

Addendum #2 2003

April 12, 2004

To celebrate what would have been her 66th birthday in 2003, the author decided to create a timeline covering 1937 to 1957. Anyone reading this can feel free to add in some dates or tidbits of information!

Margaret Joyce Fountain 1937-1958, BIRTH TO MARRIAGE

Birth

Beech Mount Maternity Home in Harpurhey
(North Manchester Maternity Home)

October 15, 1937

CF 568519 9086

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

*The statutory fee for this certificate is 3s. 6d.
Where a search is necessary to find the entry,
a search fee is payable in addition.*

**B. Cert.
S.R.**

Registration District Manchester										
1937 Birth in the Sub-district of Manchester Northern					in the County Borough of Manchester					
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 entered after registration
394	Fifteenth October 1937 North Manchester Maternity Home Harpurhey U.D.	Margaret Joyce	Girl	John Richard Fountain	Blaise Fountain formerly Taylor	a Bank Clerk of 15 Chesney Avenue Chadderton U.D.	J.R. Fountain Father 15 Chesney Avenue Chadderton	Eleventh November 1937	M. Whittaker Registrar.	-----

I, _____, Superintendent Registrar for the District of Manchester in the County Borough of Manchester do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the entry No. 394 in the Register of Births No. 3 for the above-named Sub-district, and that such Register is now legally in my custody.

WITNESS MY HAND this 29th day of January, 1966

CAUTION.—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution.

*See note overleaf.
Deputy Superintendent Registrar

(see Appendix A for more on this facility)

Address

15 Chesney Avenue, Chadderton (see center of map below)





notes per her mother, Elsie Taylor Fountain Paine, 1992
... And now the church going. When she was young, some
neighbors took a few of the children to a small Methodist Church in
Turf Lane, Chadderton. Later she went to the Anglican Church in
New Moston, much nearer home. After we moved to the shop at
Grotton, she went to Lees Methodist Church.

Church Methodist, Turf Lane, Chadderton (see map on previous page, NE corner)

Turf Lane, Methodist Church, Chadderton¹

"With reference to your e-mail enquiry of 7 July concerning Turf Lane Methodist Church, Chadderton.

The church was completed in November 1889. Turf Lane closed in 1967 when it amalgamated with Washbrook, Eaves Lane, Edward Street, Werneth and Cowhill Methodist Churches.

A new South Chadderton Methodist Church was built in 1969.

Chadderton Council bought the old church building in September 1969.

¹ E-mail received 7/10/03, Jennifer Clark - Local Studies Assistant, Oldham Local Studies & Archives, 84 Union Street, OLDHAM, OL1 1DN, local.studies@oldham.gov.uk

The building was demolished and the site later re-developed."

NOTE: according to Manchester Archives site, this was apparently a Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Another snippet of info, provided by the Lancashire County Archivist, Lancashire Record Office² states: 'Turf Lane Wesleyan Methodists first held their services at 24 Glebe Street in 1887. Two years later, on a wet and windy August day, eleven foundation stones were laid for a new church in Turf Lane. The church opened in November of the same year and became obsolete in 1969'.

Church Anglican Church, New Moston (see Appendix K)

notes per her mother, Elsie Taylor

Fountain Paine, 1992 ...

She was above average intelligence, but sadly she wasn't too fond of studying. She first went to New Moston Primary School; then for two years, with her friend Sylvia, to a Private School.

After that she went back to New Moston School to prepare for taking a scholarship exam. She won a scholarship to Chadderton Grammar School which she attended for about two years.

School

New Moston

Primary School (to right)



