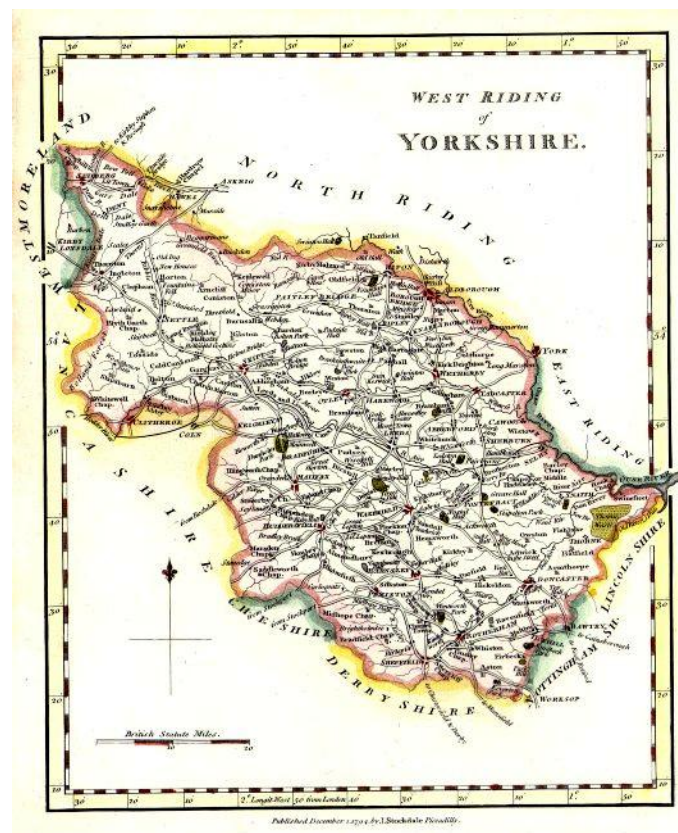


FOUNTAIN

"Basket and Skiv Makers"
"A Link to Yorkshire"
And Allied Family of SMITH



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Dedicated To

*Norman Spencer, Archivist at St. Marys and St. Peters Churches, Oldham Lancashire
His dedication to the research of the Fountain family was phenomenal. He's the one who put together many of the pieces from the census data
and the church archives to let us know about the Fountain, Cartwright and Oldfield Families.*

In Memorial

Margaret Joyce Fountain Acey
1937-1990

*Though she died before ever passing her legacies onto her grandchildren,
Some of her legacy lives on through these memories of her as a child and young woman as provided
By her Mother, Elsie Taylor Fountain Paine in 1991.*

*She was born at Beech Mount Maternity Home in Harypurhey.
She was above average intelligence, bus 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.
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.
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!!)
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.
While at the Hospital, she met Richard Alfred Acey whom she subsequently married. During this time, much to her Dad's disgust she left
nursing because the hours made it difficult to see her beau.
(note: she did take nursing up again in the States. She told her mom that her Dad would have been pleased that she finally finished her
studies and qualified as a nurse)
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.*

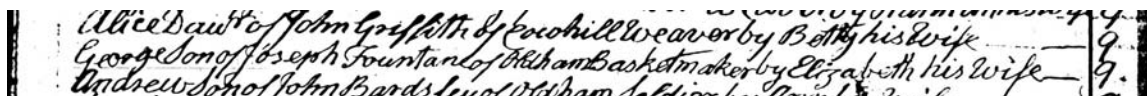
Fountain



Fountain is not a name indigenous to Lancashire¹. It is so unusual to Lancashire that for most of the 19th century, only one family with that name existed in the Oldham area. This made tracing the family fairly straightforward back to 1837. With that in mind, this story starts with Joseph.

Joseph Fountain was born circa 1780 somewhere in Yorkshire² (more on this in Appendix A). He appears to have emigrated to the Oldham area by 1812, the year his son George was born. Consistently his occupation was listed as Basket Maker and/or Skiv Maker³. This particular occupation links several families. The one exception was in an 1838 Oldham Trade Directory where he was listed as a Beer Retailer. It was not unusual for individuals to have such a trade as a sideline. As was common, he moved around, though always remaining in Oldham⁴. He alternately lived on Timber St., Manchester St., High St., Manchester St., Back John St., and Lower West St -- all of which were near one another. Using Oldham census parlance, he lived "Below Town."

February 9, 1812 his son George was Baptized at St. Peters Church, Oldham⁵.



