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2004 Addendum Elsie Taylor Fountain Paine

Addendum 2004, Elsie Taylor Fountain Paine

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Since so much of her life is intertwined with that of her husband and children, everything about her is not presented here. For instance, to learn more about the Hardware Store in Grotton, see addendum for Margaret Joyce Fountain (her daughter). To see more on where she lived as a child, see piece on Ernest Taylor (her father). You will have to wait to learn more about the middle years! The box to the right is an overview of her life as provided by her!

Reminisces of Elsie Taylor Fountain Paine

She grew up in New Moston, Manchester. She attended the following schools – New Moston Council, Waterloo High School and Loreburn College (Manchester). The latter for shorthand, typing, book-keeping and english to qualify for a clerical job.

Growing up she was very happy go lucky, never worrying about anything, very surprisingly a success with the opposite sex, not being nice looking!!!

Her parents were very strict but fair.

She was very close to her maternal grandmother – a small, sharp, busy, little person, who could quote a proverb from the bible for every situation.

Was only 7 at the start of WWI and doesn't remember much.

Lived for a couple of years with Aunt Sarah Ann Lewis, Uncle Arthur and Cousin Edith to remain near her fiance till they married in 1936.

WWII was horrifying. Queuing up for soap. German bombers over each night to try and bomb two aircraft factories very near to us in Chadderton. Two young children to try and keep safe with a husband in the army.

My father was a wonderful man who I thought could solve all my problems, even after I was married – he usually did. It was a terrible grief to me when he died aged 70.

(told to the author in Spring 1992)

Birth

31 Wesley Street, Failsworth

1907

CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF BIRTH
Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953

Registration District **PRESTWICH**

1907. Birth in the Sub-district of **Failsworth** in the County of **Lancashire and Manchester**

Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name, and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name of officer reg
1157	Eleventh May 1907 31 Wesley Street, Failsworth	Elsie	Girl	Ernest Taylor	Mary Taylor formerly Nelson	Clerk at Electrical Works	Ernest Taylor Failsworth 31 Wesley Street, Failsworth	Eleventh May 1907	J. Goshard Registrar	

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody.

Annette Phillips
Superintendent Registrar
25.9.91

CAUTION—It is an offence to falsify a certificate or to make or knowingly use a false certificate or a copy of a false certificate intending it to be accepted as genuine to the prejudice of any person, or to possess a certificate knowing it to be false without lawful authority.

Address

29 Eastwood Rd., New Moston

c. 1911

New Moston ends up being a focus of some branches of the Taylor and Wolfenden Families. At one time or another we find Reuben Cheetham (he married into the Wolfenden family). We also find James Middleton (to become a mayor of Oldham) living in New Moston. It was also where Elsie's father Ernest lived when he was growing up. So, to learn more about the links to New Moston, check out these families and also the 2004 Addenda titled "Taylors, Wolfendens and New Moston."

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(Moston Lane intersecting Eastwood Road, c. 1909-1911, girl to right of pram is Elsie Taylor)

This photo shows this same intersection, though more from the Moston Lane side in 1925¹ when the corner store also served as the post office. It looks very similar to its c. 1909 appearance.



¹ "A Glimpse of New Moston" by Bernard Savage, 1999, page xiii, "New Moston Post Office, 1925"

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(same intersection, 1969)²



The Local Studies Library at the Manchester Library, sent in the same e-mail that it also has:

"We also have a 1969 view of Eastwood Road which says from number 35 facing south (M34096), but this seems to show different property, and it is not clear whether number 35 is the first house on the left or behind the photographer."



² Received via e-mail, 1/21/04, Local Studies Unit lls@libraries.manchester.gov.uk, ref # (M34100) – source: Margaret de Motte, Manchester Archives & Local Studies, Central Library, St Peter's Square, Manchester M2 5PD, Tel 0161 234 1979, www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries/arl

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if the prior picture shows from 35 and down, then 33 Eastwood Road and conceivably 29 Eastwood Road would be in this photo.



Previously, the author had uncovered the following "property" for sale, claiming what's pictured to the left as 29 Eastwood Road.

So, it's hard to reconcile all these photos since these last two don't seem to quite match up ...unless, the picture above is starting at 35 and going higher and 29 and 33 would be behind the photographer.



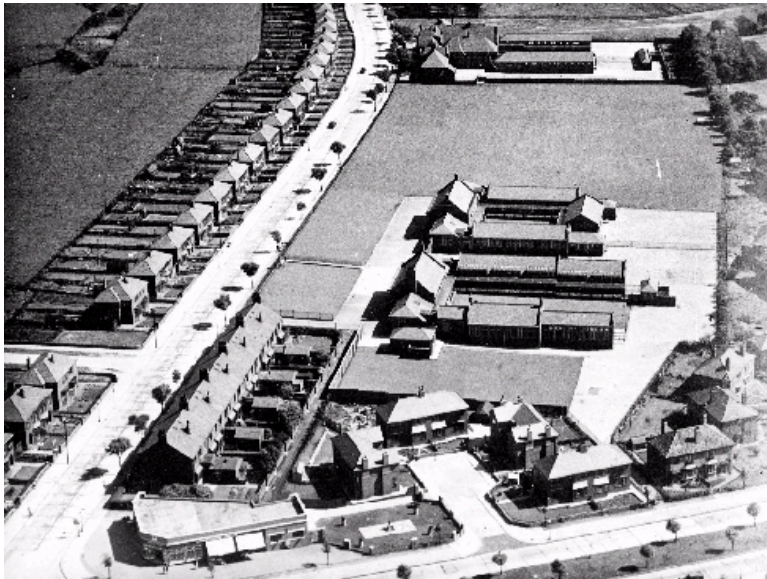
(Ernest, Mary, Elsie Taylor, c. 1909/1910)

School

New Moston Council

(New Moston Primary/Junior)

The school was located on Moston Lane, New Moston. According to Bernard Savage³, this school opened in 1901 and was one of Manchester Education Department's Board Schools.