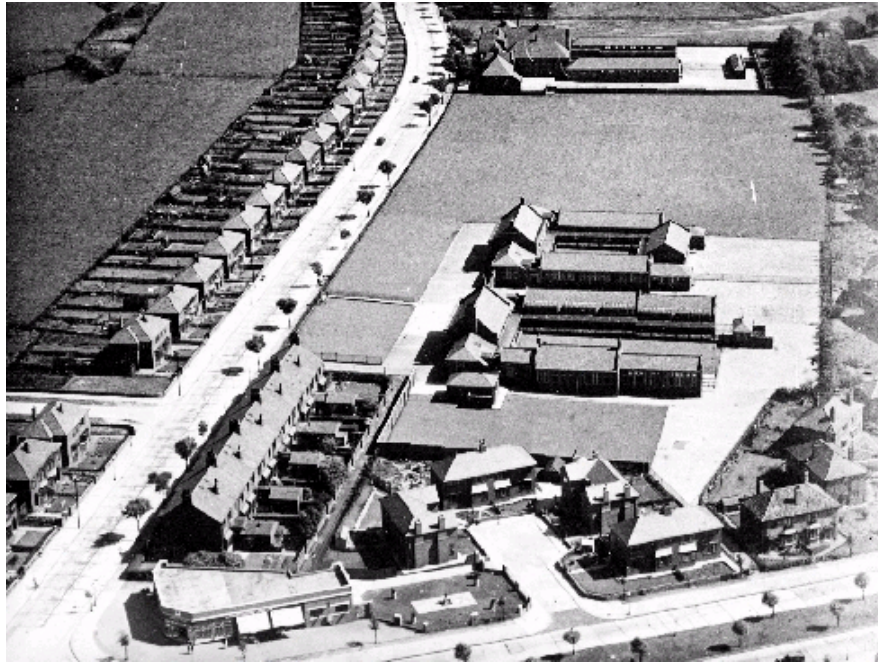
School Private School (with friend Sylvia)
(probably Werneth Preparatory School – see subsequent information from Hulme)

With reference to your e-mail enquiry of 19 January 2004 concerning Werneth Preparatory School. The school, in Plum Street, Oldham, was originally built in 1874 by local schoolmaster, Thomas Wild. The school was run by the Wild family until 1954 when schoolteachers Violet and Mildred Borrow took over. They stayed until the mid-1960's and according to an article in the Oldham Chronicle of 3 May 1996, records go back to this time, but do not cover the period when the Wilds ran the school.

Hulme Grammar School took over the school in January 1999. I have been unable to locate any photographs of the Preparatory School. We hold some photographs of Hulme Grammar School. We do not hold any records relating to Hulme Grammar School.³

² e-mail received 2/17/2004, Andrew Thymie, [Andrew.Thymie@ed.lancscc.gov.uk]

³ e-mail received 1/23/04, Local Studies [local.studies@ex.oldham.gov.uk], Jennifer Clark - Local Studies Assistant, Oldham Local Studies & Archives, 84 Union Street, OLDHAM,



(Aerial photo, New Moston Primary School, Aerial View, 1937)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. Apparently New Moston Primary School, New Moston Junior School and New Moston Council School are all one in the same

School

New Moston Junior School

1946-1949

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



(photo dated 1948)

(According to Mr. Bernard Savage⁵, "The girl standing on the left of your mother is Rhona Stubbs, who lived at 11 Whitecar Ave. The man at the back of Rhona is Mr Walkden the then Headmaster." Also⁶, Yes the class was a Standard or Form of an age group (grade in your terminology) At that time classes of 40/50 were quite common & discipline was strict.)

School Chadderton Grammar School

From Oldham Local Studies⁷

"Chadderton Grammar School was opened on 18th October 1930, on Broadway, Chadderton.

The school provided accommodation for 300 pupils. It was divided into separate boys' and girls' schools in 1955. The girls remained in the Broadway building. The school became known as the Radclyffe school in 1975 and is now a mixed-sex comprehensive school." (see Appendix B for some historic photos from 1930)⁸



⁵ e-mail received 1/26/04, Mr. Bernard Savage, lb.savag@virgin.net]

⁶ e-mail received 1/26/04, Mr. Bernard Savage, b.savag@virgin.net

⁷ e-mail received 2/4/04, Local Studies [local.studies@ex.oldham.gov.uk], Jennifer Clark, Local Studies assistant, Oldham Local Studies and Archives, 84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN, Tel 0161 911 4654

⁸ received 2/7/04, Oldham Local Studies

(modern photo of Radclyffe School⁹ previously Chadderton Grammar School)

Move

Moved to Grotton (lived above a hardware store)

circa 1950

Notes from her mother, Elsie Taylor Fountain Paine, 1992 ...

We then bought a hardware store outside of Oldham at a place called Grotton, too far for her to travel to Chadderton, so we transferred her to Hulme Grammar School, Oldham, the best school in the area. Unfortunately, this was a big mistake – she hated the headmistress (not without cause), so consequently didn't do very well there, except, and this was well deserved, she won the School's Music prize. At 16 she left there, held a few jobs and started training to be a nurse at Park Hospital, Davyhulme, outside Manchester. There again she had very high marks.