From the baptism record we know that Joseph was married to Elizabeth. George had at least one sibling, a sister Eliza, baptised 13 October 1816 at St. Peters Church, Oldham⁶. It appears that the following marriage maybe that of Joseph to Elizabeth:

6 August 1810, St. Peter, Leeds, Yorkshire -- Joseph Fountaine, Basket Maker and Elizabeth Bailey, Spinster, both of this parish⁷

¹Norman Spencer, Archivist, St. Marys and St. Peters, Oldham, Lancashire

²1851 Census and 1861 Census (see subsequent entries)

³1812 (son George birth record), 1813 & 1815 (Pigot's Manchester Directory), 1821 & 1824 (Oldham Trade Directory), 1824 & 1825 (Manchester Salford Directory), 1833 (record of marriage to Mary Ogden), 1841 & 1851 & 1861 (Census), and 1862 (death certificate)

⁴1813 & 1815 -- Timber St., Manchester (Pigot's Manchester Directory); 1821 & 1824 -- Manchester St., Oldham (Oldham Trade Directory); 1824 & 1825 -- Manchester St., Oldham (Manchester Salford Directory); 1838 -- High St., Oldham (Oldham Trade Directory); 1841 -- Manchester St., Oldham (Census); 1851 -- Manchester St., Oldham (son George death certificate); 1851 -- Back John St., Oldham (Census); 1861 & 1862 -- Lower West St., Oldham (Census and death certificate)

⁵Archivist St. Peter's church + LDS film #1545708, item 1 "Baptisms and Burials St. Peters 1808-1812

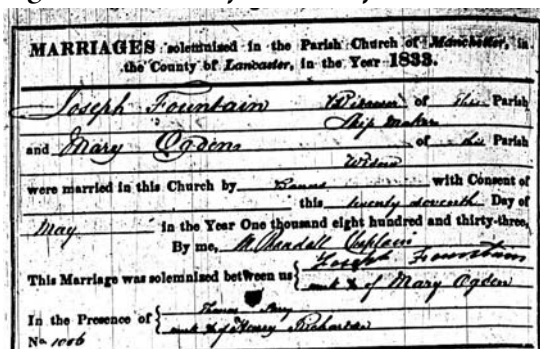
⁶LDS Film #1545714 -- St. Peters Chapel, Oldham, Parish of Prestwich cum Oldham

⁷Copy of info from IGI, original source, Leeds, St. Peter Records M151052 1045

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After researching through many records, one learns that "of this parish" is used quite broadly! Basically, the time frame is consistent with George's birth in 1812, Joseph's occupation is that of basket maker and the spouse is named Elizabeth, so, more than likely this is the right marriage. Otherwise, the only other information on Elizabeth is that she died before 1833.

That year, on 27 May 1833, Joseph married Mary Ogden⁸. She appears to have had at least two sons from a previous marriage, John and David, and they lived with Joseph and Mary at the time of the 1851 census⁹ (though the 1841 census¹⁰ has Josh (61) and Mary (50) Fountain living next door to or with his daughter Eliza). Joseph and Mary had at least two daughters whom both died young. Baptism registers



list "1 Dec 1833, Mary dau. Of Joseph & Mary Fountain, Market Place, Basket Maker,"¹¹ and subsequently in the burial register we find "Mary dau of Joseph and Mary Fountain, Market Place, Dec 30 1835, 3rd yr" and "Tabitha dau of Joseph & Mary Fountain, Market Place, March 5 1837, 2nd yr."¹² The latter implying that a daughter

Tabitha was born circa 1836 though no baptism entry has yet been found.

Mary predeceased Joseph sometime between 1851 and 1861. In 1861 Joseph was a lodger at the home of Samuel and Eliza Lees -- his daughter and her family. He subsequently died 5 December 1862 of Old Age (not certified) as reported by his daughter-in-law Mary Cartwright¹³ -- he outlived his own son who had died many years earlier. He lived to be about 80 years old.

We know a little about Joseph's daughter, Eliza. According to the records for Manchester Cathedral, she appears to have married Samuel Lees on 22 June 1834. That this marriage is appropriate is born out by the fact that Joseph (Josh) and Mary Fountain lived either next door to or with Eliza and Samuel Lees (the census entries were such that one could not easily distinguish separate households).

