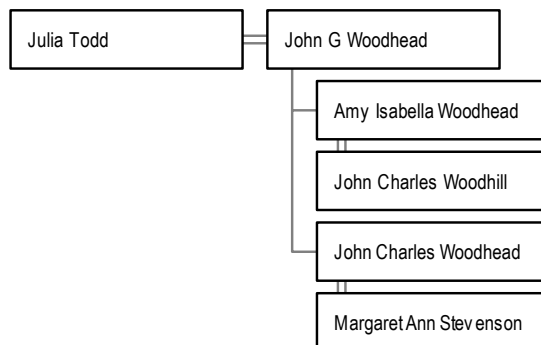


Julia Todd

Based on her age given at marriage, it is likely that Julia was born in 1832, and based on the census returns this event occurred at Manchester. Julia married John G. Woodhead on 20th August 1857 at St Peters, Leeds. John was described as a 25 year old bachelor, whose profession was Painter and who at the time of the marriage was residing in Chorley Lane. Julia, 25, spinster with no profession, was living at St Paul's Street before her marriage. Their fathers were respectively recorded as John Woodhead, Painter and Charles Todd, Engineer. The ceremony, conducted under Licence, was witnessed by John Thompson and John Woodhead (S^{nr}) and Emma Isabella Todd. John Bloomfield, incumbent of St George, presided over the event.ⁱ



The young lady of “no business” for the 1851 census was, by the next census a much busier person, being now a married woman with a child, living at 67 Leighton Lane, West Leeds.^l Leighton Lane was just a stone's throw from John's family home in Park Lane and Julia's mother's house in St Paul's Street.

John Woodhead	29	Master Painter	Leeds
Julia Woodhead	28		Manchester
Amie Isabella	3		Leeds
Mary Beck	16	Maid of all Work	Holbeck, Leeds

John Woodhead, born in Leeds about 1832, was the son of John and Elizabeth Woodhead. The 1841 census records the family (with 4 children - John J^{nr}, Edwin, George Henry and Frederick) at Park Lane.[#] The 1851 census records the now expanded family still there, at 157 Park Lane, West Leeds.^v Park Lane was the business address. The residential address was Chorley Lane.^v

John Woodhead	47	Painter, employing 4 men and 3 boys	Holbeck
Elizabeth Woodhead	44		Woodhouse
John Woodhead	19	Painter	Leeds
Edwin Woodhead	16	Solicitor's Writing Clerk	Leeds
George Henry Woodhead	12	Scholar	Leeds
Frederick Woodhead	11	Scholar	Leeds
Jane Woodhead	8	Scholar	Leeds
Walter Woodhead	5	Scholar	Leeds
Ellen Woodhead	3	Scholar	Leeds
Mary Hale	16	House Servant	Scarborough

As can be seen from the census return for 1861, John is still in the painting business, but by the 1871 census he has changed profession, one which, as indicated by the following census return, requires him to be away from home frequently. In 1871 he is found in the Okell household at 70 Hatcham Park Road, Deptford.^w

Joseph Okell	50	Railway Engine Driver	Manchester, Lancs
Mary Okell	54		Spondon, Derbyshire
John Okell	30	Railway Engine Driver	Spondon, Derbyshire
Jane Okell (Son's Wife)	30		Sittingbourne, Kent
John I W N Okell (Gson)	5		New, Surrey
Mary I H Okell (GDau)	3		New, Surrey
Herbert J Whackhill	18	Commercial Clerk	Chelmsford, Essex
John Woodhead	36*	Railway Locomotive Inspector	Leeds

* Note incorrect age.

By this time John and Julia have two children, Amy Isabella and John Charles Woodhead. As previously noted, for the 1871 census, Julia and daughter Amy were with Isabella Todd.^w Son John Charles is staying with his paternal grandparents John and Elizabeth Woodhead and their extended family.^w In 1881 John is still again away from home

as a Visitor, along with his unmarried brother, Walter, at the house of Ruth Wrafton, 49 Chadwick Road, Camberwell.^x Walter, like John, started as a young boy as a painter, in the family business, but later changed jobs in a completely unrelated profession!

Ruth Wrafton	41	Manufacturer Ladies Underclothing	Isfield, Sussex
Walter Woodhead (Visitor)	35	Manufacturer Milliner, Underclothing	Leeds
John Woodhead (Visitor)	49	Dist Loco Supt L.B & S Rly	Leeds

Meanwhile, Julia was living in Leeds, now at Norfolk Terrace, Chapel Allerton, with their second child, John Charles Woodhead. Amy has, by this time, married and left home.^x

Julia Woodhead	48	Wife of Railway Loco District Superintendent	Manchester
John Charles Woodhead	19	Student (School)	Leeds

I have lost track (hopefully temporarily) of Julia for the 1891 census, but John has been found lodging with the Gillies family at 44 Buckingham Place, Brighton.^{xi} There is no description of any profession or occupation for this listing apart from the General Servant so there is no real lead as to whether John was there on business or for some other purpose.