{Note from RBS, states that in John Richard Fountain's employment record, "A note dated 16 June 1950 states that his wife had purchased a hardware business at Grotton, but that he had no responsibilities for any losses that might be associated with the business."}



From Oldham Local Studies¹⁰ the author learned:

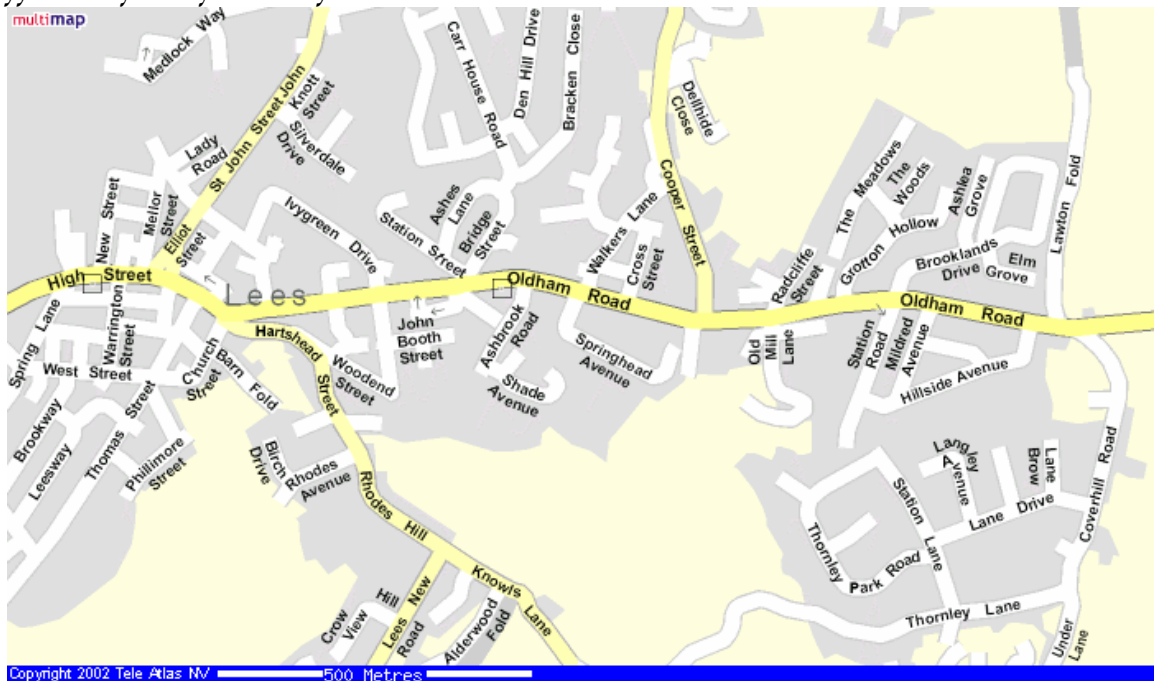
The property about which you requested information, 'Grotton Hardware', is number 283, Oldham Road, Grotton.

In the 1956 - 7 Oldham County Borough Directory, this is listed as a Hardware Merchants and Dealers, and Mrs E. Fountain is named as the owner. By 1964, ownership of the business at the address, which was still a hardware shop, had changed to K. Clegg. The building was not constructed until the 1930s and it is not listed in any of the other trade directories kept at Oldham Local Studies and Archives.

⁹ accessed 2/4/04, <http://www.theradclyffeschool.co.uk/>

¹⁰ e-mail received 7/9/03, Archives lecs.archives@oldham.gov.uk, Christine Drummond - Local Studies Assistant, Oldham Local Studies & Archives, 84 Union Street, Oldham OL1

(see Appendix C for the full write-up)



