

The Ingham parents

John Ingham, a coal miner, married Rebecca Howson, a weaver, on 17th April 1843 in Bradford. They were both from Wibsey and both, as you can see, made their mark.

1843. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of <u>Bradford</u> in the County of <u>York</u>								
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.
439	17 April 1843	John Ingham	22	Bachelor	Miner	Wibsey	David Ingham	Miner
		Rebecca Howson	17	Single	Weaver	Wibsey	William Howson	Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, after Banns, by me, John Butterfield Minister.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, John Ingham's Mark, in the presence of us, John Miller and Joseph Smith.

Nine Ingham births were registered to this couple in the Bradford district; Lucy 1843, Charles born on 11th October 1844, Squire born 28th June 1846, Howson born in 1849, Ann & Hartwell born 1st April 1850 – so twins – , Seth born 28th May 1852, Sarah born 9th September 1854 and finally Rachel born 20th April 1857. But then the deaths of three of them, Lucy, Howson and Ann, were recorded in the same quarter they were born in, leaving six surviving children.

1851 census

John Ingham	Head 30 Coal Miner
Rebecca Ingham	Wife 25
Charles Ingham	Son 6
Squire Ingham	Son 4
Hartwell Ingham	Son 1 Mo
William Howson	Brother in law 19 Dyer
Betty Shaw	Niece 19 Worsted Weaver

Address Town Road, North Bierley

1861 census

John Ingham	Head 40 Coal Miner
Rebecca Ingham	Wife 35
Charles Ingham	Son 16 Coal Miner
Squire Ingham	Son 14 ditto
Hartwell Ingham	Son 11 Hurrier]
Seth Ingham	Son 8 ??? Piker [sic]
Sarah Ingham	Dau 6 Scholar
Rachel Ingham	Dau 3

Address New Road, Storr Hill, Wyke

Charles Ingham married Sarah Jane Cordingley on 10th June 1865 in Bradford. At first, they lived in Low Moor where some of their children, Lucy and William, were born but then there was a move to Birkby Lane, Bailiffe Bridge. A son, Enoch, was baptised in Bradford, but a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was baptised at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe on 1st May 1870.

1871 census

John Ingham	Head 50 Deputy Steward at Colliery
Rebecca Ingham	Wife 46
Squire Ingham	Son 24 Coal Miner
Hartwell Ingham	Son 21 Coal Miner
Seth Ingham	Son 18 Coal Wagoner
Sarah Ingham	Dau 16 Weaver
Rachel Ingham	Dau 13 Domestic Servant

Address Birkby Lane, Bailiffe Bridge

1871 census

Charles Ingham	Head 26 Coal miner
Sarah Ingham	Wife 27
Lucy Ingham	Dau 7 Scholar
William Ingham	Son 5 Scholar
Enoch Ingham	Son 4 Scholar
Mary E Ingham	Dau 2

Address Birkby Lane, Bailiffe Bridge

Next door to his parents

In the next decade Charles and Sarah Jane Ingham had more children baptised at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe; Anna on 2nd November 1873, Martha Ann on 7th November 1875 and John on 3rd August 1879. By 1879 Charles was an 'Underviewer in a Colliery' and the family's address was Clifton.

Both his brothers Squire and Seth married in the next decade. They also had their children baptised at St. Matthew's Church. Their stories with their Lightcliffe connections are told separately in

Squire Ingham and family and Seth Ingham and family

Youngest daughter Rachel who was baptised in Bradford on 24th March 1858 died during Q2 1874. This left the family households looking like this on 3rd April 1881.

1881 census

John Ingham Head 60
 Deputy Steward of Coal Mine
 Rebecca Ingham Wife 55
 Hartwell Ingham Son 31 Coal Mine Labourer
 Sarah Ingham Dau 27 Dress Maker
 Address
 Hartsmoor Road, Hartshead cum Clifton

Again, Charles and family were next door with Squire, another coal miner, and family nearby. Seth, a coal waggoner, and family were in Bailiffe Bridge.

