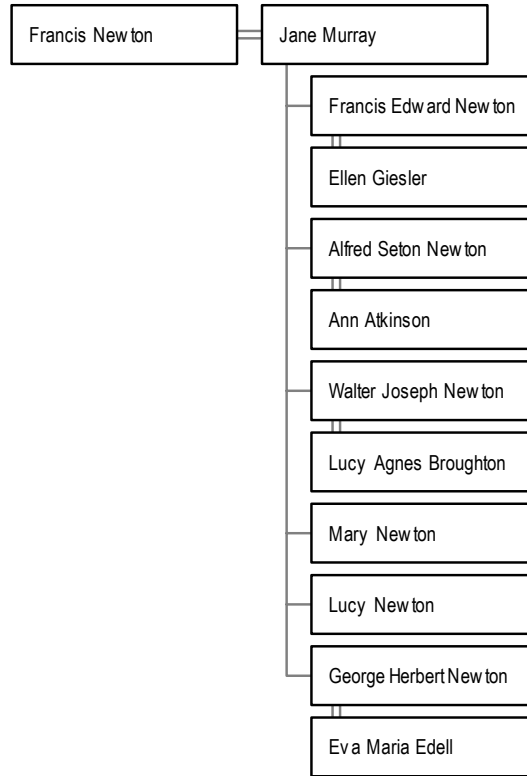


**Francis Newton**



Francis, according to an IGI reference, was baptised on 10<sup>th</sup> October 1819 at St. Peter's, Leeds. For the 1841 census Francis, now about 20 years of age, was living at home at St. Paul's Street, Leeds, and employed as a Cloth Warehouseman Journeyman.<sup>v</sup> The 1851 census records a change of career direction for Francis who now also has a wife and family, and is found living in 49 Elmwood Street, Leeds where they would have moved to shortly after the birth of Alfred who was born at 106 East Street, Leeds.<sup>vi</sup> To establish who the Jane of the 1851 census was, I obtained a copy of the birth certificate of Alfred Seton Newton. He had been born on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1848 and his parents were recorded as Francis Newton, Schoolmaster, and Jane Newton, formerly Murray.<sup>vi</sup>

Francis Newton	31	National Schoolmaster	Leeds
Jane Newton	29		Barnsley
Francis Newton	4		Leeds
Alfred Seaton <sup>v</sup> Newton	2		Leeds
Walter Joseph Newton	1mth		Leeds

Francis married Jane Murray, at St. Peter's Leeds, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1845. Their ages are given as "Full Age", which is rather vague but indicates that they had both celebrated their 21<sup>st</sup> birthdays, and at the time Francis was living at St Paul Street and Jane in Wade Lane. The fathers listed were respectively John Newton, Postman and Thomas Murray, Warehouseman. Witnesses were Alfred Murray (possibly Jane's brother) and two of Francis's sisters Elizabeth and Mary Newton.<sup>v</sup> Jane, who was born in Barnsley about 1822<sup>vii</sup> was the daughter of Thomas and Betty Murray. They are located in the 1851 census, living at 4 Wade Lane, Leeds.<sup>viii</sup>

Thomas Murray	59	Shopkeeper	Leeds
Betty Murray	54	Shopkeeper	Barnsley
James Murray	23	Printer	Barnsley

By 1861 Newton family has moved just up the road to 42 Elmwood Street, and Francis's mother, Ann Newton, is with the family on census night.<sup>viii</sup> Son Francis, who is not listed, was a boarder at the Fulneck Boys Boarding School, Pudsey (between Bradfield and Leeds).

Francis Newton	41	National Schoolmaster	Leeds
Jane Newton	39		Barnsley
Alfred Seaton Newton	12	Scholar	Leeds
Walter Joseph Newton	10	Scholar	Leeds
Ann Newton (Mother)	83		Leeds

By 1871 Francis and Jane have had three more children - Mary, Lucy and George Herbert - quite a gap between these and their earlier born siblings. The family has also moved to Hazelwood with Storith, Derbyshire (northwest of Derby), a move which probably occurred after 1867. Francis is now both teacher and small farmer.<sup>ix</sup> Francis J<sup>nr</sup>, Alfred and Walter are not at home. Francis is found in Greenwich, Kent, now a Curate; Alfred is an assistant teacher at a school in Hereford, and Walter is also an assistant teacher at a college in Framlingham, Suffolk.