George Gillies	40		Scotland
Harriet Gillies	32		Ashford, Kent
Catherine	4		Ashford, Kent
George Gillies	2		Brighton, Sussex
Malcolm Gillies	5 mths		Brighton, Sussex
Sarah Farrow	16	General Servant	Brighton, Sussex
John Woodhead (Lodger)	58		Leeds

Ten years later the census records both John and Julia but, again, not at the same place. John is still at Brighton, now living at 84 Queens Road^{xii} and Julia at 107 Flackwell Heath, Wycombe with daughter Amy.^{xiii}

John Woodhead	68	Loco Supt SB&SCR	Leeds
Mary Haddow	35	Housekeeper	Southampton, Hants
Susan Brooks	59	Domestic Cook	Wilmington, Sussex
Mary Roste	17	Housemaid	Cuckfield, Sussex
John Woodhill	49	Clerk CC	Ireland
Amy Woodhill	42		Leeds
John Woodhill	21	Poultry Farmer (own a/c)	Leeds
Julia Woodhead (M-i-L)	68		Manchester, Lancs
Ellen Pusey	14	Domestic	Turville, Bucks

No confirmed record of Julia's death has been found at this stage^{xiv} but John's death was registered on 23rd February 1909 in the sub district of West Brighton, county of Brighton. The death certificate records him as an Outdoor Locomotive Superintendent (Railway) retired, and his last few years before he died age 76 on 21st February must have been very difficult. The cause of death was given as Cystitis, Diabetes and Heart Failure. Dr Austin L. Badcourt certified the death and John's sister, Jane North, of Red Croft Eltham Kent, was present at the death which occurred at 7 Compton Avenue West Brighton.^{xv} I have tried to trace Jane without limited success. It would appear that she married John T North in 1866 at Leeds^{xvi}, and the couple plus one child may have been located in the 1871 census living at Turnpike Road, Deeping St Nicholas, Lincolnshire, although this Jane's place of birth does not tally with the 1851 census data. Perhaps in favour of this being correct is the fact that John was a Railway Gate Keeper.^{xvii}

John T North	30	Railway Gate Keeper	Osbornby, Lincolnshire
Jane North	27		Sleaford, Lincolnshire
John C North	4		Middlesex
James Walk	21 (Boarder)		Railway Porter Iveybridge, Devonshire

The Jane North located in the 1901 census, residing at 6 Norwood Grove, Headingley with Burley, in the household of her brother in law James Poole Young is certainly John Woodhead's sister.^{xviii}

James Poole Young	52	Engineers Clerk	Kirkby Overflow, Yorkshire
Helen Young ^{xix}	53		Leeds
Ernest Rhodes Glover (stepson)	24	Wholesale Clothiers Clerk	Bermondsey, Leeds
Edith Mary Dean (niece)	9		Kirkby Overflow, Yorkshire
Jane North (Wid)(Sister in Law)	58	Living on own means	Leeds

Helen Young (née Woodhead) is also a sister to John Woodhead and Jane North. Helen married twice – first to Joseph Glover in 1867 and then to James Poole Young in 1892.^{xx} Joseph Glover probably died in Leeds in 1882,

aged 38, according to a FreeBMD Death Index for the Apr-Jun quarter of that year.^{xvi} I have not been able to trace the Glovers in the 1881 census, but have found them in the 1871 census, in the household of Helen's father at 2 Chorley Lane, Leeds.^{xvii} The full family listing for this census return is given under the notes below for John Charles Woodhead.

ⁱ Certified copy of Marriage Certificate AB104527.

ⁱⁱ RG 9/3392/p3.

ⁱⁱⁱ HO107/1349/4/p1.

^{iv} HO107/2321/p37.

^v Whites Leeds Directory, 1870, p.245.

^{vi} RG10/741/p29.

^{vii} RG 10/4568/p58.

^{viii} RG10/4565/p21.

^{ix} RG11/680/p51.

^x RG11/4541/p27.

^{xi} RG12/11/p28.

^{xii} RG13/930/p12.

^{xiii} RG13/1348/p17.

^{xiv} There is a registration of death of a Julia Woodhead in the March Quarter, Stockport District of Cheshire for 1906. However the age at death is given as 68, so this is not likely to be our Julia.

^{xv} Certified copy of Death Certificate DYB218174.

^{xvi} Free BMD Marriage Index.

^{xvii} RG10/3325/p6.

^{xviii} RG13/4246/p10.

^{xix} See also the 1871 census listing for John Charles Woodhead – here Helen is Helen Glover (née Woodhead) wife of Joseph Glover and daughter of John and Elizabeth Woodhead.

^{xx} FreeBMD Index.

^{xxi} FreeBMD Index.

^{xxii} RG10/4565/p21.