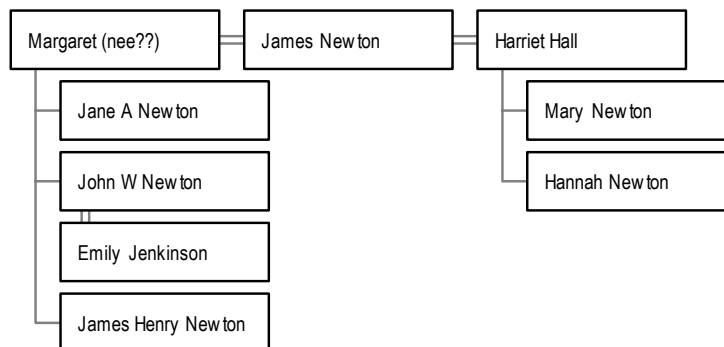


James Newton



It is likely that James was born in 1816 as there is an IGI record of him being baptised on 13th September 1816, at St Peter's, Leeds.^v At the time of the 1841 census he would have been about 25, and he is not listed at home with the family for that census night and, at this stage has not been located in the census returns. He has been located for the 1851 census, living at 10 Glass House Street, Hunslet, Leeds. He has married, although we know that his wife Margaret was born in Bolton, her surname has not yet been established, nor where and when they were married.^{vi}

James Newton	34	General Bookkeeper	Leeds
Margaret Newton	37		Bolton, Lancashire
Jane A Newton	8	Scholar	Hunslet
John W Newton	7	Scholar	Hunslet
James Henry Newton	5		Hunslet
Louise Bellearby	12	General Servant	Shadwell, Yorkshire

By the time of the next census, Margaret has been replaced by Harriet. A death registration for a Margaret Newton has been located for the Hunslet district for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1852 which has been checked out.^{vii} I am not sure that the certificate relates to the correct Margaret, but the one that has been obtained records the death on 2nd June 1852 of a Margaret Newton, aged 39, wife of James Newton, Store Keeper. The death was caused by Epilepsy, 3 years, and a Mary Pogson was present at the death and her address was the same as that of the deceased – Nevins Street.^{viii} A check on Mary Pogson for the 1851 census found her working as house servant in the Needham household in Hunslet.^{ix} Speculating a bit, if the death certificate is the correct one, Mary may have changed employers between March 1851 and June 1852.

James's second wife was Harriet Hall, a Yorkshire girl, born in Carlton Craven. A marriage registration for the Dec quarter of 1852, for St Peter's Leeds, suggests that James did not long remain a widower and, indeed, we can be very confident about the evidence for this event. The marriage certificate shows that on 7th October 1852 James, a 37 year old widower, with the occupation of bookkeeper, and living at Hunslet Lane, married Harriet Hall a 38 year old spinster, living at Briggate. John Newton, letter carrier, was present at the ceremony, as was one Proctor Hall, listed as Harriet's father with the occupation of Farmer. The marriage was solemnised in the parish church of Leeds following the calling of banns. The witnesses were George and Mary Newton, more than likely James's brother and sister.^x

A search of the 1841 and 1851 census returns for a Proctor Hall returned only one possible candidate for a relative of Harriet – but this is for a Proctor Hall, aged 38, living at Crakehall (near Bedale where he was born), working as a Blacksmith.^{xi} There is no notation that the Proctor Hall on the certificate was deceased, even though this may have been the case. On the other hand the living Proctor Hall may have been Harriet's brother and it may have been he who gave her away.

There is only one Harriet from Carlton in the 1851 Census - a single woman, working as a Housekeeper. The Drapery, situated at 146-147 Briggate, must have been a reasonably substantial shop, given the number of assistants and apprentices recorded for the Census. Harriet must have been kept very busy!^{xii}

Matthew Peacock (U)(H)	26	Draper and Silk Mercer	Bulmer, Yorkshire
George Herbert	29	Drapers Assistant	Wheldrake, Yorkshire
Jesse Sutcliffe	32	Drapers Assistant	Brotherton, Yorkshire
Henry Pickles	22	Drapers Assistant	Kexbro, Yorkshire
John Stephenson Cook	20	Drapers Assistant	Hull, Yorkshire
Henry Rhodes Rayner	22	Drapers Assistant	Farnley, Yorkshire
Alfred Thompson	17	Draper (App)	Leeds

John Townley	16	Draper (App)	Leeds
Hutchinson Tomlinson ?	16	Draper (App)	Hackness, Yorkshire
Joseph Forest	16	Draper (App)	Harrogate
William Hough (Cousin)	33	Butcher and Cattle Dealer	Allerton, Yorkshire
Harriet Hall	34	Housekeeper	Carlton, Yorkshire
Hannah Johnson	21	General Servant	Knaresbro, Yorkshire

Harriet's age for this (and subsequent) census is slightly younger than would have been expected as her age at marriage was given as 38.

