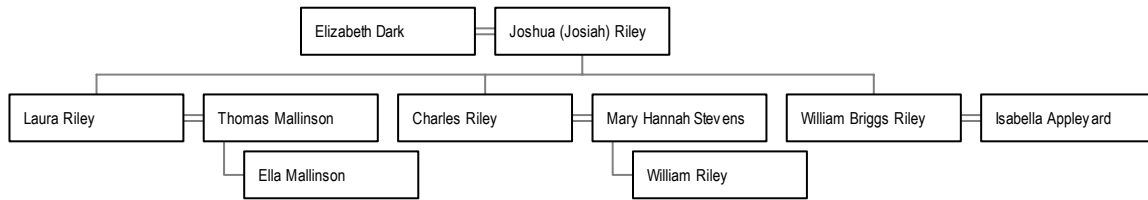


Elizabeth Dark



Elizabeth was the elder of the two known daughters of Thomas and Sarah Dark and she was born about 1832 in Norwich according to an IGI record of her christening on 9th September 1832 at Lakenham, Norfolk, England.ⁱ She was an 8 year old child living at home with her family in 1841.ⁱⁱ Like so many of her contemporaries, as soon as she was old enough she was out earning a living and again, like so many young women, she was employed as a domestic servant. In 1851 she was at 1 Balloon Place Holbeck, working for the Hick family.ⁱⁱⁱ

Elizabeth Hick	59	Shopkeeper (Provisions)	Scotland
Thomas Hick	18	Engine Maker	Holbeck
Elizabeth Dark	18	House Servant	Norwich

Whether by coincidence, or by arrangement, there was a family connection between the Hick family and the Todd family, to whom Elizabeth was related. Isabella Todd was her aunt and the Todd girls were first cousins. Thomas Hick married one of them – Amelia Todd.^{iv} In 1861 Elizabeth, still working as a domestic, was with the Grosvenor household, at 26 Anchor Street, Hunslet.

Bower Grosvenor	30	Brick Manufacturer	Hunslet
Mary Grosvenor	27		Hunslet
Charles Grosvenor	3		Hunslet
Frances Grosvenor	3 mo		Hunslet
Elizabeth Dack (sic)	25*	House Servant	Norwich

* should have been 28.

Very shortly after the 1861 census (probably in the Jul-Sep quarter) Elizabeth married Joshua Riley at the Kirkstall District Registered Building^v and, as noted previously, for the 1871 census she and her husband and their two children Laura and Charles were living with Elizabeth's mother Sarah Dark at Lady Pit Lane, Hunslet.^{vi} By 1881 Elizabeth and Joshua had set up house by themselves at 41 Bismark Street, Hunslet.^{vii} This time Sarah Dark (plus her son Charles and granddaughter Sarah J Allinson) is a boarder.

Joshua* Riley	43	Mechanic	Yorkshire, Leeds
Elizabeth Riley	48		Lakenham, Norwich
Laura Riley	16	Dressmaker	Yorkshire, Leeds
Charles Riley	10	Scholar	Yorkshire, Leeds
William Riley	8	Scholar	Yorkshire, Leeds
Sarah Darke* (W)	69		Yorkshire, Leeds
Charles Darke* (Boarder)	37	Sculptor	Norwich
Sarah J Allison (Visitor)	13	Scholar	Gt Grimsby, Lincolnshire

* Note the transcription anomalies!

A search of the census returns provides information about the Riley family. In 1841 they are all recorded as having been born in Yorkshire, and residing in Hunslet Ward, Yorkshire.^{viii}

Joseph Riley	c1806	35	
Mary Riley	c1806	35	
John Riley	c1838	13	Wool Carder
Samuel Riley	c1828	11	
Benjamin Riley	c1833	8	
Joshua Riley	c1837	4	
Thomas Riley	c1840	8wks	

By 1851 Joshua's father had died and his family, now increased by another son, was living at Upper Carr, Hunslet.^{ix}

Mary Ann Riley	47		Leeds
John Riley	23	Lab in Wood Yard	Hunslet
Samuel Riley	20	Lab in Cloth Mill	Hunslet
Benjamin Riley	17	Lab in Chemical Works	Hunslet
Joshua Riley	13	Mechanic (Apprentice)	Hunslet
Thomas Riley	10	Lab in Woollen Mill	Hunslet
William Riley	7	At Home	Hunslet

Mary would have had her hands full with six sons to bring up on her own. However, of the children, only William was not contributing to the household income. Even young Thomas, at 10 years of age, is in work! Mary's workload would have decreased by 1861 as she now only had three of her sons at home (still at Upper Carr) all gainfully employed.^v

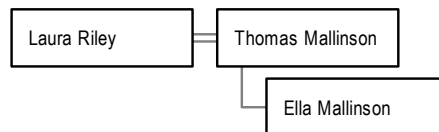
Mary Ann Riley	57	Cloth Maker's Widow*	Leeds
Joshua Riley	23	Machine Turner	Hunslet
Thomas Riley	20	Iron Moulder	Hunslet
William Riley	17	Flint Glass Blower	Hunslet

* This is the only reference we have as to Joshua's father's occupation.