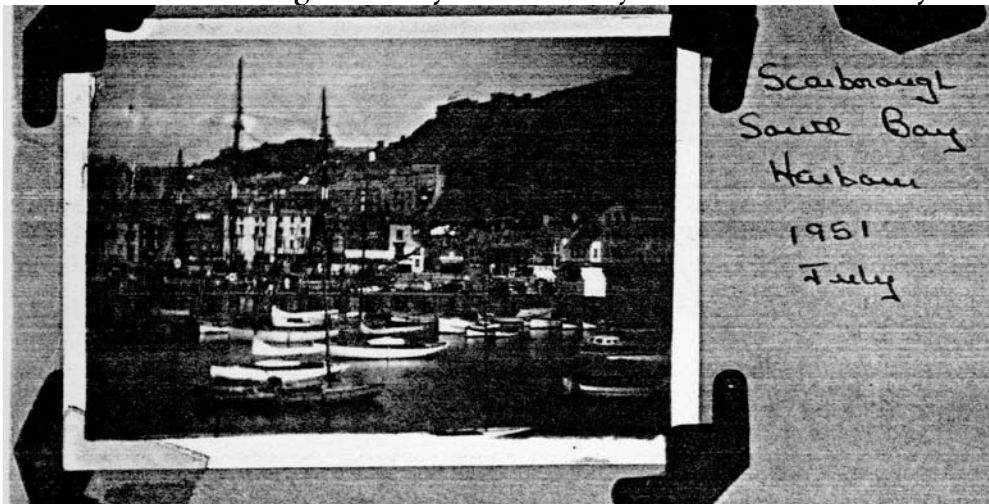
Church

Lees Methodist Church (see Appendix D and Appendix G)

Activity

Visit to Scarborough South Bay Harbour (have photo)

July 1951



Activity

*Attended Camp at Leigh on Sea (see photo below, back row, far right)
(see Appendix E for more on Leigh-on-Sea)*

1952



Report Card

Hulme Grammar School for Girls, Oldham

1950-1953?



Hulme Grammar School for Girls¹¹

The Hulme Grammar School for Girls, which opened in 1895, was founded to provide girls with the opportunity to achieve academic success and this remains one of the school's key objectives and achievements. We treat each member of the school community as an individual and provide an extensive support network to help each girl achieve her full potential.

Hulme cherishes its independence and the opportunity this gives to offer a distinctive curriculum, upholding the best traditions of learning in a thoroughly up-to-date context.

Our wide and diverse range of extra-curricular activities allows girls to face challenging situations outside the classroom and to sample new experiences. We hope these will contribute to the girls' personal development and form the foundations of long term interests. Some are organised jointly with the Boys' School, giving us the best of both worlds: single sex teaching and co-operation with the Boys' School outside the classroom.

¹¹ accessed 7/4/03, <http://www.wernethy Preparatory School.org.uk/hulmegirls/welcome2.htm>

From Hulme Grammar School "I have looked in the archives and found the registration book which does indeed contain your mother's name.

She entered the Hulme Grammar School for Girls in June 1950 from Chadderton Grammar School where she had attended for just 2.1/2 terms. Priory to that she attended Moston Lane Primary School, Manchester from 1946 - 1949 and then Werneth Preparatory School, Oldham. (Werneth became part of The Hulme Grammar Schools in 1999)"¹²

A follow-up inquiry reveals that British school terms are: The school year in England runs from September until July. This is divided into three terms:-

Autumn Term - September to Christmas
Spring Term - January to Easter
Summer Term - Easter until the end of July.

THE HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, OLDHAM.			
REPORT.			
NAME <u>Margaret Joyce Fountain</u>		Spring TERM, 1953	
FORM <u>410H</u> AGE <u>15</u> YEARS <u>5</u> MONTHS. AVERAGE AGE OF FORM <u>14</u> YEARS <u>1</u> MONTHS.			
SUBJECT	EXAMINATION PERCENTAGE		
SCRIPTURE		Poor: Margaret has made little serious effort this term.	G.P.P.
ENGLISH		Good on the whole. Margaret does not always concentrate.	J.M.B.
HISTORY		Good. Margaret can do some pleasing work.	K.C.R.
GEOGRAPHY		Margaret's work has improved.	J.H.
FRENCH		Margaret is alert and responsive in class; her written work does not come up to expectation.	A.N.B.
LATIN		Good on the whole.	J.H.
MATHEMATICS		Fairly good.	B.M.H.
SCIENCE		Good. Margaret has worked well.	A.A.
CHEMISTRY			
BIOLOGY		Fair.	J.H.
ART		Fair. Margaret could do better work.	H.S.
NEEDLEWORK			
COOKERY		Good	M.O.P.
MUSIC		Very promising. Margaret has a lively interest in this subject.	W.D.
PHYSICAL WORK		Fairly good. Margaret's work shows definite improvement.	D.W.S.
EXAMINATION AVERAGE		FORTNIGHTLY MARKS <u>B B B B</u> STARS	
PROGRESS:- Variable. Margaret must be determined to raise her standard of work in certain subjects.			
CONDUCT:- Good.			
LATE <u>0</u>			
ABSENT <u>8</u>			
CONDUCT MARKS <u>0</u>			
The next term begins <u>April 22nd</u> 1953 <u>J. Heyginson</u> Form Mistress.			

