatherhead	10	0 0				
" 25 th	John Jewett	10	0 0				
" 28 th	Tobias Lambert	5	0 0				
" 31 st	Tobias Lambert	5	0 0				
" 31 st	Thos. Mitchell	10	0 0				
Apr. 3 rd	Rich ^d Sumnerscales	10	0 0				
" 15 th	John Hyatt Cowling	50	0 0				
" 18 th	Chas. Tillotson	10	0 0				
May 3 rd	John Mitchell	10	0 0				
" 9 th	North Sumnerscales	10	0 0				
" 1 st	James Sugden	10	0 0				
	Carried forward	360	0 0				

1888

Commenced Mowing in
Hill pots Monday 25th June

Monday very fine day & Hot
grass was all cut & Strewn by
Machine

Tom Smith only picking to

Tuesday very fine day &
very Hot 3 Loads Hay got in

Tom Smith
Ned Fortnum
Tom Nixon } full day

Wednesday very dull day

2 Loads Hay got in

Tom Smith
Ned Fortnum
Tom Nixon } full day

Rain at night

The grass cut on Tuesday was
churned today with Machine by Mr. Lillatani's Son

The grass cut on Tuesday was
churned today with Machine by Mr. Lillatani's Son

Thursday wet day
no work done

Friday ditto

Saturday dull forenoon
fine afternoon

Tom Smith } 1/2 day ea. turning
Ned Fortnum } in new classes & all
Tom Nixon } get very wet on their legs

Sunday very fine day

Monday & Tuesday both wet days
no work done

Wednesday dull day moderate fine
in the afternoon

Tom Smith
Ned Fortnum } 1/2 day ea.

Thursday dull all day
no work done

Appendix 16

Schools and Education

The early history of schooling in Silsden was not easy to find, but Silsden was in the parish of Kildwick and some early indications are available from records of the visitation by the archbishop, to the parish of Kildwick, which typically were every third year. In the visitation of 1575, the churchwardens 'presented' Martin Heardman for teaching without licence at Silsden, but when he appeared it transpired that he did have a licence.

It is interesting that there was a school in Silsden as early as 1575. No indication has been found of how many students were attending, but it would not have been many, primarily on account of cost. This school was perhaps set up in Silsden by the church of St Andrews of Kildwick, but if so, it seems strange that they would have made a mistake about the licence to teach. Perhaps his licence was gained in a different parish.

In 1612, during the reign of King James I, William Laycock, a local man, set up a charitable trust which provided a sum of money to be paid annually, to provide free education, in reading and writing, for five poor children; three from Silsden and two from Steeton.

Then some 152 years later in 1764, questions put to the Vicar of Kildwick, Rev. John Dehane, and his answers prior to the visitation of Archbishop Drummond are revealing and these are featured in the Farnhill and Kildwick History Group's website. Question 3 is directly relevant.

'Question 3 Is there any publick or charity-school, endowed or otherwise maintained in your parish ? When and by whom was the school founded ? Who is the master or mistress ? What number of children, boys or girls, are taught in it ? In what language ? Are they cloathed maintained or lodged ? What ar they taught ? Are they employed in working, and afterwards put out to husbandary, trades or services ? More particularly, is there care taken to instruct the children in the principles of the Christian

religion, according to the Church of England, and to bring them duly to Church as the Canon requires ?

Answer There are 2 charity schools (to wit) one in Silsden, to which 2 marks (*One mark was 2/3 of a £1*) are paid yearly out of certain lands lying in Steeton belonging to Mr. Hudson by the report of credible persons. John Blakey the master is obliged to teach 3 poor children of Silsden and 2 of Steeton gratis, the founder thereof unknown. The other in Cowling, endowed with certain lands lying at Bawsedge in the said township of Cowling now let at the yearly rent of £5. Robert Smith the master thereof is obliged to teach 4 boys gratis. In both the said schools children are taught English only.

And another school at Kildwick without any endowment save only the school house, the master whereof is appointed by the vicar. Thomas Johnson, the present master, teacheth to read English and likewise writing and accompts.'

The question itself is interesting. It shows the Church at the centre and controlling, or attempting to control, education. It allows that girls as well as boys may be educated and it implies that the school should take some responsibility for getting pupils into appropriate jobs afterwards. Dehane's response shows that there must have been a school at Kildwick, associated with the Church, and that it taught the three Rs. Archbishop Drummond was Archbishop of York from 1861 until his death in 1876, having been educated at Westminster School and at Oxford and favoured by Royal patronage.

John Blakey, the man named as the schoolmaster in Silsden, was scarcely the person to give pupils any religious education. He was only baptised in 1760, at the age of 'about 30'.

It was also at this visitation that a group of parishioners were presented for failing to receive communion that Easter. Another matter that the church looked seriously upon was pre-nuptial pregnancies.

Another revealing item is to read that in 1801, when relatively few people could read, the Leeds Mercury, the first national newspaper to be sold in Silsden, was bought weekly by a cooperative consisting of six local wool combers who each contributed a penny. They had to include a seventh 'honorary member' as he was the only one who could read.

In 1811 the National Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor was established and schools funded by the National Society were called National Schools and government financial support was provided from 1835. Silsden's National School was opened in 1820. It was next to the parish church, with head teacher John Wade. John, born in 1795 and the son of a writing master, was also a farmer of 62 acres at Fowler Hill. This school was a popular school which charged 10d per week, but many of Silsden's poorer residents could not afford this facility. In 1835 this school, hitherto a school for boys, was extended to provide schooling for girls. There were a few local Dame schools, one of which was run by two sisters, Grace and Jane Berry, in about 1880, for which the charge was 2d per week. This is believed to have been located in Skipton Road. These sisters are mentioned in the narrative of John Driver, P4+.

It was also about this time that John Flesher, born 1801 in Otley, was living in Silsden at the house of his father, the village schoolmaster. Not only was his father a schoolmaster but John started a day school on his father's premises, probably about 1820.