By the 1861 census there had been a number of lifestyle changes for James. He was working in a new field and had relocated from Leeds, and was now living at 2 St Georges, Cottages, Stratford Ward, West Ham, London, with his second wife by whom he has 2 daughters.^x

James Newton	44	Timekeeper Railway	Leeds
Harriet Newton	44		Carlton, Yorkshire
John W Newton	17		Leeds
Mary Newton	7		Leeds
Hannah Newton	4		Leeds

Son James Henry is also not listed, and, if a Hunslet death registration for the Jan-Mar quarter refers to James, he would have died in 1852 aged about 7. There is also Hunslet registration for 1853, and a number of registrations (but not in the Leeds area), for the death between 1858 and 1860 of a James Henry Newton. These will be checked out.^x Alternatively, James may have left home (he would have been around 15) and have been working elsewhere. Jane is also not at home, and she is possibly the Jane A Newton, working as a servant (but quite what she did is uncertain) for a Maria Taylor at Wakefield Avenue, Tanshelf, (Borough of Pontefract).^{xi}

Maria Taylor	57	Retired Jeweller	Leeds
Jane A Newton	18	General Servant	Leeds

It is likely that Jane married sometime between the 1861 and 1871 census and has not been traced any further. Maria Taylor is still going strong for the 1871 Census but the 'domestic' with her is a young woman from Pontefract.^{xii}

Judging from daughter Hannah's place of birth, the family probably moved to West Ham sometime between 1857 and 1861. In 1871 James and Harriet are still living at the same address. The two youngest children are with them but John W. Newton is no longer at home. James is still in the same job, and Mary is now also working as a dressmaker.^{xiii}

James Newton	54	Timekeeper Railway	Leeds
Harriet Newton	54		Carlton Craven, Yorkshire
Mary Newton	17	Dressmaker	Leeds
Hannah Newton	14		Leeds

The 1881 census finds James and Harriet still in West Ham, but at a new address – 80 Chandos Road, Stratford. The only child at home is their younger daughter Harriet who, like her older sister, is also a dressmaker.^{xiv}

James Newton	64	Timekeeper Railway	Leeds
Harriet Newton	65		Carlton Craven, Yorkshire
Hannah Newton	24	Needlewoman	Hunslet

Where Mary Newton, who would have been 27, was has not been established. It is likely that she was a married woman by 1871 and I do not know her married name. Similarly, I have found no further record for Hannah Newton after the 1881 census.

The last census record of James, now a widower, is in 1891, where he is living with son John W. Newton and family at 9 Janson Road, Forest Gate, West Ham.^{xv}

John Wm Newton	47	Locomotive Foreman	Hunslet, Leeds
Emily Newton	46		Colchester, Essex
James W Newton	19	Draughtsman	Stratford, Essex
John E Newton	18	Locomotive Apprentice	Stratford, Essex
George H Newton	17	Pupil Teacher, Board School	Stratford, Essex
Henry J Newton	10	Scholar	Stratford, Essex
James Newton (Father)(Wdr)74		Living on own means	Leeds

There is a likely West Ham district registration of death for James Newton in the March quarter of 1896. A registration, also for the West Ham district in the June quarter of 1885 for a Harriet Newton, indicates that James

outlived his wife by just over 10 years.^{xvi} I have obtained the death certificates which support these two registrations.

Harriet Newton died on 5th May 1885, at 80 Chandos Street, at the age of 69 from peritonitis. She was the wife of James Newton, Bookkeeper, and the person who was present and registered the death was her step-son John W. Newton whose address at the time was 81 Cedars Road, Stratford.

James Newton died on 11th February 1896 at 9 Janson Road, at the home of his son John W. Newton who was present at the death, and also was the informant. James was 79 and died of senile debility and congestion of the kidneys – his final years must have been hard on him and John and Emily, who were caring for him.^{xvii}



ⁱ IGI Family Group.

ⁱⁱ HO107/2318/p4.

ⁱⁱⁱ FreeBMD Death Index.

^{iv} Certified copy of Death Certificate DYB427537.

^v HO107/2318/p32.

^{vi} FreeBMD Marriage Index; Leeds CE46/40/01; certified copy of Marriage Certificate MXD077322.

^{vii} HO 107/2378/p3.

^{viii} HO107/2319/p1.

^{ix} RG9/1056/p34.

^x FreeBMD Death Index.

^{xi} RG9/3438/p6.

^{xii} RG10/4636/p7.

^{xiii} RG10/1626/p42.

^{xiv} RG11/1707/p35.

^{xv} RG12/1313/p56.

^{xvi} FreeBMD Death Indexes.

^{xvii} Certified copies of Death Certificate DYB474211 and DYB474014.