Elizabeth's 'condition' for the 1891 census was Widow. It is likely that Joshua died a year before the 1891 census as there is a record of the death of a Joshua Riley, aged 53, for the Apr-June quarter of 1890 in the district of Hunslet.^{vi} For this census Elizabeth, and her two sons Charles and William, are with daughter Laura now married to Thomas Mallinson, and living at 3 Bismark Street, Hunslet just along the road from Elizabeth's previous address at Number 41.^{vii} Elizabeth Riley did not make it to the 1901 census. She died on 3rd March 1899 at 24 Back Beverley Terrace, age 66. the cause of death was "Acute Bronchitis few days". In attendance was her son Charles Riley, whose address was given as 8 Rothsay View, Holbeck.^{viii}



Laura Riley



The birth of Laura Reilly was registered in the Hunslet District for the quarter Jul-Sep 1864 and as a 6 year old, together with her parents and young brother, she was living with her grandmother Sarah Dark for the 1871 census at Lady Pit Lane, Hunslet.^{ix} By 1881 the family had moved to 41 Bismark Street, Hunslet and Laura, now aged 16, was listed as a dressmaker.^x Ten years later, and Laura is now a wife and mother, living at 3 Bismark Road, Hunslet, which ran off Lady Pit Lane. Also in the household are her mother and two brothers.^{xi}

Thomas Mallinson	32	Engineers Iron Turner	Yorkshire, Seacroft
Laura Mallinson	26		Hunslet
Ella Mallinson	4	Scholar	Hunslet
Elizabeth Riley (M-i)(W)	53	Living on her own means	Old Lakenham
Charles Riley (B-i-L)	20	Steam Engine Maker Erector	Hunslet
William Riley (B-i-L)	18	Engineers Model Maker	Hunslet

Laura and Thomas married in the Jan-Mar quarter of 1886 at St Jude, Potteryfield, Leeds. She would have been 19 and Thomas about 24.^{xii} Within one year they had a daughter Ella, registered at Hunslet for the Oct-Dec quarter 1886.^{xiii} It would seem that Ella was their only child, or at least only surviving child. Thomas was born and spent his early life in Seacroft, Yorkshire. It is there that we find him for the 1861 census.^{xiv}

William Mallinson	31	Coal Pit Labourer	Aberford, Yorkshire
Maria Mallinson	32	Laundress	Leeds
Joseph Mallinson	8	Scholar	Crossgates, Yorkshire
Kate Mallinson	4		Seacroft
Thomas Mallinson	2		Seacroft
William Mallinson	4mo		Seacroft
Sarah Toft	16	General Servant	Leeds

Ten years later he is still at home. His mother is still listed as a laundress, but his father has given up the pit and gone into the transport business, and son Thomas is assisting.^{xv}

William Mallinson	41	Owner of own Omnibus	Aberford
Maria Mallinson	42	Laundress	Leeds

Joseph Mallinson	18	Pupil Teacher	Seacroft
Kate Mallinson	11	Scholar	Seacroft
Thomas Mallinson	12	Conductor of Omnibus	Seacroft
William Mallinson	10	Scholar	Seacroft

By 1881 father William is still in transport but this time presumably working for the Leeds' corporation, but Thomas has given up conducting and is working in the trade he was in when he married Laura. The family has also moved and is now living at 3 Albert Street, Hunslet.^{xxi}

William Mallinson	53	Tram Driver	Aberford
Maria Mallinson	54		Leeds
Thomas Mallinson	22	Iron Turner	Seacroft
William Mallinson	20	Model Maker (E&M)	Seacroft

In 1901 Thomas and Laura were in a new house, at 23 Beverley Terrace, Hunslet., which was a little further south, but running off the lower end of Lady Pit Lane.^{xxii}

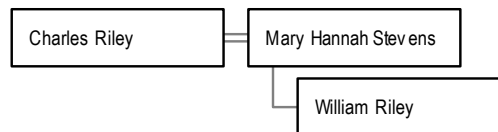
Thomas Mallinson	42	Engineer Iron Fitter and Turner	Seacroft
Laura Mallinson	36		Hunslet
Ella Mallinson	14		Hunslet

The 1908 Kelly Directory lists Thomas Mallinson, engineer, living at 91 Lady Pit Lane.^{xxiii}

As one of the closest family members, Laura was called upon to presumably nurse her elderly Grandmother Sarah in the latter years, and her uncle Charles as he was dying of tuberculosis. She was present at both their deaths and was the person who took responsibility for registering them. It may be that she also nursed her mother in her last years, as the place of her mother's death was given as 24 Back Beverley Terrace, Hunslet. No doubt this was a common, expected and accepted responsibility, but nevertheless it would have been quite a burden for a young woman with a family of her own to care for.



