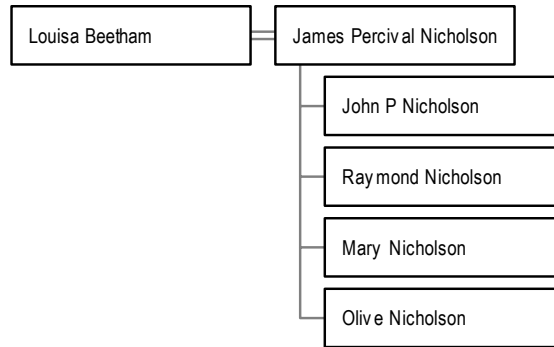


Louisa Beetham



Louisa Beetham was the second daughter of Mary and John Beetham, and she was born in the Oct-Dec quarter of 1861 in Leeds just over a year after her elder sister Emily.^v She lived at home until her marriage to James Percival Nicholson, as recorded by the 1871 and 1881 census returns.[#] Shortly before her 27th birthday Louisa married James, who was about four years her senior, at St. Peter's, Leeds, as registered for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1888.[#] John, who was born about 1857 in Manchester, was the son of Thomas and Lucy Nicholson who, in 1861 were living at 9 North Parade, Bridge Ward, Derby.^{iv}

Thomas H Nicholson	31	Silk Manufacturer	London
Lucy Nicholson	25		N.K.
James P Nicholson	4		Manchester, Lancs
Fanny Nicholson	2		Manchester, Lancs
Lucy Nicholson	1		Derby
Thomas R Nicholson	1		Derby
Sophia Brook	16	House Servant	Blaby, Leicestershire

I have not been able to locate this family for the 1871 census, but wherever they might have been, Thomas and Lucy had been busy increasing their family, as evidenced by the 1881 census, where they are now found living at Cross Banks House, Shipley, Yorkshire, just outside Bradford.^v

Thomas H Nicholson	51	Stuff & Silk Merchant	London
Lucy Nicholson	46		Derby
James P Nicholson	24	Mechanical Engineer	Manchester, Lancs
Fanny Nicholson	22		Manchester, Lancs
Lucy Nicholson	21		Derby
Thomas R Nicholson	21		Derby
Helen Nicholson	19		Derby
Mabel Nicholson	17		Derby
William Nicholson	15	Scholar	Derby
Herbert Nicholson	13	Scholar	Derby
Blanche Nicholson	11	Scholar	Derby
Millicent Nicholson	9	Scholar	Bradford
George Nicholson	6	Scholar	Shipley

Two years or so after their wedding James and Louisa are also living at Bradford, at 305 Killinghall Road. From mechanical engineer in 1881, James has now advanced to managing a steel works. With the family was one of James's sisters.

James P Nicholson	34	Steel Works Manager	Manchester
Louisa Nicholson	29		Leeds
John P Nicholson	1		Bradford
Blanche Nicholson (Sister)	21		Derby

By 1901 the family has relocated to 8 Caxton Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield, and there are 3 more children, but no mention of son John born around 1890.^{vi}

James P Nicholson	44	Mech Engineer (own Account)	Manchester
Louisa Nicholson	39		Leeds
Raymond Nicholson	9		Bradford
Mary Nicholson	6		Bradford
Olive Nicholson	6		Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire
Emma Brenner	19	Governess	Germany (Swiss Subject)
Jessie Colton	27	Mother's Help	Newhall, Staffordshire

John was staying with his grandparents, Thomas and Lucy Nicholson at 18 Edmund Street, Bradford on the night of the 1901 Census.^{vi}

Thomas H Nicholson	71	Yarn & Silk Merchant	Brough, London
Lucy Nicholson	63		Derby
Herbert Nicholson	34	Analine(?) Dye Traveller	Derby
John P Nicholson (Gson)	11		Undercliffe, Bradford

Further research on this branch of the Beetham family will need to await the availability of the 1911 census.



ⁱ FreeBMD Birth Index.

ⁱⁱ RG/10/4568/p58; RG11/4535/p4.

ⁱⁱⁱ FreeBMD Marriage Index; Leeds:CE46/99/194,

^{iv} RG9/2495/p15.

^v RG/11/4474/pp18-19.

^{vi} RG/13/4351/p24.

^{vii} RG/13/4169. (Note : on the census form the entry for Thomas's birthplace - London - has been crossed through and Yks put in the margin. The 1881 Census has Thomas's birthplace as London - and Brough may be Borough).