(Aerial photo, New Moston Primary School, Aerial View, 1937 – after her time and before her daughter Margaret's time)⁴

New Moston Primary School was at the junction of Moston Lane and Broadway. Moston Lane runs from bottom to top of the picture, and Eastwood Road would be not far off the top of the picture.

³ E-mail received 2 Feb 2004, Bernard Savage, New Moston History Society, b.savag@virgin.net, <http://www.hlminfo.net/frame.php?url=http://www.hlminfo.net/%2Fnmhs/%2F>

⁴ e-mail received, 1/21/04, Local Studies Unit llsu@libraries.manchester.gov.uk, ref # M64987

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School

Waterloo High School

From the Manchester Education Department⁵, we learn:

Waterloo School was a known as a Manchester Municipal Day School. The school covered ages ranges from 5yrs to 14yrs of age, split into 3 departments.

Waterloo Infant School

Head teacher / principal Mary Sweaney.

Waterloo Girls School

Head teacher / principal Mary E Hamnett.

Waterloo Boys School

Head teacher / principal Sidney B Jordan

The above schools were all based in one building over two floors. (NOTE: this information matches information found in 1929 directory!)

Waterloo Road is and was located in the Cheetham district of Manchester.

So, we know that Elsie first attended New Moston Council School and so imagine that she started at Waterloo in the Girls School.

School

Loreburn College

Loreburn College was a fee paying secretarial college in, as you say, Spring Gardens Manchester - not sure when it closed, lots of New Moston girls went there for office training⁶.

1929 Manchester Directory CD (Archives CD) has the following:

Loreburn College (Gilbert Johnston, M.A. and Charles Ogilvy, B.A. principals), 60 and 62 Spring gardens



..... Here is Concert lane
60 Chartered Accountants Students' Society
60 Manchester Society of Chartered Accountants (hall)
60 Manchester Society of Chartered Accountants (library)
60 Spring Gardens Building Co. Ltd
60 Chadwick J. & Co. Ltd. dyers
60 & 62 Bury Isaac Ltd. dyers &c
60 & 62 Heasandford Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (The), cotton mfrs
60 & 62 Ferguson Bros. Ltd. cotton spinners &c
60 & 62 Wrigley J. A. jun. yarn agt
60 & 62 Seager Geo. W. manufrs. agt
60 & 62 Berry Richard & Son Ltd. manufacturers
60 & 62 Cooper & Cooper, chartered accountants
60 & 62 Minshall Isaac W. inspecting engineer
60 & 62 Waddington S. & Co. Ltd. grey cloth merchants
60 & 62 Speight John, Son & Co. Ltd. mfrs
60 & 62 Sutton W. H. & Sons, estate agents
60 & 62 Clarence Chambers Ltd. (regd office)
60 & 62 Loreburn College
60 & 62 Sheridan Thomas, caretaker
60 & 62 Empress Café
..... Here is Fountain street

⁵ e-mail received 2/16/04, Julia Andrew, Communications Team, Manchester Education Dept., Overseas House, Quay Street, Manchester, M3 3BB, j.andrew@notes.manchester.gov.uk

⁶ E-mail received 2 Feb 2004, Bernard Savage, New Moston History Society, b.savage@virgin.net, <http://www.hlm.info.net/frame.php?url=http://www.hlm.info.net%2Fmnh%2F>

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Though we have not been able to learn anything more of Loreburn College, we have learned that apparently, this building/buildings are part of the historic fabric of Manchester.

60 Spring Gardens is part of a list of the buildings built by Alfred Waterhouse⁷

Waterhouse, Alfred ([See main entry](#))

- [Manchester Town Hall](#), 1867-77. Grade I Listed.
- Prudential Assurance, 76-80 King Street, 1881. Grade II Listed.
- Old Manchester Grammar School, Long Millgate, 1870. Grade II Listed.
- 16 Nicholas Street, 1870. Grade II Listed.
- Original Owens Building, University of Manchester, 1870-98. Grade II Listed.
- [Refuge Assurance Building](#), Oxford Street, (with his son Paul) between 1890-1910. Grade II Listed. Now the Palace Hotel.
- Commercial Buildings, 60 Spring gardens, 1882. Grade II Listed. Now Gan House.
- National Provincial Bank, 41 Spring Gardens, 1888-90. Grade II Listed.
- [Strangeways Prison](#), Southall Street, Strangeways, 1866-68.

Another reference was found, this time to 60 & 62 Spring Gardens, are "listed buildings" in a conservation area⁸.

Spring Gardens (west side)

- Nos.60 and 62. Minster Insurance. Grade II. 6.6.94

The author requested a picture from Manchester Archives & Local Studies via its "Picture Your Street" initiative⁹. The next page is what was provided. We don't know that 60-62 Spring Gardens is pictured and it gives you a sense of the locale.