In 1821 the Primitive Methodists also started a Sabbath School and it was a surprise to read that it had 63 teachers and officers and, even more so, that by 1854 the number of teachers had increased to 110. The photograph shown on this page was taken in 1910.

In 1858 the Bolton Road Day School was opened by the Wesleyans. This was at the town end of Bolton Road occupying premises that were later to be numbered 8, 10 and 12, on the eastern side of the road. In 1884 it had about 200 children on its books. The headmaster for many years, David

Longbottom, lived at the School Master's house, which was later to become number 6.



About 1874, when a School Board was established and was chaired by Charles Weatherhead, Elliott Street School, which was renamed Aire View School in 1877, was opened and in 1884 is recorded as having 400 children on its books. However, we also read that attendance was a problem for a variety of reasons. There is a transcription of the first sixteen or so years of an extract from the school's log book which is in Appendix 17. This illustrates a number of the facets of late 19th century life. In 1880 schooling had become compulsory for children between the ages of 5 and 10 and there was a shortage of places at schools. The Silsden School Board took over the National School and Bolton Road School and decided to build a new school in Elliott Street. In about 1864 The National School was closed with children below the age of 7 attending the new Elliott Street School and more senior children all at Bolton Road School. Minutes of the first few years of the School Board are transcribed in Appendix 18. Then in 1914 the

Bolton Road School was closed with children being transferred to the new Hothfield Street School.

Keighley library recently scanned and made available several years of the Primitive Methodist Sabbath School Teacher Plans. The layout was similar to that of their Preacher Plans. Above we mentioned the 1821 and 1854 plan, now we have the 1878, 81, 82, and 1883 plans. The 1878 plan had 64 male and 48 female teachers and in addition to the bible classes there were

reading and spelling classes. In the 1882 and subsequent plans, reading was not included. Attendance at the weekday schools was compulsory and the need for Sunday Schools to provide help was no longer needed. The teacher numbers had decreased to about 75. Looking at the plans, the male teachers and female teachers have the same spread of class names and this seems to confirm the idea that boys and girls were taught separately. This is perhaps further supported by a change in the listing starting in 1882.

PLAN OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS, TEACHERS, &c., FOR THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST SABBATH SCHOOL, SILSDEN, FOR 1882.						
It is affectionately requested that the Superintendents, Teachers, &c., will attend to their Appointments, or get them supplied; also to be very particular in attending the Bible Lessons.						
LIST OF SUPERINTENDENTS, TEACHERS, VISITORS, &c.						
MALE TEACHERS— Superintendents. 1. Thomas Bradley (clerk) 2. William Fletcher 3. James Norton 4. Charles Tildesley Visitors. 1. Leonard Green 2. John Gearing 3. Thomas Lewis 4. William Dodson 5. Thomas Bradley (clerk) 6. William Dorrifield 7. Joseph Clark Bible Class. 1. George Clarkson	8. Henry Dorrifield 9. Francis B. Green 10. Joshua B. Fletcher 11. Robert M.D. 12. Charles Bradley Literature. 1. Rev. H. H. H. H. 2. James Clarkson 3. John Lewis 4. John W. Norton 5. Richard H. H. 6. James H. H. Improvement Class— No. 12 room. 1. John Fletcher 2. Richard H. H. 3. John Driver 1st Bible Class—No. 11 room. 1. Thomas H. H. 2. Charles H. H. 3. William H. H. 2nd Bible Class—No. 11 room. 1. William H. H.	3. William H. H. 4. Thomas H. H. 3rd Bible Class—No. 14 room. 1. John Tildesley 2. William H. H. 3. James H. H. 4. James H. H. 5. James H. H. 6. James H. H. 7. James H. H. 8. James H. H. 9. James H. H. 10. James H. H. 11. James H. H. 12. James H. H. 13. James H. H. 14. James H. H. 15. James H. H. 16. James H. H. 17. James H. H. 18. James H. H. 19. James H. H. 20. James H. H. 21. James H. H. 22. James H. H. 23. James H. H. 24. James H. H. 25. James H. H. 26. James H. H. 27. James H. H. 28. James H. H. 29. James H. H. 30. James H. H. 31. James H. H. 32. James H. H. 33. James H. H. 34. James H. H. 35. James H. H. 36. James H. H. 37. James H. H. 38. James H. H. 39. James H. H. 40. James H. H. 41. James H. H. 42. James H. H. 43. James H. H. 44. James H. H. 45. James H. H. 46. James H. H. 47. James H. H. 48. James H. H. 49. James H. H. 50. James H. H. 51. James H. H. 52. James H. H. 53. James H. H. 54. James H. H. 55. James H. H. 56. James H. H. 57. James H. H. 58. James H. H. 59. James H. H. 60. James H. H. 61. James H. H. 62. James H. H. 63. James H. H. 64. James H. H.	7. Wm. Henry Lambert 8. Peter Lupton Spelling Book Class—No. 10 room. 1. John H. H. 2. James H. H. 3. George H. H. 4. Thomas H. H. 5. John H. H. 6. Charles H. H.	1st Bible Class—No. 8 room. 1. Martha Mitchell 2. Maria Wignall 3. Mary G.H. 2nd Bible Class—No. 8 room. 1. Martha H. H. 2. Mary Ann H. H. 3. Elizabeth Weatherhead 3rd Bible Class—No. 8 room. 1. Ann Bradley 2. Ann G.H. 3. Cherry Roberts 4th Bible Class—No. 4 room. 1. Phoebe Tildesley 2. Ann H. H. 3. Mary Cryer	5th Bible Class—No. 3 room. 1. Mary Port 2. Agnes Dorrifield 3. Hannah Mitchell 6th Bible Class—No. 4 room. 1. Mary Lamb 2. Sarah Mitchell 3. Hannah H. H. 4. Emily H. H. 5. Emma Driver 6. Mary Dorrifield Spelling Book Class—No. 7 room. 1. Jane Lamb 2. Isabella H. H. 3. Mary Ann Lee 4. Oliver Green	5. Sally H. H. 6. Emily H. H. 7. Elizabeth Norton 8. Frances Tildesley 9. Elizabeth H. H. Infants' Class Room. 1. Florence Weatherhead 2. Mary Green 3. Emily Weatherhead Housewives. 1. Ann Weatherhead 2. Ann H. H. 3. Emily Weatherhead
The Bible Class for Sunday preparation meets every Friday night in No. 12 class room, at eight o'clock. All Teachers are urgently requested to attend. "But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing." "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion."						