The 1841 Census¹⁴ lists them as living on Manchester Road
Sam'l Lees 26 Hatter born in county

⁸ LDS film #438196 "Manchester Cathedral Marriages"

⁹ LDS Film # 087255, 1851 Census, Werneth, Oldham, Back John St. -- Joseph Fountain (head, 80, Basket Maker, Huskill? Or Fuskill, Yorkshire), Mary Fountain (Wife, 58), John Ogden (son in law, 26, cab driver, Oldham), David Ogden (son in law, 24, cab driver, Oldham)

¹⁰ 1841 Census, Oldham Lancs, LDS Film #0306931

¹¹ LDS film #1656162 -- St. Mary's, Oldham Lancs, Baptisms 1813-1838

¹² LDS Film #1656227 -- St. Mary's, Oldham Lancs, Burials 1833-1848

¹³ Death Certificate, Oldham Registration District

¹⁴ 1841 Census, Oldham, Below Town, LDS Film #0306931

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Eliza Lees	25	born in county
Sarah Lees	4	born in county
Eliz(th) Lees	2	born in county
Joseph Lees	6	born in county

We also know that a son, John, was baptized 6 November 1842 at St. Marys¹⁵. A re-creation of water damaged portions of the 1851 census¹⁶, revealed the family

Bent Grange, Oldham

Samuel Ranford Lees	head	37	Carter	Oldham
Eliza Lees	wife	37		Oldham
Joseph Lees	son	16	Rope Maker	Oldham
Sarah Lees	daur	14	Cotton Turner & Piecer	Oldham
Elizabeth Lees	daur	12	Nurse	Oldham
John Lees	son	9	Scholar	Oldham
Mary Lees	daur	6	Scholar	Oldham
Ann Lees	daur	10 mos		Oldham

They were located in the 1861 Census¹⁷.

Westwood, Oldham

Samuel Lees	Head	48	Carter	Oldham
Eliza Lees	Wife	48	Carter	Oldham
John Lees	Son	19	? Flyer Maker	Oldham
Mary Lees	Daur	17	Cotton Worker	Oldham
Eliza Ann Lees	Daur	13	Cotton Worker	Oldham
Hannah Lees	Daur	7		Oldham
?? Lees	Daur	8 mos		Oldham
Joseph Fountain	Lodger	80	Skiy Maker	??skel Yorkshire

Nothing more is known of Eliza or her family¹⁸.

¹⁵ St. Mary's Oldham, records covering 1842-1844, LDS Film #1545714 - 6 Nov 1842, John, son of Samuel & Eliza Lees, Manchester St., Hatter

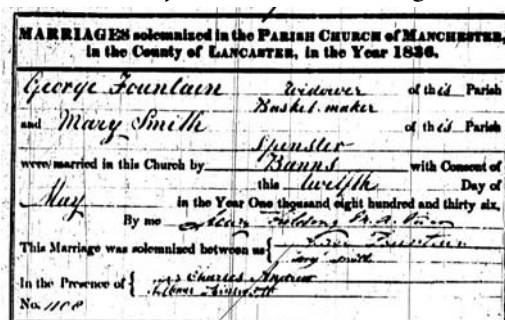
¹⁶ 1851 Census, Unfilmed Portions, Oldham (Below Town) HO 107 2240 (prepared by Manchester & Lancashire F.H.S.), Microfiche for District # 1G

¹⁷ 1861 Census, Oldham, LDS Film # 543065

¹⁸ Looking at 1881 Census CD for Lancs showed the following family. This may be a son of Eliza and Samuel Lees with his family. The names of three of the children match the mother, father and grandfather: 26 Worcester St, Oldham - John Lees, Head, Cotton Flyer Maker (S&WM), M, 38, Oldham + Mary A. Lees, Wife, M, 40, Oldham + Eliza Lees, Daur, Cotton Operative, 13, Oldham + Samuel Lees, Son, Scholar, 12, Oldham + Betsy Lees, Daur, Scholar, 10, Oldham + Arthur Lees, Son, Scholar, 7, Oldham + Sarah Lees, Daur, Scholar, 5, Oldham + Joseph Lees, Son, 2, Oldham + Emma Lees, Daur, 10m, Oldham

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Joseph's son, George, followed in his father's footsteps as a basket and/or skip maker¹⁹. On 20 August 1832, George married Ann Priestly at Manchester Cathedral²⁰. It appears that "Ann Wife of George Fountain, Manchester St." was buried on August 15, 1833 and she was 21 years old²¹. Four years later on 12 May 1836, George married Mary Smith at Manchester Cathedral²². Also, since the 1841 census does not list any children born pre-1836, it would appear that George and Ann did not have any children, at least any children that lived.