1881 census

Charles Ingham Head 36 Coal Miner
 Sarah J. Ingham Wife 37
 Lucy E. Ingham Dau 17 Carpet Weaver
 William Ingham Son 15 ditto
 Enoch Ingham Son 14 ditto
 Mary E. Ingham Dau 12 Scholar
 Annis Ingham Dau 7 ditto
 Martha A. Ingham Dau 5 ditto
 John Ingham Son 2
 Address
 Hartsmoor Road, Hartshead cum Clifton

Charles and Sarah Jane Ingham named their next daughter Rebecca after her paternal grandmother. She was born on 27th May 1881 and baptised at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe on 6th November 1881.

A year later her paternal grandfather, John Ingham, died on 3rd November 1882 as this probate record, dated 14 April 1883, states.

Administration of the Personal Estate of John Ingham of Birkby Lane Top Bailiffe Bridge near Brighouse in the County of York Underviewer at a Colliery who died 3 November 1882 at Birkby Lane Top was granted at Wakefield to Rebecca Ingham of Birkby Lane Top Widow the Relict. Personal Estate £142 15s 6d

Hartwell Ingham married Anne (Hannah) Wilman on 8th July 1883 in Bradford. She already had a daughter, Jane Pearson Wilman born Q3 1878. Hartwell and Hannah had their first daughter Susannah baptised at St. Matthew's Church on 2nd March 1884. Hartwell was a 'Labourer' who lived at Hartshead Moor, Cleckheaton. Also baptised at Lightcliffe on the same day was her cousin Florence, the daughter of Charles Ingham by then a 'Colliery Steward' from Birkby Lane, Clifton. Her sister Eveline born 7th May 1887 was also baptised at Lightcliffe on 12th April 1891.

The Ingham households looked like this on 5th April 1891.

1891 census

Rebecca Ingham Head 65 Widow
 Sarah Ingham Dau 36 Worsted Weaver
 Address Birkby Lane, Bailiffe Bridge

Very near Seth and family quite near Squire and family

1891 census

Hartwell Ingham Head 41 Labourer coal miner
 Hannah Ingham Wife 33
 Jane W Ingham [Step]Dau 12
 Spinner Worsted Mill
 Susannah Ingham Dau 7
 John Ingham Son 5
 Emma Ingham Dau 2
 Mary Ingham Dau 6/12
 Address Moorside, Cleckheaton

1891 census

Charles Ingham Head 46 Colliery Steward
 Sarah Jane Ingham Wife 47
 Enoch Ingham Son 23 Colliery Engine Stoker
 Lucy Ellen Ingham Dau 27 Cotton Winder
 Mary Elizabeth Ingham Dau 21 ditto
 Annis Ingham Dau 18 Pupil Teacher
 Martha Ann Ingham Dau 15 Dress Maker
 John Ingham Son 12 Scholar
 Rebecca Ingham Dau 9 Scholar
 Florence Ingham Dau 7 Scholar
 Eveline Ingham Dau 4 Scholar
 Address Hartshead Moor, Clifton

Eldest son William Ingham, a carpet weaver, was next door with his wife and one-month-old son.

Sixty-eight-year-old Rebecca Ingham died during Q1 1894.

Her daughter, Sarah Ingham, became the third wife of Sam Briggs on 13th October 1900. They married at St. Matthew's Church, Bankfoot. He was a 47-year-old quarryman from Thornhill Bridge, Brighouse. Sarah, whose address was 1 Market Street, was aged 46 years. As the Briggs family have Lightcliffe churchyard connections their story will be told at the end.

Charles Ingham was recorded as being a 'Colliery Under Manager' on the 1901 census. He and most of his family were at Spring House, Hartshead Moor. He was still there with his wife and two unmarried daughters on 2nd April 1911 and again on 19th June 1921. A colliery manager in 1911, he was still working aged 76 in 1921 as an undermanager. He died on 28th May 1924.