In 1881 the teachers were listed separately under Male Teachers and Female Teachers. In 1882 the heading Female Teachers was changed to Female Classes. The class names were 1st, 2nd, 3rd and sometimes 4th and 5th Bible Classes. In addition to these class names there were the Select, Reading Easy and Testament classes and the teachers had turns in more than one discipline over the years.

The teachers' names were given in each plan and all teachers were expected to attend the class preparation meeting held each Friday evening. The name of this meeting became the Mutual Improvement Class.

Available to examine are the plans of 1878, 1881, 1882 and 1883. Looking at the 1882 plan we can see that family members, especially the women, were active within the school. Women were seldom mentioned in other publications. Here the Weatherhead sisters Ann, Fanny, Elizabeth and Florence (generation Q) were teachers for the Improvement, Bible, Harmoniumists and Infant classes. No doubt Margaret, their younger sister, aged 12, would have taken part in some of these classes. Also, from the Weatherhead family we find that Thomas Blakey jnr and his brother-in-law Richard Fletcher, both P2+, are mentioned. William Fletcher, the father of Richard and a friend of Charles Weatherhead is one of the superintendents. Margaret Weatherhead will later marry Richard's son, Charles H Fletcher.

Looking for the Drivers in the wider range of plans brings in Grace Driver, who evidently retired from this work after the 1881 session. She would have been 37 and the eldest of the Driver and Weatherhead participants. It also brings in Denby Driver in 1883, but his name was subsequently crossed out. The full list of Drivers includes Grace, William and Sam, most likely all P1+, also John, Denby and Hannah, (here named as Ann, a common alternative to Hannah) all P4+, the children of postmaster Thomas. These Drivers are all cousins of Charles Driver, the grandfather of the generation S who inspired the writing of this family history.

We also find that some schools, for example Aire View School, provided baby care to allow both parents to go out to earn a wage. This was usually arranged where an older daughter was a scholar at the school. It was while he was at baby school that Charles William Driver, R5, died in 1899 at the age of 3.

Beyond Silsden we should mention Ermysted School in Skipton, a Free Grammar School founded in 1492. In 1719 one of its pupils, Sylvester Petyt, died leaving £30,000 to the school forming the Petyt Trust. Much of the capital of the Trust was used to create Skipton High School for Girls which was founded in 1828. Several of the family attended this school, including Cis Pilling, see Appendix 10, in what was probably her last year of schooling.

Another early school was Keighley Trade and Grammar School, which had its origins in Drake and Tonson School founded 1715-16. It changed its name in 1871 to Keighley Trade and Grammar School and then divided, in about 1900, to separate the practical trade training from the grammar school. It is interesting to find that Frank L Driver was awarded a book prize in the 1911-12 year. The book, Hereward, has the school emblem Keighley Trade and Grammar School on the back but the label in the front is Keighley Technical School.

Elsewhere in this history there are more references to schooling. Elizabeth Pilling's, Q3, memoirs cover her life, in Colne Lancashire, from childhood to adulthood and bring light on the amount of schooling she was missing, but it also includes her periods at school. Her father was a successful businessman and there is every reason to believe that all his seven children had a good education. This was over a period from about the mid 1860s through to the 1890s.

We also discovered that Charles Driver had done well at the school in Keighley and then went to a private boarding school at Baildon, the Airedale Academy. Baildon is approximately 9 miles south east of Silsden.

Having focussed on the availability of schools in Silsden and the log book of the early days of Aire View School and minutes of the School Board, we

find a repeated comment about those children who came to school knowing 'nothing'. To the headmistress this was clearly annoying and perhaps unexpected.

To find who was able to write in the 1600s onwards is difficult because of the paucity of documentation. However, we find that in 1725 Sarah Driver, Generation K, was not able to sign her will, she left her mark, but the inventory of her estate was signed by James Gill, Thomas Phillip, John Booth and James Gills. In 1756 William Weatherhead, Generation M, and his wife Grace made a declaration of their marriage. William signed his name but his wife, maiden name Grace Fortune, had to make her mark, while Thomas Fortune, probably Grace's older brother, signed as a witness. In 1783 the performance bond imposed on the executors of John Glover's will shows that his daughter Sarah Driver, M3, and his grandson Henry Driver, N2, then 25 years old, probably signed their own names but also made a mark. The document was signed by Samuel Crowther who was probably a lawyer and perhaps the Agent for the Earl of Thanet. It seems that the body of the document was drawn up by one person and that the signatures are of other people. Yet in the earlier document of 1775 it seems as if Sarah did sign her own name. See Appendix 5.

When we come to the first detailed census in 1841, we are not looking at the original documents but at a transcription, so no direct help there. The occupations quoted provide some suggestions. Labourers, farm servants and domestic servants, wool combers, weavers, nail makers, are likely to have the highest proportion of illiterate men and women. Professionals such as clergy, lawyers, teachers, doctors but also clerks, masters of a trade, shop and business owners, farmers of medium and large farms, publicans, canal and sea port officials, house owners, preachers and, of course, census enumerators make up a good proportion of the population who would have these skills, and sometimes were quite scholarly.

Education then became of interest to many adults in Silsden. They were becoming much more aware of life beyond Silsden and beyond Yorkshire and travel had become available to many. The Crimean War had taken a

few inhabitants to far-off lands and returned them to Silsden. The Mechanics' Institute was funded by the village and served them with new and exciting knowledge. Life was changing fast.