1841 Census, Oldham cum Prestwich, Manchester St²³.



George Fountain	Head	25	Basketman	from county
Mary Fountain	Wife	25		from county
Joseph Fountain	Son	4		from county
Mary Fountain	Daur	2		from county
Elizabeth Fountain	Daur	1 mo		from county

George and Mary had at least 8 children:

- Joseph born circa 1837 (buried, St. Mary's, Oldham, March 21st 1844, 8th yr²⁴)
- Maryanne born circa 1839²⁵
- Elizabeth born circa 1841 (buried, St. Marys, Oldham, Aug 10 1847, 7th yr²⁶)
- Joseph born circa 1843 (buried, St. Marys, Oldham, March 31 1844, 1st yr²⁷)
- Hannah born circa 1844²⁸
- Joseph born circa 1847²⁹ (died before 1861)
- Martha born circa 1849³⁰ (died before 1861)

¹⁹ 1832 & 1836 (marriage certificates), 1840 & 1841 & 1843 & 1845 & 1851 (Trade directories), 1841 (Census), 1851 (death certificate)

²⁰ Copy of Marriage Entry

²¹ LDS Film #1656227 – St. Marys, Oldham Lancs, Burials 1833-1848

²² Copy of Marriage Entry

²³ 1841 Census, Oldham Lancs, LDS Film #0306931

²⁴ LDS Film #1545714 (St. Marys, Oldham Lancs, Burials) + (OBT 8.21 – Oldham Registration District Ref #) died 16 March 1844 from Fits

²⁵ OBT 2.146 is the birth certificate via Oldham Registration District – haven't pursued

²⁶ LDS Film #1545714 (St. Marys, Oldham Lancs, Burials) + (OBT 13.12) died 6 August 1847 from Fits

²⁷ LDS Film #1545714 – St. Marys, Oldham Lancs, Records 1842-1844

²⁸ OBT 10.445 is the birth certificate via Oldham Registration District – haven't pursued + married at St. Thomas' Church, Werneth and this certificate is listed as CE 247/1/371 via Oldham Registration District – haven't pursued

²⁹ OBT 15.11 is birth certificate and OBT 34.305 is death certificate via Oldham Registration District

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- George born 11 May 1851³¹

They were all born in Oldham³². Only three, Maryanne, Hannah, and George, appear to have survived to adulthood.

George, Mary and family appear to have lived from 1841 to 1851 at Manchester St., Oldham³³. Probably close to his father, who at the time also lived on Manchester St.

George did not live to see the birth of his son George. The father George died 4 February 1851 of Phthisis Pulmanalis -- a condition he appears to have had for two years³⁴. Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary, Unabridged, Second Edition states that phthisis is "a wasting away of the body or any of its parts; especially, tuberculosis of the lungs; consumption: earlier usage." Therefore, George most



likely died of tuberculosis. He was subsequently buried in the graveyard at St. Marys Parish Church on 13 February 1851³⁵.

It appears that after his death, his widow, Mary, continued the family trade. Both the 1851 census and the 1852 edition of the Oldham Trade

Directory list her as a basket maker.

1851 Census, Werneth, Oldham, 25 Manchester St³⁶.

Mary Fountain	Head/Widow	35	Basket Maker	Chadderton
MaryAnne Fountain	Daur	12	Nurse	Oldham
Hannah Fountain	Daur	7	Scholar	Oldham
Joseph Fountain	Son	4	Scholar	Oldham
Martha Fountain	Daur	2	Scholar	Oldham
Isabella Smith	Sister	26	Power Loom Weaver	Chadderton

Her occupation is probably how she met her second husband, Peter Cartwright. See Appendix A, SMITH, for more information on Mary and the family as it appeared in 1861.

³⁰ OBT 20.228 is birth certificate and OBT 22.459 is death certificate via Oldham Registration District

³¹ Birth Certificate, Oldham Registration District

³² 1841 and 1851 Census

³³ 1840 & 1841 & 1843 & 1845 & 1851-- Manchester St., Oldham (Trade Directories); 1851 -- 25 Manchester St., Oldham (Census)

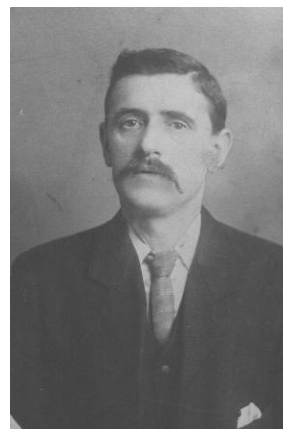
³⁴ Death Certificate, Oldham Registration District

³⁵ Archivist, St. Mary Church

³⁶ 1851 Census, Oldham Lancs, LDS Film #087256

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Of the children, the least is known about the two girls, Maryanne and Hannah, since they are the collateral lines. It is known that Maryanne/Mary Anne worked as a nurse in 1851³⁷ and as a cotton reeler in 1861³⁸, Hannah worked as a servant in 1861 at 4 Manchester St.³⁹ and subsequently married at St. Thomas Church⁴⁰.