(Elsie, 1924)



(Elsie, 1928)



(Edith & Elsie, 1934)

⁷ re-checked 9/30/04, <http://www.manchester2002-uk.com/buildings/who-built2.html>

⁸ re-checked 9/30/04, <http://www.manchester.gov.uk/planning/heritage/listed4.htm>

⁹ re-checked 9/30/04, <http://www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries/lsuimage/streetview/spring.htm>

Spring Gardens, Manchester, 1930



M04582

This street was chosen by Diane Richard of Raleigh, NC, USA

Reasons for choosing this street

My grandmother attended Loreburn College. I understand that it was a popular place for young women to go to for secretarial skills training. Apparently it was located on Spring Gardens in 60 and 62 which housed several other varied businesses.

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Address 112 Moston Lane
(pictured to left)

c. 1926

Address 26 Moston Lane,
New Moston, New Moston

1929 (Directory)

Here is a portion of a 1951 map of New Moston (also courtesy of The Manchester Public Library, Manchester Archives & Local Studies). The intersection of Moston Lane and Eastwood Road is approximately in the center of the map.



Looking at the 1929 Directory for Manchester and area ... we see Ernest Taylor listed as living at 26 Moston Lane, New Moston.

Moston Lane, New Moston.
Continuation of Hale lane, Failsworth.
(Letters should be addressed Failsworth.)

North side.

8 Smith Mrs. Jane, grocer
8a, Lawton Chas. boot repr
10 Acton James, polisher
..... Here is Circular road
Dawson Robert, spinner (East mount)
Andrew Miss Leah (Homer view)
..... Here is Circular road
..... Here is Belgrave road
Onchan cottages:
Rayner Frank, secretary
Toothell Ralph
Toothell Madam Alice F.V.C.M.
tea her of piano
Stanley terrace:
1 Hilton Harvey
2 Hibbert Harold, houseldr
3 & 4 Carter Geo. H. newsagt

18 Clarke Fredk. motor engnr
..... Here is Eastwood road
22 Haughton Geo.confctnr. & post off
26 Taylor Ernest, clerk

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From her cousin, Edith Lewis Warburton (letter dated February 26, 2004), we know that Elsie went to live with Edith's family to be closer to her fiancé, John Richard Fountain. The map below shows where the Lewis family lived and what follows is a reminiscence from Auntie Edith.

Lived with them at 63 Green Lane, Garden Suburb, Oldham.



(note: a portion of the white space shown is the Werneth Golf Club)

Reminiscing ... "I remember the day she first came (to live with them at Garden Suburb), she had been to work in Manchester and at tea time she breezed in saying 'Hello, here's your new lodger, complete with hot water bottle.' ... 'Elsie's real "Best Friend" was Hilda Lancaster, married to Sam Healing. She was a confectioner and had a shop in Moston. He was the son of a family who had a coach firm. When the firm closed down he and Hilda bought a Café and Bed & Breakfast, called the "Olive Branch" at Broadway in the Cotswolds." ... "One thing did worry her, she had a rather sallow complexion and white satin and net and lace wedding dresses didn't do a thing for it. But, that was the proper thing int those days, white signified purity, virginity and goodness knows what else and when Elsie opted for a Blue outfit eyebrows rose to amazing heights. Her Mum & Dad were very disturbed and so very relieved when Margaret, your mum, didn't procliam her arrival till well after the "respectable" date." ... "Elsie & Jack were very fond of the East Coast and often went there for holidays, especailly a little place called Sandsend near Whitby and they spent their honeymoon at Filey in the same area. For a while Jack had a small car, a two seater, open top, turquoise blue run about, the bonnet was held in place with a leather belt and it made the most appyalling noise when the starting handled was turned." ... "Elsie had a rather nice singing voice (as had most of the family except me) she was in the Choir at the Bethesda Chapel and one occaision had to sing a solo. It was "Cherry Ripe" I don't know how on earth

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it came about, they didn't allow "songs" only Hymns (perhaps they got a special dispensation because it wasn't really a song – more like a "Cries of Old London") anyway Elsie was to sing it and for weeks she drove us daft practicing it, everyone in the house was singing, humming, whistling Cherry Ripe at last the concert took place and we all heaved a sigh of relieve. But – it was so successful they were asked to repeat it and we had to go through it all again."

Employment

Possibly "Fine Arts and General Insurance"

The bottom line is that we haven't and probably won't ever be able to confirm what company Elsie's worked in Manchester before she married. Everyone agrees that she worked for an insurance company that became part of Commercial Union Insurance Company, which then merged with the Norwich Union recently to become Aviva. Her cousin, Edith Warburton, believe she worked for Fine Arts & General ... there is no way to confirm this as Aviva has no personnel records for this company, though the archivist tried diligently to find something¹⁰.

The history of Commercial Union has been confirmed¹¹¹²:

Commercial Union no longer exists.

In 1998, Commercial Union and General Accident announced their intention to merge and form CGU plc.

In 2000, CGU announced their merger with Norwich Union, and formed CGNU plc.

CGNU plc was then renamed to Aviva on 1 July 2002.