Hartwell Ingham was not with his wife and family in New Lane, Hartshead Moor on 31st March 1901 as by then he was a patient in the West Riding of Yorkshire Lunacy Asylum at Menston. He was admitted on 16th May 1898 and died there on 24th February 1905.

The Briggs story

Sam Briggs, who married Sarah Ingham, was the son of Levi Briggs and his wife Hannah née Wooler of Wike. He was born on 25th January 1856 and baptised at Low Moor on 16th March that year. His father, Levi, was an agricultural labourer and then a farmer at Clifton.

On 17th April 1880 Sam Briggs married Elizabeth Booth, the daughter of Thomas Booth. She already had a daughter Olive Booth, born 1878. Another daughter Annie Briggs must have been born at the end of March 1881.

1881 census

Sam Briggs	Head	28	Stoker
Elizabeth Briggs	Wife	25	
Olive Briggs	Dau	2	
Anne Briggs	Dau	6 days	
Address Bailiffe Bridge			

Twenty-eight-year-old Elizabeth Briggs née Booth died on 17th February 1884. She was buried on 22nd February 1884 in plot D14 in St. Matthew's churchyard, Lightcliffe. Hers is the first name on the long memorial inscription.



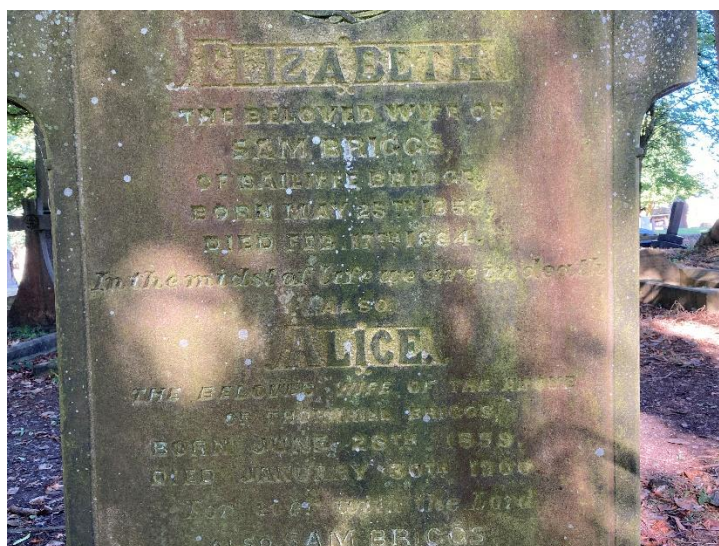
Sam Briggs then married Alice Edwards on 10th January 1885. She was born on 28th June 1859 in Snetterton, Norfolk, the daughter of John and Hannah Edwards who had her baptised on 24th July 1859. By 1881 the former agricultural labourer, John Edwards, had become a stone mason and moved his family to Albion Street, Hipperholme. This is presumably how his daughter met the widower, Sam Briggs.

1891 census

Sam Briggs	Head	37	Delver Labourer
Alice Briggs	Wife	31	
Annie Briggs	Dau	10	
Address George Street, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse			

Twelve-year-old Olive Booth was living with her widowed grandmother, Harriet Booth, and two bachelor uncles in Wyke on 5th April 1891.

Sam Briggs was made a widower again when Alice died on 30th January 1900. She too was buried in Lightcliffe plot D14. Hers is the next highlighted name on the memorial inscription.



As you have read Sam Briggs then married Sarah Ingham. The Briggs household looked like this in 1901 and then 1911.

1901 census

Sam Briggs Head 48 Stone Delver
Sarah Briggs Wife 46
Annie Briggs Dau 20 Silk ???? [Spinner?]
Address 6 Smithy Carr Lane, Lightcliffe

1911 census

Sam Briggs Head 58 Dyers Labourer
Sarah Briggs Wife 56
Address 14 Carr Street, Brighouse

Olive Booth has not been found on the 1901 census. Likewise, Annie Briggs seems to have left home by 1911 and has not been found. But read on!