¹² e-mail received 11/7/03, Julie Tattersall [JTattersall@hulmegrammarschools.org.uk]



(c. 1951)

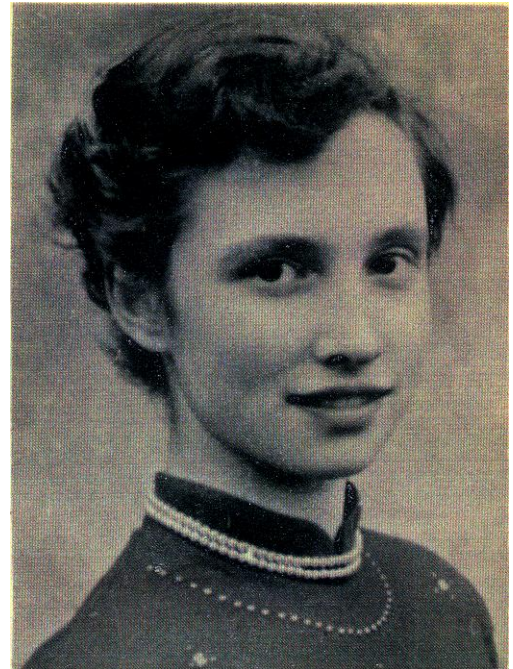


(c. 1952)



(mom & Maureen Seddon ??)

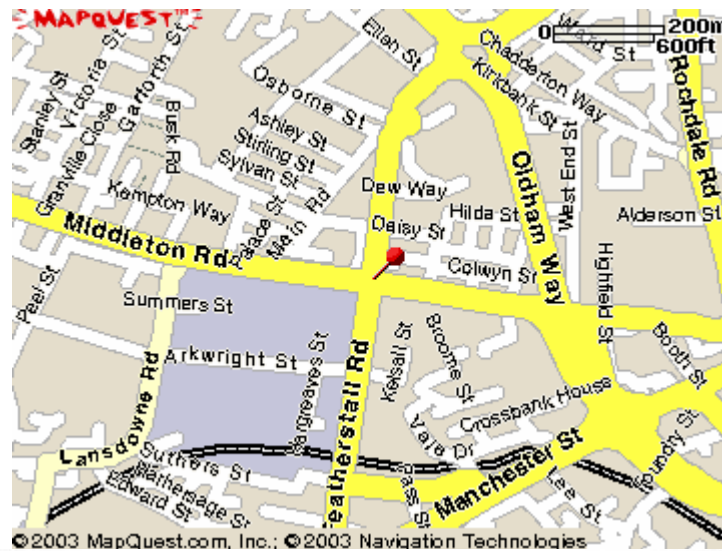
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Move

Intersection of Featherstall & Middleton Roads
(above "District Bank" (now Westminster Bank and
previously Manchester and County Bank))
(212 Middleton Rd, Oldham)

c. 1953



Notes from her mother, Elsie Taylor Fountain Paine, 1992 ...

Sometime during her schooling she was sent to music lessons with a very good teacher and she was so clever that she turned out to be the star pupil at all the concerts the teacher put on and was given the most difficult pieces to perform. When I hear orchestras play these pieces on Radio or Television, I always think of her. My favorite was always Handel's "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba," a very lovely but difficult piece, and she played it beautifully. (note: until hearing this, the author had no idea that her mother had ever played the piano, never mind had been so accomplished at it!!) (see Appendix F for 1st page of a score for this piece)

Lessons

Music (Piano) lessons

School

Won School's Music Prize

{NOTE: unfortunately, Ms. Tattersall at Hulme Grammar School was not able to confirm the Music Prize}

Friend's Memory

Went to Auntie Hilda's funeral on Friday (Sylvia's mother) and met a lady who

knew Margaret - Kathleen/Kathryn? Smith now Dunleavy. About six girls used to go dancing in their teens and this lady was so funny telling us about your mum who could get any boy in the hall to dance with her. The girls put it down to the seat she was sitting on and they played musical chairs but your mum always got her man which ever chair she sat in.¹³