If Elsie did work for Fine Arts & General Insurance in Manchester, we find from the 1929 Manchester Directory that it was located at 12-16 Booth Street (nowadays it seems like it might be called Derby House)

FINE ART AND GENERAL INSURANCE CO. LTD. 12 to 16 Booth st

South side.
6a, Clarence Café Ltd. (Mrs. F. E.
Horsley, managing director)
6 Milnes, Brother & Hoyle Ltd.
cotton manufacturers
6 Purves Henry, cotton manufactr
6 Brown Saml. Edwd. tailor
6 Ineson & Co. Ltd. timber brokers
6 Farrant & Stott, chartered acctnts
6 Leete & Co. paper mers
6 Schofield Alfd. & Co. loss assessors
6 Greenfield Mill Co. (Darwen) Ltd.
cotton manufacturers
8 & 10 Manchester & Salford Savings
Bank
12, 14 & 16 Boote, Dutton & Whit-
taker, solicitors
12, 14 & 16 Fine Art & General In-
surance Co. Limited

¹⁰ Aviva archivist, Sherry Leeds, correspondence 5/14/04-7/7/04, LEEDS, Sheree J [sheree_leeds@aviva.com]

¹¹ http://www.about-insurance.co.uk/insurers/Commercial_Union_insurance/?source=slwt&keyword=commercial+union+insurance&tpage=commercial+union+insurance

¹² <http://www.aviva.com/index.asp?pageid=77>

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Marriage

Bethesda Particular Baptist, Hollinwood

4 July 1936



"In 1847 several members were dismissed from the church at Manchester for the purpose of forming a cause at Hollinwood. This was accomplished by John Kershaw of Rochdale. The first "Bethesda" was erected upon the same site as the present chapel but further back and still stands at the rear of the present building. This first chapel was evidently private property, but was left to the Church in the will of Mr Wild who died in 1865. William Leach was the first pastor, ministering from 1859 until 1866. Afterwards Mr McKee was pastor from 1888 until 1905. Mr W. Cousins was there from 1916 until 1918, and Mr. McKenzie from 1923 till 1939." (19 March 2001 correspondence with librarian, David J. Woodruff, 10 Priory Rd, Dunstable, Beds. LU5 4HR, from an unpublished manuscript written in the 1950s by Ralph Chambers on northern Strict Baptist churches)



(c. 1950s¹³)

¹³ E-mail received 10/26/04 from Ian McKee, ian@locus.me.uk. Photo originated from Oldham Local Studies

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CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF MARRIAGE
Pursuant to the Marriage Act 1949

Registration District **OLDHAM**

936 Marriage solemnized at **Bethesda Chapel, Manchester Road, Hollinwood Oldham** in the
District of **Oldham** in the County **Borough of Oldham**

No.	When married	Name and surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence, or the home of marriage	Father's name and surname	Rank or profession of father
99	29th July 1936	John Richard FOUNTAIN	27 years	Bachelor	Bank Clerk	84 Albert Street Chadderton	John Frederick FOUNTAIN	Skip and Basket maker
		Elsie TAYLOR	29 years	Spinster	Shorthand Typist	63 Green Lane Oldham	Ernest TAYLOR	Accountant

Married in the **Bethesda Chapel** according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Particular **Baptist** Certificate by m

This marriage was solemnized between us, **J.R. Fountain** in the presence of us, **Alfred J. Garrett** **Ernest Taulor** Minister **Edmund Skansfield** Registrar

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody

J. Amey
Superintendent Registrar
17th May 1990

(See Appendix A for newspaper write-up and photo and information on the location of the reception)

The period from 1936 to 1963 is not currently included. So much happened during this period ... raising a family, WWII, etc... it would be a huge task to research this period.

Living

Croftlands, Gisburn Road, Blacko, Nelson

c. 1963-1967

Elsie & husband Jack lived at this address and then just as they were in the process of selling it to move elsewhere, Jack died. With the assistance of the Nelson Library¹⁴, the author was put in touch with the current owners who actually purchased the house from Elsie and Jack.

The owners currently graciously wrote a short note and included some photos related to the property¹⁵.

"It was through my mother Madame Bernair that we knew about your grandparents who were moving out of Blacko because of your grandfather's heart trouble. They had been in the house for 3 years. My mother liked your grandparents very much and so did we when we met them. Unfortunately, your grandfather died before moving. I suppose you know all this. They had decided to retire in Llandudno in Wales but your grandmother, when on her own, returned to Blackpool ...

¹⁴ e-mail received 9/8/03, Nelson.Reference@lcl.lancscc.gov.uk, Jane Morris, Senior Library Assistant, Nelson Reference Library

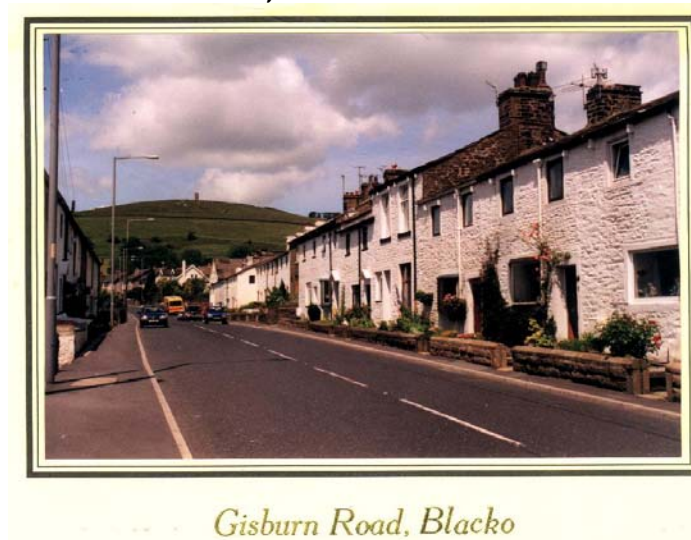
¹⁵ letter dated 5/12/04, Anne Marie McBeath, 380 Gisburn Road, Blacko, Nelson

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We moved in the summer '67 – gosh what a long time. The lights in the dining room, hall, stair, our bedroom are the ones your grandparents bought and so is the dining room carpet – moss green with flowers – though it is beginning to wear. I think your grandmother did some secretary job for the mill in the village – now taken down. It made very smart shirts some going to Harrod's in London."