Charles Riley



Charles was one of two known brothers of Laura Riley, and the elder of the two. His birth was registered at Hunslet in the Jan-Mar quarter of 1873.^{xxiv} He was at home as a 10 year old scholar for the 1881 census and for the 1891 census was living with his sister Laura in Hunslet and was earning his living as a Steam Engine Maker Erector.^{xxv} Ten years later finds Charles as a married man, living at 8 Rothsay View, Holbeck, and this was the address he gave as Informant of his mother Elizabeth's death on 3rd March 1899.^{xxvi}

Charles Riley	30	Engineer Fitter	Leeds
Mary H Riley	27		Leeds
William Riley	1		Leeds

Before their marriage in the Jan-Mar quarter of 1898 at St Luke Beeston Hill, Charles's wife was Mary Hannah Stevens, born in Leeds in 1873, daughter of William and Eliza Stevens. Charles and Mary's son William, presumably named after his maternal grandfather, was probably the William whose birth was registered at Holbeck in the Jan-Mar quarter of 1900.^{xxvii} Mary's parents have been located in the 1871 census as a young married couple boarding with Frank and Emma Stevens (probably William's brother and sister-in-law) at 69 Norfolk Street, Worksop, where they were all born.^{xxviii}

Frank Stephens	24	Blacksmith	Worksop, Nottinghamshire
Emma Stevens	20		Worksop, Nottinghamshire
William Stevens (Lodger)	20	Wood Turner	Worksop, Nottinghamshire
Eliza Stephens	23		Worksop, Nottinghamshire

By the 1881 census William and Eliza had moved to Leeds and judging by the age of their oldest child the move would have been made before 1874. In fact, by 1881 they had 4 children, including Mary Hannah with them in their household at 43 Otter Street, West Leeds.^{xxix}

William Stephens	29	Wood Turner	Worksop, Nottinghamshire
Eliza Stephens	32		Worksop, Nottinghamshire
Mary H Stephens	7		Leeds

Lilly Stephens	5	Leeds
Ethel Stephens	2	Leeds
Fred Stephens	3 mo	Leeds

Mary, as was her younger sister, was a woollen cloth weaver by the time of the 1891 census by which time the family had relocated to 12 Littleton Terrace.^{.xxx}

William Stevens	39	Wood Turner	Worksop, Yorkshire*
Eliza Stevens	42		Worksop, Yorkshire*
Mary Hannah Stevens	19	Woollen Cloth Weaver	Leeds
Lilley Stevens	15	Woollen Cloth Mender	Leeds
Ethel Stevens	12	Scholar	Leeds
Fred Stevens	10	Scholar	Leeds
William Stevens	8	Scholar	Leeds
Robert Stevens	5	Scholar	Leeds

* Should be Nottinghamshire

Her parents in 1901 are still at Littleton Terrace which was quite close to Mary and Charles.

William Stevens	49	Wood Turner and Fitter	Worksop, Yorkshire*
Eliza Stevens	52		Worksop, Yorkshire*
William Stevens	18	Carter at Brickworks (Corporation)	Leeds
Robert Stevens	15	Mechanic (Fitter)	Leeds

A rather intriguing coincidence is the entry just below this of 3 Appleyard brothers, all single men, living just around the corner at 19 Littleton Lane who may possibly have been related to Charles's sister-in-law Isabella Riley (née Appleyard).^{.xxxi}

Walter Appleyard	27	Butcher Shopkeeper (own account)	Leeds
Alfred Appleyard	25	Horse Driver, Carter	Leeds
Herbert Appleyard	22	Hawker and Yeast Importer (own account)	Leeds
Elizabeth Scott (Aunt)(W)	60	Housekeeper Domestic	Leeds



William Briggs Riley



Not until the marriage record do we know that William had a middle name – Briggs – and why he was so named is not known. It might have been the maiden name of his paternal grandmother – but this is only a guess.

The first official record for William was his birth registration in the Jan-Mar quarter of 1873, Hunslet District.^{.xxxii} Like his elder brother Charles, William was with his family for the 1881 and 1891 census nights.^{.xxxiii} Sometime in the last quarter of 1896 William married Isabella Appleyard at St Silas, Hunslet. He would have been about 23 and Isabella about 21 at the time, as her birth was registered in the first quarter of 1875 at Hunslet.^{.xxxiv} In 1901 they were living at 23 Cedar Road, Armley.^{.xxxv} William's occupation was quite different from that of the other Dark and offshoot family members, and quite different from his occupation as an engineer's model maker for the 1891 census.^{.xxxvi}

William Riley	28	Tobacco Pipe Manufacturer	Leeds
Isabella Riley	27		Leeds

Isabella came from what was a normal sized family, but which in today's terms would be somewhat well endowed with offspring. Her parents were Martin and Eizabeth Appleyard, both born respectively in Collingham, near Wetherby, and Sherburn near Scarborough.