(1954 Photo)



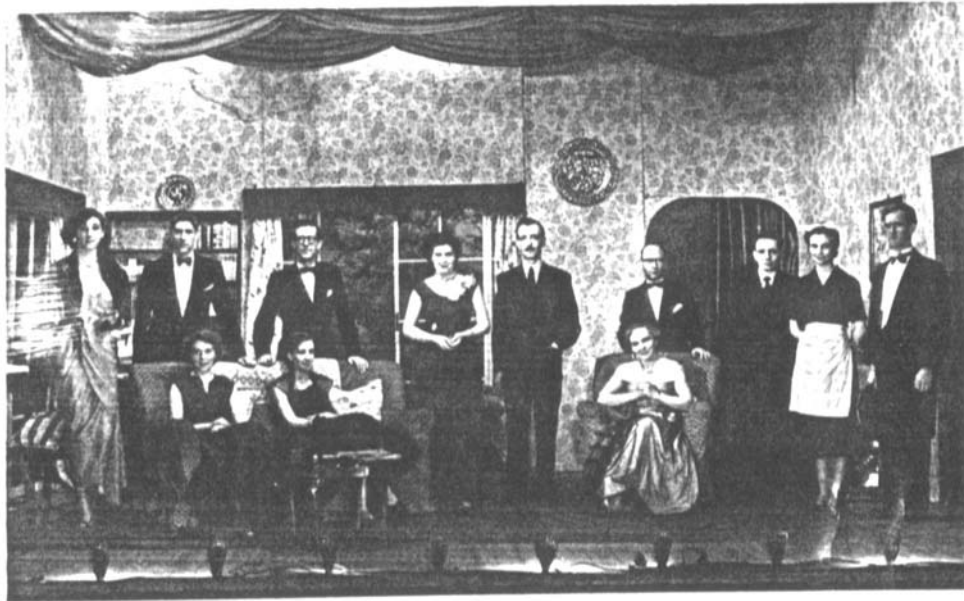
(undated photo)

Activity

Played maid in play at Zion

1955

¹³ e-mail dated 7/19/03 from Elizabeth Fountain ... attended funeral for Hilda Healing (Sylvia's mother – a friend of my mom's) and heard this.



(Read Appendix G for a possibility for where this production took place)

School

Park Hospital, Davyhulme

[note: now Trafford General Hospital] (see Appendix H)

[author's note: nurses training – not completed, at Park Hospital and she did resume her training years later in Danbury CT and became an LPN, Licensed Practical Nurse]



(left: Scotland 1957)



(right: undated)



(left: undated ...night on the town!)

(undated picture taken at Burtonwood non-commissioned officer's club)



(see Appendix I for more information on the Burtonwood NCO Club)

Church

Confirmed, St. Peter, Oldham

23 March 1958



The new St Peter's Church, built at the turn of the century and closed in 1961

This church closed just a few years after she was Confirmed at it. The picture to left is from "A History of Oldham Churches" by John Beever. This book also states:

"St Peter's began as a chapel of ease to St Mary's church, but it became an independent parish in 1835. The parish boundaries stretched from the Market Place down George Street and down Ashton Road to the Ashton boundary, returning by what is now Alexandra Park, then up Waterloo Street and across Union Street to the area of Lower Horsedale Street, then back via Yorkshire Street and High Street to the Market Place... will appreciate that the minister had a large and scattered flock!... The year 1889 was an important one for the congregation of St. Peter's because on 16th October it was decided that a new, more ornate church was needed... At last the great day came and on 12th February 1899 the final service was held in the old