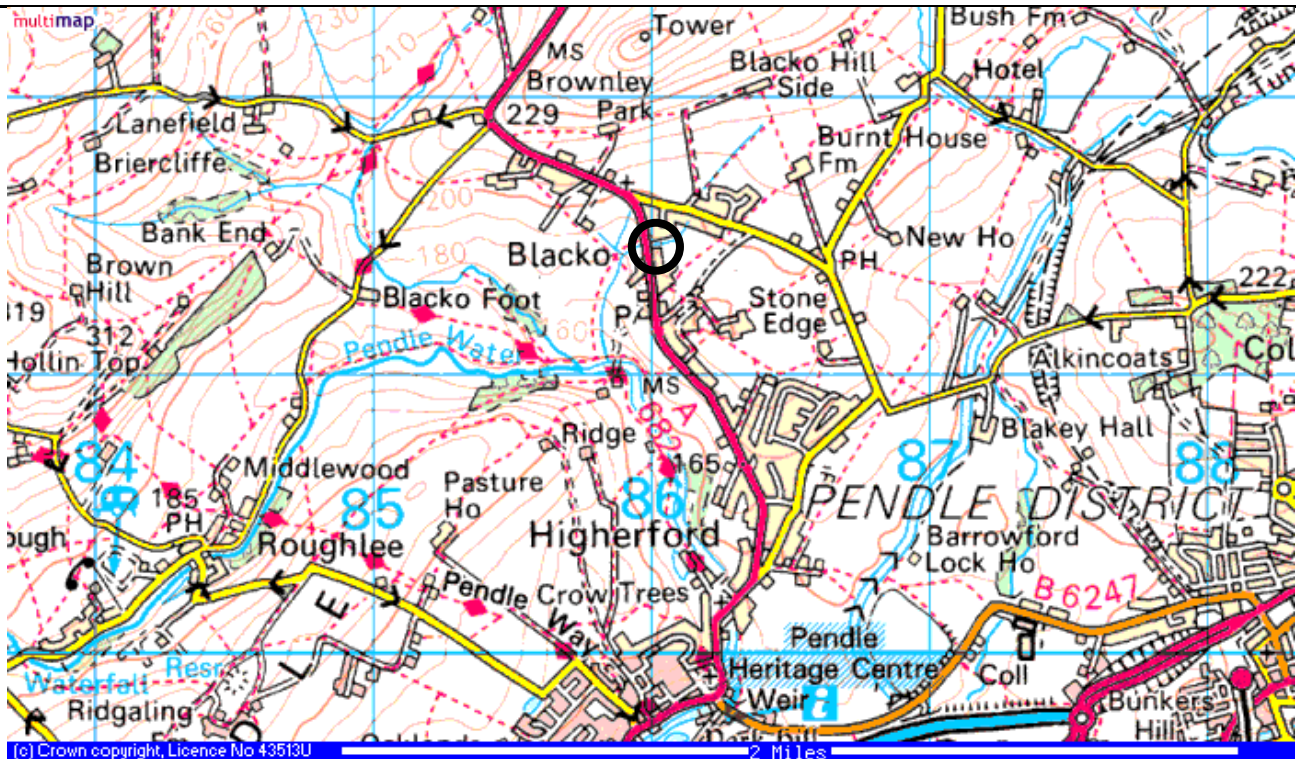
This photo is of Gisburn Road closer to the Centre of Blacko¹⁶ ...



Gisburn Road, Blacko

¹⁶ Heritage Card Image ... (note card sent from Mrs. McBeath) ... Heritage Cards & Souvenirs Ltd, Telephone: (01282) 452029

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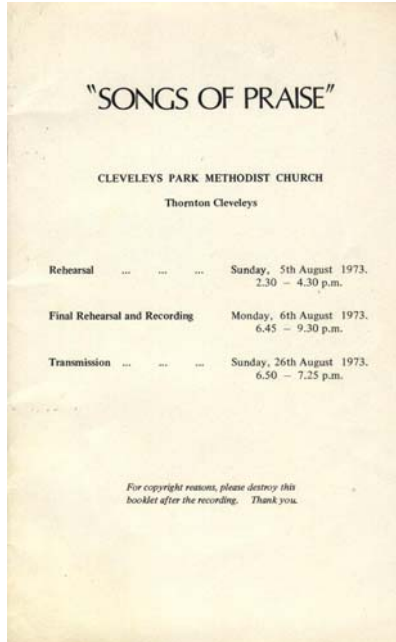
From what the author can tell, 380 Gisburn Road was approximately where the circle is.

This picture seems to be a portion of an aerial view of this section of Gisburn Road ... I believe that 380 Gisburn Road is the house with the red door.