This appendix has followed the schooling from the period when the established church began to take responsibility for teaching with the vicars of parishes being the head teacher and the vestry playing its part. It continues through the time when nonconformist churches followed with their own schools, and when central government realised that the national need was lagging behind what was happening in other European countries. They provided financial support, but finally realised a significant change was needed. This led to the setting up of school boards which after a short period gave way to elected local councils. Schools were organised on a national framework and managed by county councils. In addition, there were schools who did not accept government financing, many where students were boarding, and these were to continue to be independent.

No attempt has been made to follow the path of development of Silsden's schools and higher education through and after WW1. Some indications are provided in individual narratives with schools and universities outside Yorkshire providing their services to Silsden's youngsters.

Appendix 17

Extracts from Elliott Street School Log Book.

Introduction

In 1862 the government introduced the requirement for state aided schools to keep Log Books. The early log book of Elliott Street School, which became known as Aire View School, has not been found, but two different extracts have been found. This appendix takes items from both extracts over the first six years of records and a few later items have been included.

After much debate in Silsden, Elliott Street School was commissioned and placed under the management of a new Silsden School Board. The first part of the school was opened in 1875 by rear Admiral Elliott. The second part of the school bearing the inscription Silsden Board School was opened the following year. The school entrance is, and reportedly has always been, on Elliott Street but for some unknown reason the school promptly became known as Aire View School, Aire View being the name of the road immediately behind the school.

Elliott Street School was the first of two schools to come under the control of the Silsden School Board. Silsden's National School, which is believed to have been opened in 1920 by the Anglican based National Society, was over-crowded and was to be replaced by Elliott Street School (Aire View) for infants and by the existing Wesleyan Bolton Road School for children over the age of seven.

ELLIOTT STREET BOARD SCHOOL

(1st Entry)

4th June 1875 Usual work in school. The order in class 3 is considerably improved Class 2 show great improvement in reading due to the use of reading books. Class 1 show an ability in multiplication and addition but



subtraction is the great stumbling block. Examined Class 1 in Dictation. Margaret Berry the best.

July 30th. 1875 Gave up school for two weeks holiday.

30th Sept 1875 Commenced school with infants only. All children above 7 years of age withdrawn,

8th Nov 1875 Examined Class 1 in Arithmetic. Thomas Lund, Mary Tillotson & Lena Smith in advance of the others. Thomas Longthorne has improved since last examined. The order in school this week is considerably improved.

29th Nov 1875 The order in school this week has been good. Sam Atkinson withdrawn, aged 7. *(Several such references throughout the Log Book.)*

Dec. 3rd. 1875 Usual lessons in school, writing has been good, reading not so good owing to the use of new reading books.

14th Jan 1876 Took particular pains with Class 2 in reading and making letters & figures.

17th March 1876 Examined Class 1 in reading and writing. J.G Lambert, Joe Roberts & Wm Clarkson are backwards in reading. All have done well in writing.

31st March 1876 Thursday – holiday; school room used for the purpose of a local Enquiry meeting relating to the local “Gas & Waterworks Act.”

4th Aug 1876 A marked improvement in the order of the school, particularly in obedience.

24th Nov 1876 took pains with the Alphabet Class, some of them dull & careless. Charles Clarkson & George Cockshott have improved in reading & writing.

Nb Most entries read ‘Usual lessons in school, the order in school good’.

5th Jan 1877 commenced school after one week holiday. The order in school not quite so good

March. 2nd 1877 Gave each boy and girl a separate reading lesson.

March 30th. 1877 Tuesday morning knitting and sewing from half past ten to twelve o’clock. Tuesday afternoon writing from 1 to half past two.

Sept 1st 1877 Mrs Green the infant mistress died this week after a long illness during which the infants were taught by Miss Gawthorpe.

Sept.10th. 1877 Miss Page took charge of the school

Nov 2nd 1877 Only a thin attendance this week, so many children ill with colds.

Dec 31st 1877 Re-opened school this morning. 54 present. M.A.Sugden Mistress, E Gawthorpe, Assistant. Mr Weatherhead & Mr Bradley visited school (*Nb members of Local School Board*) Reported stock, – no slates , only a few old broken ones, no complete reading books. Told to send in a requisition for all necessary apparatus).

Nb There are many references to visits by members of school board after this date.

Jan 4th 1878 Found the infants evidently not used to infants school work and discipline. Rather wild and disorderly but obedient. Can’t add or subtract only by making marks on their slates, with the exception of a few.

Jan 11th 1878 Arranged the infants into three classes on Monday morning. Miss E. Gawthorpe took the youngest in the class room, the others taken by the Mistress in the school-room. Can’t give the needful attention to writing having to attend the two classes.

Jan 18th 1878 Taught a new song.

Feb 11th 1878 Miss Mercy Green came to teach this morning from Bolton Rd School.

Feb 12th 1878 Miss Green, by order of the Board, went to fetch the infants from Bolton Rd School. 30 came with her. Found them the same as the others – no idea of adding & subtracting numbers excepting by making marks on their slates. Received slates which had been ordered since 1st week in January.

March 1st.1878 Taught another action song which completes the 4 required by the inspector.

March 5th 1878 Half holiday – Shrove Tuesday.

March 7th.1878 Had census book to fill in to mark off all the children in order that the board can take some action in enforcing attendance.

Nb Many references to members of the board and the clerk visiting the school i.e. Mr Green, Mr Lee , Mr Fletcher and Mr Jaques etc.

April 12th 1878 Rev Gleaves (*Vicar*) visited.

April 30th 1878 Holiday on account of it’s being the Fair (*Sheep Fair*).

May 10th.1878 Sent for two gross of inch cubes for teaching arithmetic.

May 31st 1878 Mr Weatherhead, chairman of the Board, desired a list of all children who had attended school 120 times or 95% from Jan 1 to March 31st 1878 – prizes as to be given. Sent a list of 25 names.

28th June 1878 Children very much overpowered with the heat & very little inclination to work.

Aug 2nd 1878 Closed school this afternoon for a fortnight's holiday.

Sept 13th 1878 many children absent with Whooping Cough, 4 returned last Monday, two had to be sent back not being better.