On 14th December 1907, Olive Booth married (carpet) 'Sizer' John Arthur Greenwood in a Non-conformist church in Bowling, Bradford. Her father was recorded as Sam Briggs and there was an address 5, Holme Terrace, Lightcliffe which was where the Greenwoods were living on 2nd April 1911. By 1921 they had moved to 40 Highfield Avenue, Bailiffe Bridge when John Arthur Greenwood was still a carpet sizer working for T.F. Firths & Sons Ltd. Their only son Thomas William Greenwood also worked part time for the carpet manufacturers as a 'Bobbin Lad'.

Sam Briggs died on 12th January 1916 and was buried on 15th January with his two wives in plot D14 in St. Matthew's churchyard, Lightcliffe.



His widow Mrs Sarah Briggs née Ingham was living alone at 34, Wyke Lane, Bailiffe Bridge on 19th June 1921. She died there on 5th May 1927 as her probate record confirms. Enoch Ingham was her nephew, the son of her older brother Charles.

BRIGGS Sarah of 34 Wyke-lane Bailliffe [sic] Bridge Brighouse Yorkshire widow died 5 May 1927 Administration London 15 July to Enoch Ingham engineman.

But that is not the end of the Briggs story and its connection with Lightcliffe churchyard. As you can see in the parish burial entry below there was a fourth burial in plot D14 of 84 year old Annie Wolfenden or Briggs in 1966.

3844	D14.	19 February	22 February 1966	Annie Wolfenden (or Briggs).	84 years
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This would appear to be the six-day-old baby, Annie Briggs, on the 1881 census with a date of birth at the end of March 1881. But why the two surnames? The death of both an 84 year old Annie Briggs and an 84 year old Annie Wolfenden appear in the Calder district Vol 2B 389 Q1 1966 although they appear to be one and the same person in the parish records.

Checking the 1939 register there is an Annie Wolfenden with a date of birth that fits perfectly.

1939 register

Annie Wolfenden	29 Mar 1881	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	179	1
Joshua Wolfenden	10 Feb 1881	Retired Chef Hotelier	Married	179	2
Edgar W Lee	14 Jun 1919	Horseman Haulage	Single	179	3

Address 27 Newhouse Road, Blackpool, Blackpool C.B., Lancashire, England

No marriage record has been found. And unusually Annie is named as the first person on the register. Was she the owner of the property or the main tenant? Who knows!

There is a Joshua Wolfenden with a date of birth 10th February 1883 who attended Brighouse National School in 1889. His father, named Tom on the school list, could be Thomas Crawshaw Wolfenden, as this fits with an 8-year-old Jos Wolfenden – birth registered in Halifax Q1 1883 - with the widower and two other sons in 1891.

A chef, Joshua Wolfenden, aged 59 of Chapel-street, Blackpool, does get a mention in *The Lancashire Daily Post* published on 1st August 1934. But his story will be left there. He is a mystery as are Annie's two surnames.

What is certain is that Annie – whether Wolfenden or Briggs - was buried with her mother, step mother and father in St. Matthew's churchyard on 22nd February 1966. Her name was added – by whom?! – to the already long memorial inscription on the headstone for plot D14.

IN MEMORY OF
ELIZABETH
THE BELOVED WIFE OF
SAM BRIGGS
OF BAILIFFE BRIDGE.
BORN MAY 25TH 1855
DIED FEBRUARY 17TH 1884
In the midst of life we are in death

ALSO
ALICE
THE BELOVED WIFE OF THE ABOVE OF
THORNHILL BRIGGS
BORN JUNE 28TH 1859
DIED JANUARY 30TH 1900
For ever with the Lord

ALSO SAM BRIGGS
DIED JAN^Y 12TH 1916
AGED 63 YEARS
"JESUS LOVER OF MY SOUL"

ALSO ANNIE
DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE
DIED FEBRUARY 19TH 1966
AGED 84 YEARS



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