

2005 Addendum

George Fountain & Mary Ann Oldfield

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[George Fountain](#)

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A challenging bit of the Fountain family since we first started this research was finding where George Fountain (Jnr) died and was buried. There were rumours that he was buried in Southern Cemetery, Manchester; yet, repeated inquiries did not find him!

After 10+ years of no success, the author took on the tedious task of going through the Civil registration indexes covering from about 1915+ ... family rumor had always had his death at c. 1919. Well, after starting in 1915, and passing 1919, it was found out that George did not die until 1924! That sure made a difference in our research! His death certificate was revealing and another inquiry to Southern Cemetery did tell us that he was buried there and where. Along the way, some serendipity put some other information into our hands!

George Fountain

Death Certificate¹

# 432	23 July 1924, 11 Browning Street, Hulme U.D. George Fountain, male, 73 years, formerly a labourer (Urban District Council) Carcinoma of throat Harriet Walker, daughter, present at death, 11 Browning Street, Hulme
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This photo on the next page is in the vicinity of where they lived ... this photo is of "Hulme, Boundary near No 9 and 11 Browning Street"²

With this information, we learned that he was living with his daughter Harriet (and her address) and a death date so that we could re-contact Southern Cemetery.

¹ Deaths registered in July, August and September, 1924 – Fountain, George, 73, Cholrton, Vol. 8c, page 754 & certified copy from ONS, Smedley Hydro, Trafalgar Rd, Southport, Merseyside PR8 2HH

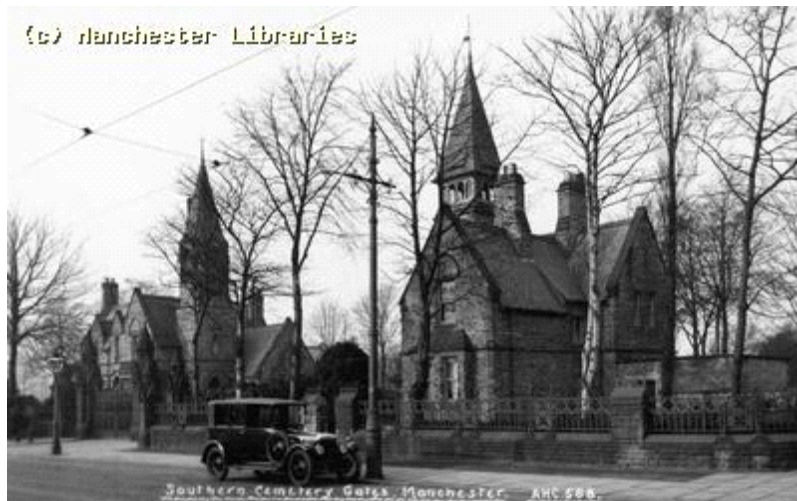
² <http://www.images.manchester.gov.uk/web/pages/common/imagedisplay.php?irn=30180&refable=ecatalogue&refim=58413>

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Fountain and Oldfield – Bits 'n Pieces



“Your Great-great Grandfather is buried in Grave No 1665 Section U Consecrated Part. He is buried with Edward Walker and Harriett Walker.” Southern Cemetery.³ (entrance gates pictured⁴)



Working backwards through some directories, it appears that Harriet and Edward Walker moved to the 11 Browning address between 1911 and 1929⁵. Also, by 1929, brother-in-law (and possibly sister) Ephraim Jackson are living next door at 13 Browning!

Mary Ann Hodgkinson Oldfield

In the course of finding George Fountain, we stumbled across Mary Ann Oldfield! We decided to see where Harriet and husband were living in 1901 since that is the last census that we can examine. It ends up that not only did we find Harriet, we found the “missing” Mary Ann Hodgkinson Oldfield, her grandmother! Mary Ann’s husband John had died in 1895 and we had not been able to find her!

³ E-mail received 11/23/2004, Ellen Carew [e.carew@notes.manchester.gov.uk]

⁴ <http://www.images.manchester.gov.uk/web/pages/common/imagedisplay.php?im=66192&reftable=ecatalogue&refim=26511>

⁵ www.historicaldirectories.org & personal copy of 1929 Directory – Kelly’s Directory, Manchester, Salford & Suburbs 1929, The Archive CD Books Project, 2002, 1911 Directory – 11 Browning Street, Old Trafford, Thomas Walker, householder & 1929 Directory – 11 Browning Street, Old Trafford, Mrs Harriet Walker, Household, 13 Brownign Street, Old Trafford, Ephraim Jackson, householder

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1901 England Census⁶

Chorlton, Hulme, Lancashire

22 Alden Street

Edward Walker	head	35	Labourer in Copper Works	Lancs Liverpool
Harriet Walker	wife	26		Lancs Oldham
Mrs. Oldfield	grandmother	78		Leicester, Leicester

(note: we are suspicious of the birth place ... we don't think Mary Ann's birth place as been listed the same in any census!)

With this information, we then went looking for her death date and think we've found it.

Deaths Jun 1909

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This entry from <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com> is a good candidate for Mary Ann. The registration district matches that of the Walker family in 1901 and also of the death certificate for George Fountain in 1924. And, her age is within 2 years of what we would have expected.

Chorlton

Created 1st July 1837. Abolished 1st January 1925 (renamed *Manchester South*).

Sub-districts : Ardwick; Barton; Chorlton upon Medlock; Didsbury; Hulme; Stretford.

GRO volumes : XX (1837-51); 8c (1852-1924).

Ardwick, Barton Moss (1837-49), Barton upon Irwell (1837-49), Burnage, Chorlton cum Hardy, Chorlton on Medlock, Davyhulme (1837-49), Didsbury, Flixton (1837-49), Gorton, Hulme, Irlam (1837-49), Levenshulme, Moss Side, Openshaw, Rusholme, Stretford (1837-49), Urmston (1837-49), West Gorton, Withington.

Registers now divided between [Manchester](#), [Salford](#) and [Trafford](#) districts.

⁶ www.ancestry.com, 1901 England Census, RG13/3706, Chorlton, Hulme, ED 49, Folio 146, Page 34, Household schedule #241