Oct 11th 1878 M Green gave a lesson on the camel, keeps good order and gave a very fair lesson, but very timid still. Mr Driver, Clerk (*to the Board*), visited. Pence for the future to be collected from Mistress every four weeks by the Clerk who will come to school For that purpose. (*Pence = School Fees?*)

Dec 20th 1878 Closed school today for a week for Xmas holidays. Gave children Xmas cards and nuts and sent them home at 3.30.

Jan 10th 1879 attendance still low owing to severe weather and so many children have colds.

Jan 17th 1879 Mercy Green gave a very fair lesson this week on an Orange.

Nb Many such lessons given i.e. Cat, Sheep, Soap, Coffee, the Lion etc.

March 29th 1879 very severe weather affected the attendance of the school this week.

Apl. 7th. 1879 Songs for 1879

Little snowflakes

Two Robin Redbreasts

Cleanliness

The Little Cock Sparrow.

Recitation for pupil teacher

Negro Slavery (Lord Brougham)

Recitation for 1880

Mary Queen of Scots.

June 13th 1879 Very wet & stormy week affected the attendance. John Thomas Preston died during holidays (*Whitsun Hols*).

June 20th 1879 5 new scholars, one nearly six does not know a letter.

27th June. Better attendance this week but average still low owing to little ones coming only half days.

July 7th 1879 Miss Gawthorpe absent for scholarship examination. James Wade, monitor for the Mixed School, came to assist.

July 8th 1879 Mercy Green absent her father very ill.

July 9th 1879 Mercy Green still absent, her father dead. Monitor from Bilton Rd School John W. Greenwood, assisted.

July 11th.1879 Have had to change routine a little owing to both teachers being absent, Monitor managed very well but being strange could not keep order very well.

Sept 12th 1879 36 cases of measles reported

Sept 19th 1879 More cases of measles about 50 cases.

Sept 26th 1879 Holiday on Tuesday account of the fair (*Sheep Fair*). Sent the teachers home on Friday as there were only 36 children present.

Oct 17th 1879 Two more children over six admitted who know absolutely nothing.

31st Oct.1879 Find it very hard work to teach with present staff

Nov. 7th.1879 Averaged 121.8 children. Made progress with the sewing by setting the bigger ones to teach the younger ones but still it is too much work for one to keep them all going.

Dec. 4th.1879 Clerk visited about the fires. Sent some better coal.

Jan 9th 1880 Found some difficulty in maintaining strict discipline this week, - children restless after holidays.

Jan 16th 1880 Attendance lower this week owing to prevalence of scarletina – some are ill with it, others have to stay at home on account of its being in the house.

Jan 23rd 1880 Great number of children absent with sickness.

April 6th 1880 George Paget died on Sunday of Scarlet Fever (*First reference to a death from Scarlet Fever*).

April 9th 1880 Willie Wade & Fanny Atkinson died of Scarlet Fever – holiday on Wednesday for Election. Not safe for the children to come through the streets.

April 23rd 1880 Very few children came to school – sent them home – absence due To Wild Beast's Menagerie.

May 9th 1880 Have had to depart slightly from the timetable to teach singing & words of songs, also with having no teacher in Miss Gawthorpe's place to arrange the school differently. (*Miss G left 30th April 1880*).

May 13th 1880 Attendance a little improved but still low due to prevalence of S/Fever & Whooping Cough.

June 25th 1880 Tues morning – some mischievous person, a child, circulated the report that there was a holiday & the children consequently went back home.

July 9th 1880 Usual work in classes – find it difficult in getting the school fees from some of the scholars. Have reported the matter to the clerk.

Staff for 1880

M.A.Sugden – Head Mistress

Mercy Green – Pupil Teacher 5th Year,

Clara E Lickley – Candidate

(*Replaced Miss Gawthorpe May 10th*).

July 16th 1880 Very wet weather consequently the children could have no play – got rather restless.

July 30th 1880 A little boy left his knife at school & someone came in and fetched it so it was lost. Mother came to see about it.

Aug 6th 1880 Prizes distributed by Mr Fletcher, – member of the Board. Children sang several pieces. School closed for a fortnight.

Aug 27th 1880 Attendance lower today owing to Skipton Show.

Sept 10th 1880 Clara Lickley absent today with sickness. She is rather overworked with her class at present which is a large one. M. Green took her's, I took the other two.

Sept 17th 1880 A little boy lost his Seal Skin cap. Mother came about it.

Jan 14th 1881 New Ranges put in the fire places during the Christmas Holidays. Make the rooms exceedingly comfortable & warm.

Jan 21st 1881 Very thin attendance this week due to severe weather.

Feb 4th 1881 Salary paid. Board meeting 1st Thursday in the month. Examined classes. Great improvement in Arithmetic. Reading not so much improved but very fair. Writing Fairly good.

March 4th 1881 Very stormy morning with only 5 children here at 9 O' clock, 23 at 9.45. Clerk visited & said school had better close for the day.

March 14th 1881 Closed school till Tuesday morning for Easter. Gave notes to 52 to be transferred to one of the mixed schools. Mercy Green finished her apprenticeship 31st March. Edith Gill came on the 13th as monitor (paid) & candidate for pupil teacher.

March 29th 1881 14 new scholars. One over 6 years knows nothing, several over 5 yrs the same.

May 20th 1881 Find difficulty in teaching sewing as well as the other subjects in the afternoon.

June 3rd 1881 Very hot week, children very restless & tired.

Sept 9th 1881 Very few children here Wednesday morning owing to Edmund's Menagerie being in town.

Set 16th 1881 Have tried to push on the backward ones in the classes by take them separately for extra lessons.

Oct 7th 1881 Rev F. Knowles, member of the Board, visited school this morning to enquire about arrears of fees.

Oct 10th 1881 Board resolved that all children coming without school pence are to be sent home for it every Monday morning., Head Mistress is required to carry it out.

Oct 14th 1881 Sent several back for pence.

Oct 21st 1881 Scarletina prevalent, one little boy, Henry Dawson died on Monday, a very bright little boy.