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{The next event that the author has some familiarity with is the program listed below. This is because the author's mother also participated in this program and surreptitiously held onto the program.}



"Songs of Praise" BBC program – Thornton-Cleeveleys 26 August 1973

Some of the hymns sung, include:

- Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
- Praise the Lord ye heav'ns adore him
- The Spacious Firmament on High
- O Lord of Every Lovely Thing
- God of Mercy, God of Grace
- Jesus, Though Joy of Loving Hearts
- Now Thank We All our God
- Day is Dying in the West

Marriage

Elsie Taylor Fountain to Leslie Paine

1975

This interesting article on the couple appeared in the newspaper (c. 1992)

Music is the first love of church song birds Couple's century of hitting high notes



Leslie and Elsie Paine — years of singing

PENSIONERS Leslie and Elsie Paine have between them filled the church rafters with the sound of music for over a century.

Now in their mid-80s, the melodious pair of Allen Close, Cleveleys, are still going strong as staunch members of Cleveleys United Reformed Church choir.

This year Mr Paine celebrates 75 years of hymn-singing which began when he was a nine-year-old school boy in Northamptonshire.

His interest in church music was started after he became a member of the local Sunday School. He joined the choir there in 1918 and stayed until the depression of 1934 when he emigrated to New Zealand.

He explained that a priority upon his arrival at his new home in Gis-

By LEAH ELY

bourne had been to join a choir and his hobby continued right through the war years.

"I was a serviceman, a member of the ground staff, and even when we were in the jungles on the Solomon Islands we formed a choir and sang," he said.

In 1975, the well-established choirster returned to England to marry his 67-year-old sweetheart Elsie who shared his devotion to singing.

A soprano member of Cleveleys United Reformed Church, she had been a well-known soloist in her home-town of Oldham for many years.

Eighteen years later, they are still happily married and in good voice, never missing a Sunday service or a Friday evening practice session.

Mr Paine said: "We both love choir music and hymn singing. Sometimes on a cold winter night we feel like giving it up but we both enjoy it too much."

Researched by Cleveleys community correspondent Donald Ashford



This is a photo taken of Elsie in 1999. The author and her children were able to visit with her and were glad to have done so as she died just after her 93rd birthday the following year.



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(Cleveleys Congregational Church, c1910-1930¹⁷ and a more modern photo¹⁸)

The author was fortunate to communicate with the church that gran was associated with for many, many years. At one time it was called the Cleveleys Congregational Church and is now called the Cleveleys United Reformed Church. As a result of that correspondence the author received a copy of the address given at her funeral and some photos, c. 1950s/1960s of her involvement with the church. Please see Appendix B for these pieces.

¹⁷ accessed 10/13/04 and previously, <http://www.footstepphotos.co.uk/Lancashire/lany1.htm>

¹⁸ accessed 10/13/04 and previously, <http://www.nwssynod.org.uk/district/2b08.php>

Westbourne Singers

One of the snippets received mentioned that she had been involved with the Westbourne Singers. Another path to follow! More information was requested and here is the reply¹⁹:

"I've had a word with Mrs Margaret West, a member of Cleveleys United Reformed Church. Her late husband, Walter, who died in 1994 was the organist/choirmaster at our church, and another of his enterprises was the Westbourne Singers (they took their name partly from his name!). It was a small ladies' choir of about twenty members, who were drawn from various choirs around the town, including our church and the Townswomen's Guild.

They came together in about 1986, rehearsed in the Masonic Hall across the road from our church, took part regularly in several festivals around the area, and even won a number of prizes - so they can't have been that bad!

I'm sorry I couldn't find out how long your gran was involved with the Westbourne Singers, but I do know that they disbanded in 1994, when Walter was no longer available to lead them."

Also, the Local Fleetwood Library reports "We have searched high and low to find reference of the Westbourne singers, but however, have had no luck. We have looked through the old programmes of the Fleetwood Arts and Musical Festival and through the press cuttings we have here but there is no mention of the Westbourne Singers in any of the choir entries. We have also tried the United Reformed folders, but the only reference to any of your information is of a patron, Mr and Mrs L Paine during the year 1985."²⁰

¹⁹ e-mail received 10/13/04, Peter Grey [pygrey@fish.co.uk]

²⁰ e-mail received 10/15/04, Brenda and Lisa, Fleetwood Library – Reference, [Fleetwood.Reference@lcl.lancscc.gov.uk]

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Appendix A

Elsie Taylor marries John Richard Fountain

(originally appeared in original TAYLOR write-up)



Pictured (left to right) are: Edith Lewis, her husband-to-be George Warburton, John Richard Fountain, Elsie Taylor, Alfred Garnett and Rachel Fountain.

The picture above along with the text below appeared in "The Oldham Chronicle" on July 11, 1936 reporting on a 4 July 1936 wedding.

"A wedding took place on Saturday in the Particular Baptist Church, Hollinwood, and a large company of friends gathered to witness the ceremony. The bridegroom was Mr. J. R. Fountain, son of Mr. J.G. Fountain, of Albert Street, Hollinwood, and the bride was Miss Elsie Taylor, daughter of Mr. Ernest Taylor, now of Shelton Lock, Derby, but at one time of New Moston. Both families are old members and workers at Bethesda, the young couple being members of the choir and devoted to the Sunday School.

The bride's father conducted the marriage ceremony, assisted by Mr. A. Mackenzie, pastor at Bethesda, who gave an appropriate address.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. Herbert Taylor, was charmingly attired in a dress of delphinium blue cloth, with hat to match.