Francis Newton	51	Schoolmaster and Farmer (5 Acres)	Leeds
Jane Newton	49		Barnsley
Mary Newton	9	Scholar	Leeds
Lucy Newton	7	Scholar	Leeds
George H Newton	4	Scholar	Leeds

The 1881 census finds Francis and Jane home alone, living at the School House, Beamsley in Skipton. Lucy and George were staying with their brother Alfred in Leeds.<sup>x</sup>

Francis Newton	61	Elementary Teacher	Leeds
Jane Newton	59		Barnsley

I am not confident but the following reference may be for daughter Mary, and if so, by 1881 she had relocated quite a distance away - to Carmarthen in Wales - where she is working as a governess for the Davies family at 38 BellVue Villa, Carmarthen, Wales.<sup>xi</sup>

William Davies	49	Fisherman	Ferryside
Amelia Edmonds	13	Scholar	Lampeter, Cardiganshire
Harriet D. Edmonds	12	Scholar	Lampeter, Cardiganshire
Charles G.J. Edmonds	11	Scholar	Lampeter, Cardiganshire
Mary Newton	19	Governess	Leeds, Yorkshire
Jennet Davies	18	Parlour Maid (Domestic)	Penllyne, Glamorgan

According to the census, William is head of the household and married. The Edmonds are listed as his daughters and son. There is no sign of the mother, and Jennet is more than likely a relative of William. No further record for Mary has been found - she may well have married.

The last record of Francis is in the 1891 census. He is now back in Leeds and listed as the widowed head of the household at 41 Wellclose Mount, NW Leeds, with daughter Lucy (single) and a grandson, Edward, the son of Francis Edward Newton and his wife Ellen.<sup>xii</sup>

Francis Newton	71	Clerk in Holy Orders (Curate)	Leeds
Lucy Newton	27		Leeds
Edward Newton (Grandson)	15	Scholar	St Leonards, Sussex
Sarah Sanders	16	Servant	Worksop, Notts

This was also the last census return for daughter Lucy Newton. Lucy Newton and the reason for this is that she died in 1892 at the age of 28 at home at 41 Wellclose Mount. She must have been in ill health perhaps for much of her life as the cause of death was given as "Phthisis Pulmonalis (both lungs), Exhaustion. Her father was present at her death and it was he who formally registered the sad event on 11<sup>th</sup> February.<sup>xiii</sup> At this stage no record has been found to verify the date of Francis's death, and the Kelly's Directory shows that he was still alive in 1908. He is listed as Rev Francis Newton, chaplain to the Leeds Union workhouse, Beckett Street, and residing at 23 Studley Terrace.<sup>xiv</sup> However there are two possible references for the death of Jane Murray – for the September Quarter 1887 (Wortley district) and for the March Quarter 1889 (Leeds district). I hazarded a guess that the second one would be the correct one, on the assumption that perhaps Francis and Jane both moved back to Leeds after 1881 and from that time were living with family. It was a good choice. Jane Newton died on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1899 at 7 Wellclose Mount in the presence of her husband Francis, recorded as being a Clerk in Holy Orders. The cause of death, as certified by A.W.M. Robson, FBCS, was Tumour of Mediastinum,<sup>xv</sup> Pleurisy with Effusions (Right) and Exhaustion.<sup>xvi</sup>



<sup>i</sup> HO107/1346/6/pp5-6.

<sup>ii</sup> HO107/2321/p89; Certified copy of Birth Certificate FC885073'.

<sup>iii</sup> Certified copy of Birth Certificate FC885073.

<sup>iv</sup> Various spellings as Seaton or Seton.

<sup>v</sup> FreeBMD Marriage Index; Leeds CE46/483; certified copy of Marriage Certificate MXD077558.

<sup>vi</sup> Note however that an IGI record has a Jane Murray being christened on 10<sup>th</sup> October 1824 at St. Mary's in Barnsley.

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<sup>vii</sup> HO107/2321/p15.

<sup>viii</sup> RG9/3387/p12.

<sup>ix</sup> RG10/4269/p8.

<sup>x</sup> RG11/4311/p3. Beamsley, a very attractive village in the Dales, is very close to Bolton Abbey.

<sup>xi</sup> RG11/4527/p13.

<sup>xii</sup> RG11/5394/p8.

<sup>xiii</sup> RG12/3699/p13.

<sup>xiv</sup> FreeBMD Death Index; certified copy of Death Certificate DYB427659.

<sup>xv</sup> 1908 Kelly's Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire, Vol 2, p685.

<sup>xvi</sup> Mediastinal tumors form in the cavity that separates the lungs. This cavity contains the heart, large blood vessels, trachea, thymus, and connective tissues.

<sup>xvii</sup> Certified copy of Death Certificate DYB474217.