George married Fanny Oldfield on 8 November 1869⁴¹. They were married in the Parish of St. Matthew Chadderton according to the rites and ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns. It appears that George must have moved out of his mother's home sometime before November since he provided an address of Landsdowne Square and his mother was still living on Manchester St. Once again, the occupation of basket and/or skiy maker brought two families together. George spent his life working as a skiy maker⁴² and Fanny's father worked the same trade. For information on Fanny, see OLDFIELD.

George and Fanny had at least 6 children:

- John Frederick (born 25 December 1870 at 23 Pembroke St., Oldham⁴³)
- Mary born circa 1873
- Harriet born circa 1875⁴⁴
- Ada born circa 1878⁴⁵
- Emma born circa 1880⁴⁶
- Frances born circa 1886⁴⁷
- William born circa 1895⁴⁸

(Note: Only the descendants of John Frederick have been tracked.)

Again, as was typical, it appears that the family moved around.

- In 1870 they lived at 23 Pembroke St.⁴⁹

In Loving Memory of
John F. Fountain
Died March 31st 1938
Aged 67 Years
Also His Dear Wife
Hannah Jane
Died Sept. 29th 1964
Aged 82 Years
And Their Dearly
Loved Daughter
Rachel
Died Feb. 4th 1970
Aged 58 Years
(Transcribed by Author)

³⁷1851 Census (see Footnote #36)

³⁸1861 Census (see Smith Appendix)

³⁹1861 Census, Oldham Lanes, LDS Film #30543064

⁴⁰This appears in author's notes, source Norman Spencer, no supporting documentation provided.

⁴¹Marriage Certificate, Oldham Registration District

⁴²1869 (Marriage Certificate), 1870 (John Frederick Birth Certificate), 1881 (Census)

⁴³Birth Certificate, Oldham Registration District

⁴⁴Family lore has it that she married someone named Walker, had 2 children, Harold and William and died in 1959

⁴⁵Family lore has it that she married someone named Hazeltine, had 9 children and died circa 1963

⁴⁶Family lore has it that she married someone named Mills, had 6 children and died circa 1949

⁴⁷Family lore has it that she married Ephraim Jackson, had 1 daughter, Doris, and died in 1955

⁴⁸Family lore has him born circa 1895, married Annie ???, had 2 daughters, Vera and Lily, and died in 1919

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- In 1871 Fanny and her son John Frederick lived with her parents at 3 Dundee St⁵⁰ (it is not known where George was at the time)
- In 1881 most of the family lived at 99 Bradford St.⁵¹, though John Frederick and Ada lived with their grandparents, the Oldfields, at 17 Dundee St.⁵²⁵³



George Fountain	Head	29	Skip Maker	Oldham
Fanny Fountain	Wife	30		Gainsboro
Mary Fountain	Daur	8	Scholar	Oldham
Harriet Fountain	Daur	6	Scholar	Oldham
Emma Fountain	Daur	6m		Oldham



In 1884 a trade directory lists George Fountain, skiptmaker, on Yale St. Between 1884 and George's death in 1919, it is unclear where they lived.

Family lore has that George died 1919 in Hulme Manchester and supposedly is buried in Southern Cemetary Manchester – to date, have not been able to confirm either of these...

It appears that John Frederick followed in his father's footsteps. He, too, was a skip and basket maker⁵⁴. On 29 August 1908 he married Hannah Jane Butterworth⁵⁵. They were married at Christ Church, Parish of Chadderton according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England. Their marriage was witnessed by John's sister, Frances Fountain Jackson, and her husband, Ephraim. For information on Hannah, see BUTTERWORTH.

They had two children, John Richard, born 28 April 1909 at 37 Hardman St., Chadderton⁵⁶, and Rachel, born 24 February 1912. Rachel (pictured above c. 1940 with niece Margaret Joyce Fountain)

⁴⁹John Frederick Birth Certificate

⁵⁰1871 Census, Oldham, Lancashire (see Oldfield)

⁵¹1881 Census, Oldham, Lancashire – 1881 British Census, North Central Region, Published in 1999 (Referencing FHL Film 1341972, PRO Ref RG11, Piece 4066, Folio 57, Page 24) – also remembering having this info from an alternate source, most likely that would have been Norman Spencer the archivist who worked so much on this family

⁵²1881 Census, Oldham, Lancashire

⁵³ Reminded to be aware of Transcribed Sources! Published in 1999, 1881 British Census, North Central Region (part of Family History Resource File CD ROM library) lists John Fredk & Ada Twenton instead of Fountain!! Quite a difference!