She was attended, as bridesmaids, by Miss Rachel Fountain (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Edith Lewis (her cousin). They were dressed in floral silk with blue hats.

The bride's bouquet was of red roses, while the bridesmaids carried bouquets of sweet peas.

The bride's mother was in Lido blue, and the bridegroom's mother was dressed in a blue and white ensemble.

Mr. Alfred Garnett was best man, with Mr. George Warburton as groomsman. Mr. W. Bainbridge played selections of choice music on the organ, while the company awaited the bride, and as her party advanced up the aisle he played the Wedding March from "Lohengrin."

A reception was afterwards held at the Café Monico. Mr. A. Garnett proposed the toast, supported by Messers H. Haylor and A. Lewis, to which a suitable response was given.

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The happy couple left later for Filey, where the honeymoon is being spent."

Café Monico

From Oldham Local Studies²¹, we learn:

"The Café Monico in Union Street, Oldham, was established about 1911.

In 1924, the cafe's proprietors were Renshaw and Faulkner.

Before the second world war the cafe was a popular venue for funeral teas and wedding receptions.

The establishment was bought by Berni Inns in 1963 and turned into a steak house.

In subsequent years the restaurant, housed in the basement of it's Union Street building, underwent various refurbishments. In 1991 it re-opened briefly as Cafe Mozart and is now closed."



We also learn²²:

"The Cafe Monico was located in the basement of number 79 Union Street."

Using this, the author was able to get a photo of the property as office space in the building is available for rent²³. The building as a whole is called the "Prudential Building" and it is pictured to the left.



Filey

This is where the couple honeymooned. We see from the map²⁴, that it is located on the East Coast of Yorkshire. This same web-site states:

"Filey has enjoyed a reputation of being a seaside resort since Victorian days. It set about being a holiday resort in the 1850s, the railways had arrived in 1846. By the 1890s it had a fashionable reputation and gaining in popularity during the Edwardian period up to the Second World War. After the war it continued its popularity and prospered with visitors..."

²¹ e-mail received 9/23/04, Archives [ccs.archives@oldham.gov.uk], Jennifer Clark - Local Studies Assistant, Oldham Local Studies & Archives, 84 Union Street, OLDHAM OL1 1DN

²² e-mail received 10/1/04, Archives [ccs.archives@oldham.gov.uk], Jennifer Clark - Local Studies Assistant, Oldham Local Studies & Archives, 84 Union Street, OLDHAM OL1 1DN

²³ Accessed 10/1/04, <http://www.egpropertylink.com/EGPLProperty8012357.htm>, Prudential Buildings, 79 Union Street, Oldham, Lancashire, OL1 1HL, UK

²⁴ Accessed 10/2/04, <http://www.leamman.fsnet.co.uk/filey.html>

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(Accessed 10/2/04, http://www.billcrokeyphotography.com/html_files/filey.html)



(Accessed 10/2/04, <http://www.leaney.org/walks/20020824.html>)

Memories of Edith Lewis Warburton

Referring to Herbert and Lucy ... "It was always their custom when any of the family married, to give them a pair of Yorkshire Woolen Blankets. When your gran & I were getting our "Bottom Drawer" prepared, ready for marriage I bought a pair of Blankets at a Church Bazaar, they were one of the most expensive items in a household (but they were expected to last a lifetime) and I was very pleased to have got that expense off my mind. Elsie said "Well, at least that's one thing we don't have to worry about, uncle Herbert and Aunt Lucy will see to that." As Elsie & Jacks' wedding day approached we asked what they would like for a present and they chose a rather lovely mirror they had seen in a shop, we went along to buy it but it had been sold. The shopkeeper promised to get another in time for the wedding. O.K. A few days later, only a week or so before the big day they were invited to go to Uncle Herberts for supper and pick up their present. When they arrived home they looked slightly dazed, stunned even and exhibited their present! Not a pair of Yorkshire Woolen Blankets, oh no – a lovely Cut Glass Reading Lamp!! Beautiful, yes, and expensive but not much use for making up a marriage bed! In the end we had to cancel the mirror and weigh in with the blankets."

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Appendix B

Dear Diane,

Further to my last message, I attach two files which may be of some help... firstly a few snippets of information that I have been able to gather by asking around, and secondly a copy of the address that was given at her funeral, courtesy of the Revd Audrey Boon.

I also have some photographs and newspaper extracts which I shall copy and send to you by post. I'm sorry, but my computer scanner is not up to the task at the moment - it has developed a fault and may need repair. So the pictures will follow in due course.

With best wishes to you and your family,

Peter Grey and the fellowship at Cleveleys United Reformed Church²⁵

Elsie Taylor Fountain Paine -- Snippets

The snippets of information I have been able to gather, and which are set out below, are unfortunately somewhat sketchy, because I am gathering memories from people who cannot be absolutely certain about dates and times, but I hope it is of some use...

Elsie's father, Ernest Taylor, your great-grandfather, was apparently known to the late Mr Walter West, who was church organist and choir master for a number of years, as well as a music teacher at a local secondary school. According to Mr West's widow, who is still a member of the church, Ernest was a Baptist minister in the Accrington area, and visited Cleveleys Congregational Church occasionally. (However, according to the 1975 marriage register, he was an accountant - maybe he found time for both!) You know that your grandfather, John Fountain (usually known as Jack), acted as church treasurer and as a deacon while he was with us. I believe your grandmother was a member of the choir in the days before she and your grandfather moved away with his work to live near Nelson, and she joined again when she returned to Cleveleys shortly after his rather sudden death in 1967.