Oct 27th 1881 A mother complained that Edith Gill (Pupil Teacher) had ill used her little girl. Reprimanded her for it, but she explained that it was accidental.

Oct 28th 1881 Mrs Harger, Nuisance Inspector, & Mr Barry, Medical Officer, visited the school this morning concerning the outbreak of Scarlet Fever in the village. Gave notice that they will fumigate the school tomorrow.

(Several Child Deaths Recorded).

Nov 18th 1881 Average this week only 56 owing to scarlet fever. Another little boy dead.

June 29th 1883 Clara Pickles, a little girl of five years old, fell off the steps and broke her arm – bandaged it up and took her home & fetched the Doctor.

Sept 18th 1885 Admitted several children under 3 this week. Parents wanted them to come with older sisters. This makes the baby class larger still.

May 16th 1889 Sent out several absentee notices this morning & on being returned one had the word "Dead" as excuse referring to Stonewall Jackson, who is quite well & playing about the street.

July 2nd 1889 Afternoon splendid attendance. Number present 190, accounted for, the photography of children. Many present who have not been for weeks.

April 28th 1890 Admitted during the past fortnight 9 children over 6 years of age who have never been to school before, consequently know nothing of the 3 R's. Most of them are from "The Cringles" & "Howden" about 2 miles distant.

Aug 31st 1891 Free education commenced this morning - the attendance better than it has been this year.

Oct 9th 1891 Many new scholars have been admitted since "Free Education" was granted.

Dec 20th 1892 The proceeds of this years Entertainment are to be used for the benefit of Nellie Parrington, a deaf & dumb child, whom I am anxious to have trained at the D&D Institution at Doncaster.

June 20th 1899 Willie Driver a scholar of 3 years of age in the baby class who has not been absent during the current year died suddenly of croup. The Teachers & scholars, as is the custom, are sending a floral offering.

Appendix 18

Extracts of minutes of Silsden School Board

The original document has not been found but extracts from the original were available and some are presented here. The Silsden School Board was created in 1874 and handed its responsibilities to the West Riding County Council in 1904. Charles Weatherhead was on that Board for its entire period and was its chairman for much of that time. Initially it met on alternate Wednesday evenings and in later years once a month.

The following is a transcription of a selection of the minutes: -

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*School Board for
the Township of Silsden*

1874

Wesleyan School Room August 27 1874

At the first Ordinary Meeting of the Silsden School Board

*Present Mr George Lee Mr William Fletcher Mr John J Booth
Mr Charles Weatherhead and Mr J B Green*

*It was on the motion of Mr George Lee seconded by Mr J B
Green ordered that Mr Charles Weatherhead be appointed
Chairman*

*It was moved by Mr J B Green seconded by Mr J J Booth
res That Mr William Fletcher be appointed Vice Chairman*

*It was moved by Mr W Fletcher seconded by Mr J J Booth
res That the ordinary meetings of this Board be held every
alternate Wednesday in the Independent Odd Fellows Hall*

*at half past seven o'clock in the evening and that the next
meeting be on Wednesday the second day of September
next.*

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*It was on the motion of Mr William Fletcher seconded by Mr
J J Booth*

*res That three members form a quorum that Thomas
Bradley be engaged as Clerk and the salary to be
determined afterwards. The engagement to be for 12
months.*

*It was moved by Mr C Weatherhead seconded by J J Booth
res That Mr J B Green be appointed Treasurer without
salary.*

*It was on the motion of Mr W Fletcher seconded by Mr Geo
Lee res That Mr John Driver be requested to visit every house
in the township and make out a list of the children between
the ages of 3 and 13 whether attending school or not. (He
was paid £1-0-0 for this task)*

*It was moved by Mr C Weatherhead seconded by Mr Geo Lee
res That Reporter of Craven Pioneer be allowed to see a copy
of the minutes.....*

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Wesleyan or Bolton Road School October 26th 1876

*At an ordinary meeting of the Silsden School Board held
this day*

*Present Mr C Weatherhead Chairman Messrs Lee Green
Fletcher & Booth that minutes be confirmed as read.*

*It was on the motion of Mr J B Green seconded by Mr Geo Lee
res That Lavatories be supplied with Cast Iron Basins
enamelled if approved by the Architect.*

*It was moved by Mr J B Green seconded by Mr Geo Lee
res That meetings in future be held at the Bolton Rd School*

*It was moved by Mr J B Green seconded by Mr Geo Lee
res That two basins similar to above be put into Bolton Rd
School and metre belonging to school be removed with (?)
Class Room and it was further resolved that Mr W Fletcher
examine different kinds of stoves and he be empowered to
get one.*

(Signed) Charles Weatherhead Chairman

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Bolton Road School Nov 9th 76

At an ordinary meeting of the Silsden School Board

*Present Mr Charles Weatherhead Chairman Messrs Fletcher
Green & Lee. The minutes of the last meeting were read and
approved*

*The Clerk reported the receipt of School fees for the month
£16. 8.11.*

*It was on the motion of Mr J B Green seconded by Mr W
Fletcher*

*res That the Chairman and Geo Lee examine strength of
wall behind the closets in Aireview and see to their being
properly strengthened*

*It was on the motion of Mr W Fletcher seconded by Mr J B
Green*

*res That Miss Gauthorpes application for a situation under
the Board be deferred till next meeting*

It was moved by Mr J B Green seconded by Mr W Fletcher

*res That a precept be issued upon the Overseers for £168 for
the half year ending March 25 1877 and the same be paid
to Mr Geo Robinson on or before 20th Dec Next £150*

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*It was on the motion of Mr Geo Lee seconded by Mr J B Green
res That the Receipt and Order authorising the Public
Works Loan Commissioner to pay to Geo Robinson Esq of
Skipton the second instalment of £1957 being the residue
of £3914 granted for the erection of Schools at Silsden be
sealed with the common seal of the Board*

*Mr Greenwood Mr Humphreys & Miss Page then executed
their agreements for twelve months and the following
pupils then signed their indentures viz Tom Robinson
Henry James Bradley for Kirkgate School and Jonas
Wigglesworth William Townson & Mercy Green for the
Bolton Road Board School*