⁵⁴1908 (Marriage Certificate), 1938 (Death Certificate)

⁵⁵Marriage Certificate, Oldham Registration District

⁵⁶Birth Certificate, Oldham Registration District

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worked as an office clerk, remained a spinster, and died 4 February 1970. More on John Richard's life is presented below.

There are two known surviving pieces of John Frederick's handiwork – one is a nursing chair that was made in 1937 in anticipation of the birth of Margaret Joyce Fountain and the other is a skip. The nursing chair, as pictured on page 4 (with Alysia Acey Richard climbing on it), was used for each of John Richard's children and was also used for some grandchildren. The skip, as pictured on page 1, seems to have last been used as great grandson Andrew Fountain's toy box.

As reported in the death's section of the Oldham Evening Chronicle on 2 April 1938 "FOUNTAIN – On March 31st 1938, at 84 Albert Street, Chadderton, John Frederick, the dearly loved husband of Hannah Jane Fountain, aged 67 years. Interment at Hollinwood Cemetery on Monday next at 3 pm. Inquiries John Cheetham (Reuben Cheetham & Sons)." John Frederick is pictured below and is the focus of the photos on the preceding page. The group photo was part of the Fountain photo archives and some faces seem to match other group photos and it is not known which individuals, if any, in the photo are Fountains!

Hannah Jane continued to live at 84 Albert Street until her death in 1964⁵⁷. The following was reported in the Oldham Evening Chronicle on 29 September 1964 "FOUNTAIN – On Monday, Sept. 28, at her home, 84 Albert Street, Chadderton, Hannah Jane, aged 82 years, the beloved wife of the late John Frederick Fountain, dearly loved mother of John and Rachel, and loving granny of Margaret, Ian and Neil. Inquiries J. Dyson, Butler Green"

John Richard married Elsie Taylor on 4 July 1936 (see TAYLOR for more info on the wedding). The box on the next page summarizes some memories of John Richard as supplied by his wife.

They had 3 children:

{information removed to preserve the privacy of living relatives}



⁵⁷ Death Certificate – death due to coronary thrombosis and atherosclerosis

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Memories of
John Richard Fountain

The schools he went to were Stanley Rd. Council School and Hulme Grammar School in Oldham.

He used to say that his parents worked very hard and that in spite of being very poor were able to send him to grammar school instead of him having to leave school at 14 to go to work.

In 1925 he joined the Manchester and County Bank, later called District Bank, now called Wesminster Bank.

Worked till he retired in 1967 for health reasons.

During WWII he was a Sergeant in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

In 1936 lived at 15 Chesney Ave in Chadderton.

Circa 1948 moved to Grotton and lived above a Hardware Shop.

Circa 1953 lived above the bank branch at the intersection of Featherstall & Middleton Rds.

Transferred to the Blackpool Branch of the bank and lived in Clevellys.

At the time of his death, they lived at "Croftlands", Gisburn Rd, Blacko Nelson

(Memories of Elsie Taylor Fountain Paine, 1991)

John Richard died February 27, 1967 in Burnley Hospital and is buried in Hollinwood Cemetery. He is buried with his wife, Elsie's, parents so see TAYLOR for the details. The following page shows 5 photos of John Richard Fountain at various ages. Some of these photos include his sister Rachel.

Questions that remain unanswered are:

(1) did Joseph and Elizabeth have more than two children and when did Elizabeth die?

(2) when did George die?

(3) find family in 1891 census

(pictured below is Manchester Cathedral⁵⁸ where many 1830s Fountain marriages took place)



⁵⁸ Ian Rhodes, c. 2000, www.gravelbank.co.uk

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Appendix A
Possible Ancestry for Joseph Fountain

MARRIAGE

Until the introduction of civil registration in 1837, the Church of England was responsible for the solemnising of most marriages in England and Wales, although after 1754 Lord Hardwicke's Marriage Act allowed Jews and Quakers to be married in their own places of worship.

In order for a couple to be married in the Church of England, one of two procedures had to take place. Either banns were published or a marriage licence was obtained.

Banns were announced in church on three Sundays before the ceremony, and were often recorded either in a separate register or in the marriage register. In the case of a couple from different parishes marrying, the banns were kept in the registers of both. This can be helpful as marriage was a common reason why people moved parishes.