I understand that she continued to sing soprano in the church choir until she was 90 years old, and that she was also involved (for a time) in a local ladies choir which went by the name of the Westbourne Singers, also directed by Mr West. The Westbourne Singers apparently distinguished themselves, and won several prizes at Music Festivals over the years, although unfortunately, I can find no one who remembers a televised broadcast of the Messiah from the church.

Elsie and Leslie Paine were married in 1975, and as you know, sang together in the church choir. All the members of your family that we have come across seem to be remembered with affection.

²⁵ E-mail received 04/27/04, Peter Grey [pgrey@fish.co.uk], Cleveleys United Reformed Church

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(Above: Cleveleys Congregational Church Women's Guild at their Christmas Social in the Church Hall)

The following images are quite poor ... they are scans of photocopies of the originals ... it is estimated that these pictures are probably from the early 1960s, maybe late 1950s.



(To Right: A group at the Cleveleys Congregational Church Men's Fellowship Social.)



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MRS ELSIE PAINE 1907-- 2000.

Elsie was born in Oldham some 93 years ago. She was an only child and was born into a world very different from today's. Elsie had seen and had to cope with the many technological and social changes of the last Century. Many of these changes, I'm sure she would have embraced with open arms, others she would not have approved of at all, because in her own cheerful way she was quite determined, independent and strong willed. These qualities held her in good stead when she started clerical employment in an Insurance Office in Manchester, where she reached the rank of Personal Secretary.

Elsie met the late Jack who worked in a bank. Because of the Bank ruling of that day, Elsie and Jack had to wait until they were over 30 years old before they could get married, so it was in 1937 that they were able to enjoy their Wedding Day.

They enjoyed some 30 years of married life together sharing the ups and downs that go with any successful marriage. They were blessed with three children, Ian, Neil and the late Margaret. After the birth of the children Elsie devoted her time to being a good mother and housewife. Her family was very important to her and they can recall many happy occasions, especially when they were younger and went on Caravan Holidays, enjoying walking and being in the Countryside.

In 1958 the family moved to Cleveleys and Elsie and the late Jack soon became enthusiastic members of Cleveleys Congregational Church, as it was known in those days. Around 1963 they moved to Blacko, near Nelson and remained there until 1967 when they returned to Cleveleys to be back with friends they had missed.

Elsie's faith and her church life were always very important to her. She was the daughter of a Lay Baptist Minister and was a very spiritual person. She sang in the choir and the late Jack was the Treasurer here at this church for many years. Elsie was a member of the Women's Guild, and the Prayer Meeting. For 30 years she was a member of the flower Committee and also hosted Coffee Mornings and was very supportive of all church activities.

Elsie's family became extended by the marriage of Ian to Elizabeth and Neil to Carolyn, also the late Margaret who married Richard, an American, and they moved to the States. Elsie was blessed with daughters-in-law and a son-in-law. She was a good mother in law and did not interfere in their lives but was always available for them when needed. Further blessings came with the births of Elsie's grandchildren, Diane, Debbie and Christine in America and Susanne and Andrew here. She also had five great grandchildren in America, Alysia, Galan Corey, Kayla and Rachel. She kept regular contact with them all and they with her.

Sadly in 1967 Jack died. Elsie, with the help and support of her family and friends, continued to live her life in a positive way. In 1975 she married Leslie and they enjoyed 25 years of married life together, becoming devoted friends and companions. They travelled to America on at least three occasions and to New Zealand and spent their honeymoon in Connecticut. They enjoyed a lovely family celebration for their Silver Wedding and Leslie's daughter came over from New Zealand to be with them.

Leslie and Elsie shared a variety of interests and were very supportive of each other. Elsie was an avid reader, and her great love of quizzes like crosswords and television's Countdown kept her eager mind active. She also loved good music, having been in a choir for most of her life. Elsie had many friends but two which she had known since about the age of four years, and ones she would consider life-long are Hilda and Elsie's cousin Edith. Over the years Elsie's health had been particularly good until September last year. She had a fall and this seemed to *knock* her confidence and she never really recovered from it. About eight weeks ago she had a heart attack but would not go into hospital, however, just over two weeks ago Elsie was taken into Victoria Hospital, where peacefully, on the 30th May she died.

Elsie will be sadly missed because she was dearly loved, and we love because God first loved us and

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showed us how to love through Jesus Christ. Each one of you here today will have very special memories of Elsie and of the way her life has touched and influenced yours. Hold on to these for they are precious and are God's gift to us. And even if we could write each individual story that each memory holds and make it into an enormous volume we would only be scratching the surface of the length, breadth and depth of the life of Elsie Paine. A life that has spanned over 93 years by a lady who was kind, generous, family orientated, very independent, was popular, had a good sense of humour, was loved and cherished as a wife mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, *great* grandmother relative, neighbour and friend. So we give God thanks and praise for the life of Elsie Paine and for all she achieved by his grace. We thank him that she is at peace in his loving care. AMEN.

Funeral conducted at Cleveleys United Reformed Church 12-30p.m. and Cremation at Carleton Crematorium at 1-30 pm. on 7th June 2000 by Rev'd Audrey M. Boon.