(Signed) Charles Weatherhead Chairman

Bolton Rd Board School Nov 1876

*At an adjourned meeting of the Silsden School Board held
this day*

*Present Mr C Weatherhead Chairman Messrs Fletcher Green
& Lee It was ordered the following a/cs approved & paid*

Mr Humphreys	6.18. 5
Mr Greenwood	6. 3. 1
Mrs Green	3.16.10
Miss Page	3. 1. 6

(Signed) Charles Weatherhead Chairman

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Aire View School Room July 5th 1882

At the monthly meeting of the Silsden School Board held this day Present Mr Charles Weatherhead Chairman also Messrs Fletcher and Geo Lee

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

The cash book showed the following amounts to have been paid

Aire View School Fee	11. 2. 0
Bolton Road School Fees	9.15. 1
Infant School Fees	4.16.10
Grant on AView School	188. 6. 6
Overseer of Silsden	200. 0. 0

It was proposed by Mr W Fletcher seconded by Mr Geo Lee and resolved That the following accounts be passed and paid

A J Humphreys	6.13. 4
M A Humphreys	16. 8
James W Child	3.15. 0
Chas Bradley	5. 0. 0
Archie Gill	3.15. 6
M A Sugden	5.16. 8

1898 Minute Book

Page unknown, possibly 5.

Aireview Schoolroom July 6th 1898

At the monthly meeting of the Silsden School Board held this day present Messrs Geo Lee in the Chair, C Weatherhead and J Humphreys

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Cash Book showed the following amounts to have been paid into Bank by

Fee Grant Aireview	53. 0. 0
“ “ Bolton Road	22. 7. 6

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Humphreys, seconded by Mr Weatherhead, that the following balance and accounts be passed and paid

Arthur Elder	9. 3. 4
Mary Jackson	6. 5. 0
Mary Wade	3.15. 0
Edith Usher	3.15. 0
Mary Sunderland	3.15. 0

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Aireview Schoolroom Aug 3rd 1898

At the monthly meeting of the Silsden School Board held this day present Messrs Geo Lee in the Chair, C Weatherhead G S Taylor and A J Humphreys

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Weatherhead, seconded by Mr Humphreys, that the following salaries and accounts be passed and paid, viz

(This time a full list of recipients is included, namely)

Arthur Elder, Mary Jackson, Mary Wade, Jane Usher, Mary Sunderland, Jane Holmes, Harriet Coultz, Alice Richards.

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Mrs Princes' application for an increase in salary was again considered. It was resolved on the motion of Mr Humphreys seconded by Mr Weatherhead that an advance of ten shillings per year be given her.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Taylor that four windows be put in the Classroom on the West Elevation.

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A letter was read from the Examination Dept that elevation and section of the proposed alterations to Aire View School be submitted for approval and also complaining that no additional classrooms were provided. It was resolved on the motion of Mr Taylor seconded by Mr Weatherhead that the Clerk prepares the Plans necessary and that a letter be sent along with plans saying that the Board consider there is already sufficient classroom accommodation.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Lee seconded by Mr Weatherhead that Iron Railings be fixed down the side of the Steps into the Girls playground at Bolton Road School.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Lee seconded by Mr Taylor that a letter be sent to Mr Joseph L Throup informing him that unless his son Tom attends

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school regularly a ... will be taken against him and that an application will be made to have his labour certificate cancelled.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Lee seconded by Mr Humphreys that in future no labour certificates will be granted to:.....unless the parents appear before the Board.

A letter was read from Mr.....asking the Board to appoint a member along with the Clerk as a deputation to attend a meeting on Labour Certificate Exams.

The Clerk submitted the prepared reports from the It was resolved on the motion of Mr Taylor seconded by Mr Humphreys that the Chairman and Mr Weatherhead examine the

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It was resolved on the motion of Mr Lee seconded by Mr Taylor that all the loose stones in Aire View School Playground be gathered up.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Lee seconded by Mr Weatherhead that Notice Boards be fixed in Aire View School yard warning trespassers and that the police be instructed to prosecute any persons found doing any damage.

The children of Mr Jonas Gill appeared before the Board and were warned that unless they attended school regularly they would be sent to an Industrial School

(probably in York) and the Clerk was instructed to report their attendances at the next meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to call the first meeting of the New Board on Wednesday the 16th Inst.

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Aireview Schoolroom Aug 16th 1898

The first meeting of the New Board was held this day, present Messrs Tom Fletcher Geo Lee C Weatherhead and A J Humphries.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Weatherhead seconded by Mr Lee that Mr Tom Fletcher be appointed Chairman for the next three years.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Weatherhead seconded by Mr Humphreys that Mr Geo Lee be appointed Vice Chairman during the next three years.

(Signed) Tom Fletcher

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(Evidently written in early 1904)

Thomas Driver	10. 4. 5
J & W C Gill	4. 3. 6
William Smith	3. 8
Briggs Bros	9. 0
J C Street	10. 4
Shackleton & Summerscales	2. 7. 5
Cowling Bros	4. 8. 3
J Waterhouse	4. 6
T Mawson	3.19. 2
E W Wade	2.12. 6.

G U Metcalfe	3. 8
W Pedley	2. 8. 0
Grace Longotom	3. 2. 6
William Basnett	10. 0. 0
Arthur Elder	1.14. 4

The attendance officer reposted that considering the inclement state of the weather the attendance during the past months had been fairly good. Miss Jane Holmes, Assistant Teacher in the Infants' School tendered her resignation to take effect on the 30th April.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Weatherhead, seconded by Mr Clough, that the resignation of Miss Holmes be accepted.

Mrs J Butterfield, Assistant Teacher (Art 50) under the Bingley School Board, whose husband had just been appointed as Manager of the new Gasworks at Silsden, applied for the position about to be vacated by Miss Holmes.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Fletcher, seconded by Mr Clough, that Mrs J Butterfield of Bingley be appointed as Assistant Teacher in the Infants' School, the appointment to date from 1st May 1904, at a salary of £50 per annum.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Weatherhead seconded by Mr Clough that a subscription of one guinea be paid to the Pupil and Teachers' Association.