A marriage licence avoided the publicity and delay of banns and was compulsory if both parties were away from home, if they were under age, or if either of them was widowed. Most marriage licences were obtained from the diocese where one of the parties lived, and in which the marriage was to take place.

(West Yorkshire Archive Service, Sept. 2000, via <http://www.archives.wyjs.org.uk/fhinfo.htm#Banns>)

The discovery of the death of Joseph's daughter Tabitha and a re-visit to possible birth's of Joseph in Yorkshire circa 1780, gives us a possibility for his ancestry. In the various censuses, Joseph's birth place was listed as: Huskill or Fuskill Yorkshire, ??skel Yorkshire. As you can imagine, this was not much to go on. It does end up that a Joseph Fountain was baptized in Kirby Wharfe, Yorkshire, which is adjacent to Ulleskelf... is this stretching too far to link this to the ubiquitous census entries? Tabitha is an unusual name and so a Joseph Fountain, from Ulleskelf Yorkshire with a mother Tabitha, baptized in 1783 is promising.

Amazingly there were two Joseph Fountains born in Ulleskelf within a year of one another! Since one had a mother Tabitha, that's the family the author focused on. According to the Bishop Transcripts (BTs) for Kirkby Wharfe, Yorks UK⁵⁹ (pictured on third page of this section), the following was determined.

" Baptized, Joseph Fountains, son of John Fountains of Ulleskolf labr son of William Fountains of Ulloskolf labr by Mary his wife dr of Robert Thompson of Ulleskolf farmer and Tabitha an Ackworth Foundling Hospital Girl not knowing either mother or father born on Tues. the 7th of Oct 1783, bapt. On Tues. the 21st of Oct. 1783"

The identified siblings of this Joseph Fountain were:

- *Mary (born 31 May 1780, baptized 11 June 1780)*
- *George (born 27 May 1786, baptized 13 June 1786)*
- *William (born 12 Feb 1789, baptized 13 Feb 1789, died 3 Nov 1789, bur 4 Nov 1789 -- Fever)*
- *William (born 12 Nov 1790, baptized 24 Apr 1791)*
- *Isabella (born 4 Dec 1793, baptized 7 Dec 1793)*

⁵⁹ LDS Film #0991185

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- John (born 26 Feb 1797, baptized 10 Mar 1797)
- Tabitha (born 8 June 1799, baptized 25 June 1799)
- Benjamin (born 15 July 1803, baptized 31 July 1803)

"ULLESKELF, a parish-town, in the wapentake of Barkston-Ash, liberty of St. Peter; (the seat of John Shilleto, Esq.) 2 miles SE. of Tadcaster, 9 from Selby, 14 from Pontefract. Pop. 426. The Church is a vicarage in the deanry of the Ainsty, value, £34. 11s. 9d. Patron, the Prebendary thereof."

"KIRKBY WHARFE, a parish-town, in the wapentake of Barkston Ash, liberties of St. Peter and Pontefract; 2 miles S. of Tadcaster, 12 from York and Selby, 13 from Pontefract. Pop. including Milford, 86. The Church is a vicarage, dedicated to St. John the Baptist in the deanry of the Ainsty, value, ~£3. 16s. 8d. p.r. £120. Patron, the Prebendary of Wetwang."

(Description(s) from Langdale's *HTopographical Dictionary of Yorkshire*.H (1822))

The mother, Tabitha, appears to have been buried 10 March 1842 at the age of 85 years while living in Lailcoates (??) and the father, John, appears to have been buried 11 Feb 1837 at the age of 77 years while living in Wiston (??).

The father, John, appears to be the son of William Fountain and Mary Thompson (daughter of Robert Thompson). It appears that William Fountain and Mary Thompson were married 22 November 1759 and had at least the following children:

- John (baptized 5 Oct 1760)

(unfortunately, there were two William Fountains during this time period and the baptismal records don't list the wives

making them indistinguishable!)

- George (born 30 June 1779, baptized 5 July 1779, died 2 Jan 1783, buried 3 Jan 1783, 3 yrs & 6 mos, hooping cough)
- Joseph (born 15 Nov 1784, baptized 26 Nov 1784)

William is listed as the son of Wm Fountain of Tollerton in Awn Parish labr by Mary dr of Duks Pratt of Knayton in Acomb Parish labr.