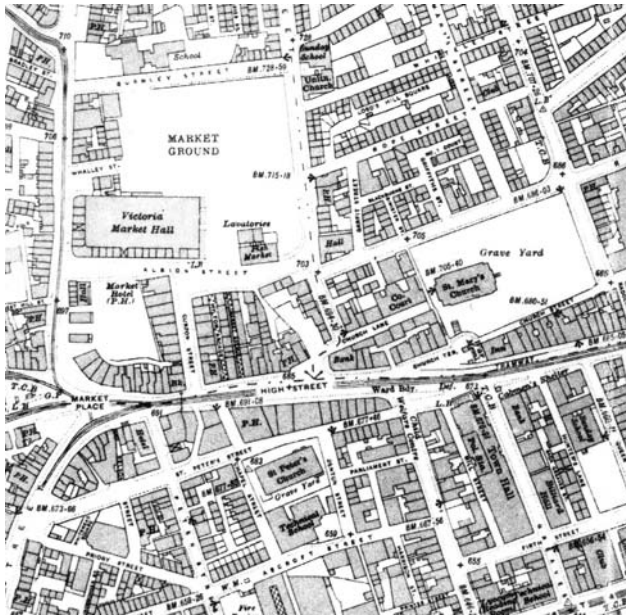
Church... On 4th June 1961 the church closed and the internal fittings were removed ... So the chapel built to relieve the congestion at St. Mary's Church is now remembered only in the name of it's mother church, "St. Mary's with St. Peter's."

Apparently the church was at the corner of Chapel Street and St. Peter's Street. These streets no longer exist and according to "Going, Going, Gone! Disappearing Oldham" by Roy Moses, "Chapel Street led from High St., at approximately the entrance to Town Square, to Ascroft St. Now part of Town Square Development" and "St. Peter's Street ran behind High St. Now part of Town Square Shopping Centre."



The map to the left shows St. Peter's church, in relation to the mother church, St. Mary in 1881. And another map, on the next page, shows this area in 1930¹⁴.

¹⁴ Mail received 26 March 2004, Oldham Local Studies, 1930 map section showing Oldham Town Centre.



If you look at a modern map of this area ... here is what you see Notice that the area is now called the Spindles Shopping Center.



Church

First Holy Communion, St. Andrew, Oldham
(see Appendix J)

23 March 1958



Marriage

to Richard Alfred Acey, St. Andrew, Oldham

7 June 1958

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CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF MARRIAGE.
Pursuant to the Marriage Acts, 1949 and 1954.

[Printed by authority of the Registrar General.]

M. Cort Church.

Registration District *Oldham*

1958 Marriage solemnized at *the Parish Church* in the County Borough of *Oldham* in the Parish of *Saint Andrew*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	When married.	Name and surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or profession.	Residence at the time of marriage.	Father's name and surname.
391	7th June 1958	<i>Richard Alfred Acey</i>	20	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Airman 1st class U.S.A.F.</i>	<i>R.A.F. Station Welford, Woking, Berkshire</i>	<i>Richard Alfred Acey deceased</i>
		<i>Margaret Joyce Fountain</i>	20	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>Typist</i>	<i>212 Middleton Rd. Oldham</i>	<i>John Richard Fountain Banker</i>

Married in the *Parish Church* according to the rites and ceremonies of the *Established Church* by *licence* or *after* by me,

This marriage was solemnized between us, *Richard Alfred Acey* in the presence of us, *Russell L. Pruitt* and *Margaret Joyce Fountain* of us, *Maureen Seddon* *Alan H. Doyle, Vicar*

I, *Joseph Brooks*, Vicar of *S. Andrew*, in the County Borough of *Oldham* do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Entry No. *391* in the Register Book of Marriages of the said Church.

WITNESS MY HAND this *23rd* day of *November* 19*60*.

Joseph Brooks, Vicar.

CAUTION.—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses it as true, knowing it to be falsified, is liable to prosecution.

Reception

Parkfield House, Moorside

7 June 1958

The author has identified an establishment called Parkfield House which is in Moorside, Oldham. The author queried her father about the place and he said that he really had no recollection. He says¹⁵

“It sounds familiar. We did not have but thirty or less guest's so it may be a smaller room. I remember that is was not large. I don't know if we ever said but I went to Felixstow to pick up Sonny Taylor and his wife. As a result I drove all night and did not get there until 7am. Your Grandmother thought that I had left you mom "on the shelf" as she called it. I guess that means a no show.

Unfortunately, such times are strenuous enough and will the lack of sleep by them time we got to the reception. I was really tired ...”