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Handing over responsibility for schools to West Riding County Council in 1904.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Weatherhead seconded by Mr Clough, that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be

empowered to sign an order on the Board's Treasurer, for the payment of the credit balance of the Board, to the West Riding County Council, or to any person or persons whom the said Council may appoint to receive the same, on their behalf. Also that the Chairman be empowered to sign the Minutes of the present meeting and the Books and Accounts previous to the audit.

The Clerk reported that Miss Grace Longbottom, Assistant in the Infants School, formerly qualified under Art. 68 was now qualified under 50, she having passed 2nd class in the recent King's Scholarship Examination.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Weatherhead, seconded by Mr Clough, that Miss Grace Longbottom's salary be increased to £42.10.0. per annum, the increase to date from 1st January 1904.

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Resolved, on the motion of Mr Fletcher, seconded by Mr Clough, that the sum of ten pounds be paid to the Clerk for special services rendered during the past twelve months, in connection with the transference of the management of the schools to the West Riding County Council.

The balance of petty cash in the hands of the Clerk, amounting to £1.17.3.;, was repaid to the Bank on the 8th April 1904, and the cash balance of £91.18.0, to the Credit of the Board, was paid to Percy Tew Esq, Treasurer to the West Riding County Council, on the 12th April 1904.

(Signed) T Fletcher, Chairman.

Appendix 19 - Ladies in Hats

There are two photos to which we have given this title. The first of five ladies and three boys has caused more discussion than any of the other photos in this family history. We seem to have dated this photo accurately. The Costume Curator at Worthing Museum gave a rough estimate of 1900 -1910, indicated by the shirt, collar and tie being Edwardian costume and the elderly lady wearing dark fashionable colours from an earlier Victorian date. It could also be relevant to recall that Fanny Weatherhead ran a drapery in Silsden and therefore had an interest in cloth and perhaps clothing.

Then a photographer linked to the Rugby Family History Group commented on the large hats needed because of 'large hair'. He also was taking note of the coats and how the sleeves were shaped and sewn into the coat. He said he would date the photo as 1905. To guess the month, we only need to observe that the heather is in flower and one woman has gathered a posy of it, to suggest July or August. They are in smart out-of-doors attire wearing coats in spite of it being full summer time, perhaps up on the moors near Black Pots. The two boys in the front are positively identified as being Morris and Frank

Littledale Driver. In 1905 they would have been 11 and 7. The youngest boy is considered to be John Booth age 4. The ladies from left to right are thought to be Jane Weatherhead née Liggins, Mary Booth age 17, Elizabeth Booth née Weatherhead, born 1859, Fanny Weatherhead born 1856, and Margaret Fletcher, née Weatherhead, born 1870.



The second photograph of nine Ladies in Hats is believed to be at Howden House, the home of the Booth family, with Elsie Denison seated in a deck chair on the right. This photograph is perhaps from about 1910 and most probably before 1912 when both Elsie and Mary were married. One wonders what the occasion might have been with the ladies being in fine summer dresses and flower adorned hats.

Most if not all of them have a sweet violet broach pinned to their dresses. The lady in a dark outfit understood to be Mary Booth, is a fine example of having 'large hair' requiring an even larger hat. All of these hats would of course require several hat pins, no doubt equally ornate, to keep their hats in place.



Appendix 20 - 1920 Electoral Register of Drivers resident in Silsden

According to the 1920 Spring Electoral Register of the Inner & Outer Wards of Silsden there were 29 Drivers who had voting rights.

Descendants						Maiden name	Generation			
563	HO	HO	DRIVER	Alice	1, Cragg View	Clark	Q4			
570	R	O	DRIVER	Frederick William	1, Cragg View		Q4			
564	NM		DRIVER	Arthur	101, Bolton Rd		Q3+			
565	R	O	DRIVER	Charles	101, Bolton Rd		Q3			
567	HO	HO	DRIVER	Florence	101, Bolton Rd	Weatherhead	Q3			
568	R	-	DRIVER	Frank	101, Bolton Rd		Q3+			
581	R	-	DRIVER	Morris	101, Bolton Rd.		Q3+			
573	R	-	DRIVER	Hugh	27, Keighley Rd		O5+++			
576	R	O	DRIVER	John William	27, Keighley Rd		O5++			
586	NM	-	DRIVER	Will	27, Keighley Rd		O5+++			
575	-	O	DRIVER	John Morris	39, Keighley Rd & Swartha		see below			
578	HO	HO	DRIVER	Mary	58, Keighley Rd	Bailey	P4+			
585	R	O	DRIVER	Thomas	58, Keighley Rd		P4+			
583	R	O	DRIVER	Sam	65, Bolton Rd		P1+			
584	HO	HO	DRIVER	Sarah Ann	65, Bolton Rd	Newton	P1+			
580	O	O	DRIVER	Mary Anne	78, Bolton Rd		Q8			
571	R	O	DRIVER	Henry Ripley	84, Bolton Rd		Q5			
577	HO	HO	DRIVER	Mary	84, Bolton Rd	Green	Q5			
579	O	O	DRIVER	Mary	86, Kirkgate	Lambert	P1+	Other Drivers living in Silsden in 1921		
582	R	-	DRIVER	Sam	86, Kirkgate		P1++			
572	BP	O	DRIVER	Hugh	Bridge Street & 78 Bolton Road		Q7			
2318	HO	HO	DRIVER	Elizabeth	Moorfield	Pilling	Q6	Emily	5, Dale View	
2319	R	O	DRIVER	Frank	Moorfield		Q6	James	5, Dale View	
569	-	O	DRIVER	Frank	North Street Mills (Abode Moorfield)		see above	William	56, Skipton Rd West	
2321	HO	HO	DRIVER	Jane	Swartha	Weatherhead	Q1	George B	Howden Gate	
2322	R	O	DRIVER	John Morris	Swartha		Q1	Mary H	Howden Gate	