While their eldest daughter was also born in Collingham, by 1881 the Appleyard family had moved to Leeds where they were located at Old Fold, Hunslet.^{.xxxvii}

Martin Appleyard	44	Cloth Dyer	Collingham
Elizabeth Appleyard	46		Sherburn
Mary Ann Appleyard	16	Dressmaker	Yorkshire, Collingham
Geo W Appleyard	15	Cloth Dyer	Yorkshire, Hunslet
Joe Appleyard	13	Scholar	Yorkshire, Hunslet
James Appleyard	7	Scholar	Yorkshire, Hunslet
Isabella Appleyard	6	Scholar	Yorkshire, Hunslet

Hannah E Appleyard	4	Scholar	Yorkshire, Wortley
Ellen Appleyard	2		Yorkshire, Armley
A Appleyard	4 mo		Yorkshire, Armley

By 1891 Isabella was contributing to the family's income. The three older brothers, George, Joe and James, and Mary Ann Appleyard, have left home, but there are still a number of mouths to feed at 8 Old Ford, Hunslet including a three year old grandson.^{xxxviii}

Martin Appleyard	54	Wool Dyer	Yorkshire, Collingham
Elizabeth Appleyard	57		Yorkshire, Sherburn
James Appleyard	17	Wool Dyer	Leeds
Isabella Appleyard	16	Cloth Piecer	Hunslet
Hannah Eliz Appleyard	14		Low Wortley
Ellen Appleyard	12	Scholar	Armley
Arthur Appleyard	10	Scholar	Armley
Arthur Appleyard (GdSon)	3		Armley

There is no indication as to whose son young Arthur is, nor any clue as to the parents of the granddaughter found with Martin and Elizabeth for the 1901 census. They have moved to the outskirts of Leeds and are living at 39 Stone Bridge Lane.^{xxxx} Martin has given up wool dying by this time.

Martin Appleyard	66	Horseman on Farm	Morley*
Elizabeth Appleyard	61		Sherburn
Hannah E Appleyard	24	Dressmaker	Wortley
Ellen Appleyard	22		Wortley#
Arthur Appleyard	20	Cloth Dyer	Wortley#
Arthur Appleyard (GdSon)	13		Wortley#
Eliza Appleyard (GdDaug)	5		Meanwood

* For previous census this was Collingham; # previously Armley

To finish off with William and Isabella – we do not know at this stage if they had any children because the final record currently accessible is the 1901 census and no offspring were recorded as being in their household on the night of 31st March.

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ⁱ IGI Individual Record (no source information available).

ⁱⁱ HO107/2318/p23.

ⁱⁱⁱ HO107/2317/p10.

^{iv} Refer to the notes for Isabella Todd (nee Kay) and Charles Todd.

^v FreeBMD Marriage Index– Joshua Riley, Hunslet, Vol 9b, p314. Leeds:KIRKRB/6/35, 1861.

^{vi} RG10/4515/p22. ^{vii}FreeBMD Marriage Index– Joshua Riley, Hunslet, Vol 9b, p314. Leeds:KIRKRB/6/35, 1861.

^{viii} RG11/4492 p35.

^{ix} HO1071345/3/pp22-23.

^x HO107/2318 p8.

^{xi} RG9/3367/p21.

^{xii} FreeBMD Death Index.

^{xiii} RG12/3664/p4.

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^{xviii} FreeBMD Marriage Index; Leeds:CE58/B/397.

^{xix} FreeBMD Birth Index.

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^{xxii} RG11/4485/p32.

^{xxiii} RG13/4196/p9.

^{xxiv} Kelly's 1908 Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire, Vol 2, p.659.

^{xxv} FreeBMD Birth Index.

^{xxvi} RG11/4492/p35; RG12/3664/p4.

^{xxvii} RG13/4201/p11.

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^{xxix} RG10/3458/p17.

^{xxx} RG11/4532/p11.

^{xxxi} RG12/3666/p30.

^{xxxii} RG13/4201/p15.

^{xxxiii} FreeBMD Birth Index.

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^{xxxv} FreeBMD Marriage Index; FreeBMD Birth Index.

^{xxxvi} RG12/3664/p4.

^{xxxvii} RG13/4214/p11.

^{xxxviii} RG11/4509/p35.

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xxxix RG13/4211/p3.