Here is some information on the facility¹⁶

Parkfield House Hotel
580 Ripponden Road, Oldham, Lancashire, OL4 2LN

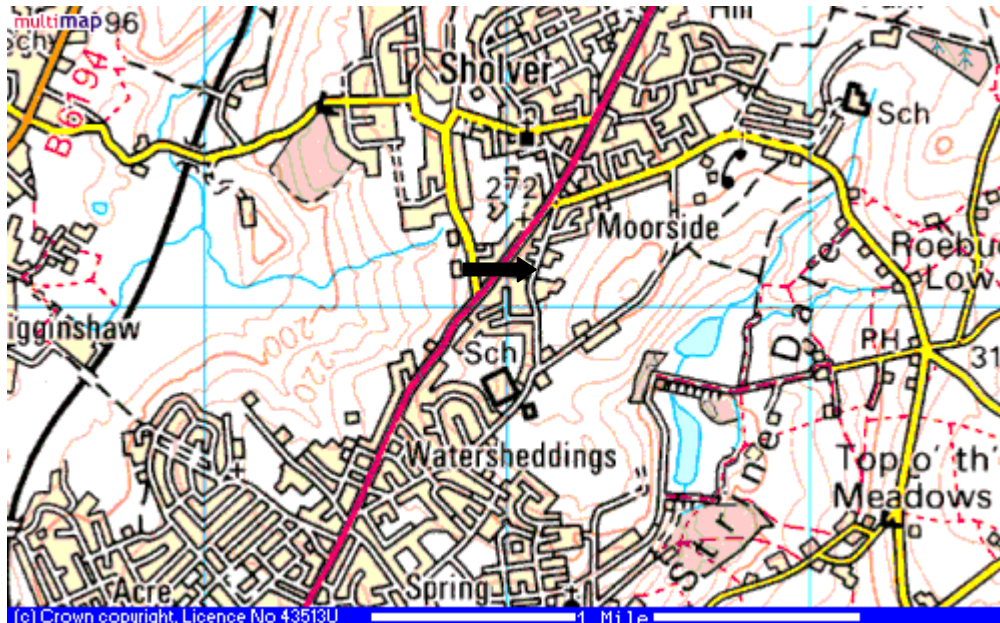
¹⁵ E-mail received, 26 March 2004, Richard A. Acey [earthacey@earthlink.net]

¹⁶ accessed 29 February 2004, <http://www.parkfield.activehotels.com/>



We are situated on the edge of Saddleworth moors, with the villages of Delph, Dobcross, and Uppermill nearby. Five minutes from exit 20/21/22 on the M60, one mile from Oldham town centre, and seven miles from Manchester. A former mill owner's house that has been extended and modernised over the years. The hotel has been under the same ownership since 1961 and offers facilities for wedding receptions, family celebrations through to modern day conferences. We have two squash courts, a sauna and an indoor swimming pool

which are free of charge to all residents. We are proud of our reputation for outstanding cuisine including a la carte, table d'hôte, and bar snack menus in a friendly and caring atmosphere.



(it is located approximately where the arrow is)

The author asked her father how he met her mother. His reply was:

"I will put something together about your Mom and, you are right, she was in training at the Park Hospital. We met because she came to Warrenton, to a dance, where she and a few friends knew there were American's there. They wanted to meet American service men.

I went to the dance as usual, for Saturday night and the idea was to pick up girls and take them to the train station and make as many dates as we could for the following week. Your mother caught my eye, because the dance hall was a dive, and she and her girl friend showed up in a very dressy outfit. I remember she was facing the dance floor and I swept up behind her and had her on the dance floor before she could say BOO. We had many a laugh over that."



Acey—Fountain



H. N. Davis, Clegg Street

The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Andrew's Church, Middleton Road, Oldham, of Mr. Richard Alfred Acey, eldest son of Mrs. Marshall, and of the late Mr. Acey, of King George, Virginia, USA, and Miss Margaret Joyce Fountain, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fountain, of Bank House, 212 Middleton Road, Oldham. The Rev. A. Doyle officiated.

Given away by her father the bride wore a ballerina-length dress of white figured lace over taffeta with matching bolero. Her veil was held by a coronet of orange blossom. She carried a white Bible and spray of iris, lily-of-the-valley and stephanotis.

The principal bridesmaid was Miss Maureen Seddon, who wore a dress of pink embossed nylon with a hairspray of rosebuds and sweet peas. Miss Sylvia Healing and Miss Rene Ogden wore dresses of turquoise taffeta brocade and delphinium blue nylon respectively. Both wore hairsprays of rosebuds and sweet peas.

The best man was Mr. Russell Pruett, the groomsmen Mr. Ian Fountain and Mr. Lingard Garforth, and the usher, Mr. Neil Fountain.

After the reception at Parkfield House, Moorside, the couple travelled to Hungerford, Berkshire, where they will live.