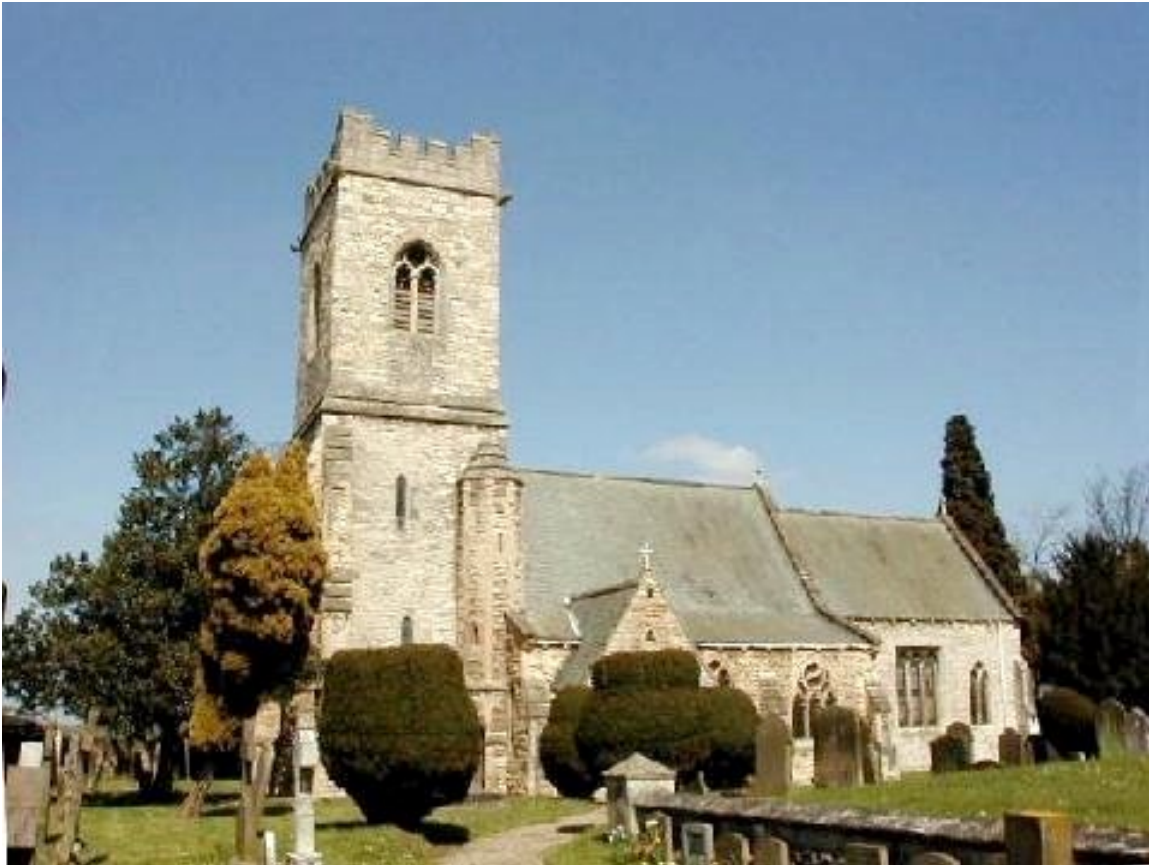
Mary is listed as the daughter of Robt Thompson of Ulleskelf, farmer, by Isabella, his wife daur of John Winn of Biggin (in the Parish of Fonton), farmer. Mary Thompson Fountain seems to have died 11 Aug 1789 and was buried 13 Aug 1789 in the church yard. She was 48 years old – it appears that a duty of 3d was paid and she's listed as dying of "gravel and stone."



William then went on to remarry

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“Marriage between William Fountain and Margaret Tod were published on the 24th & 31 days of March and 7th of April 1793 the said William Fountain of this Parish Widdower aged 57 years and Margaret Tod of this Parish Widdow aged 47 years were married in this church by Banns this 11th day of April in the year 1793 by Edward Heber Vicar”



Most likely William died of old age on 10 May 1806 and was buried on the 12th. The age was listed as 75 years though from the remarriage one would have figured he would be closer to 70 – what’s 5 years here and there?!?!

The records from about 1778 and going backwards in time normally only list children and their fathers – with the tradition of children being named after parents and the reliance on family names, it gets difficult to distinguish branches of a family.

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Whether this ends up being the appropriate Fountain family or not, the author was intrigued by the mention of Ackworth Foundling Hospital. While browsing some Yorkshire links on the internet one day, the author came across the following discourse on “Foundling Hospitals”⁶⁰.

⁶⁰ Ackworth School Web-site – www.ackworth.w-yorks.sch.uk/coram.html#fosp

The Foundling Hospitals

In 1724, Thomas Coram, an old sea captain, was upset by the sight of newly-born children who were left to die on the dunghills around London. He worked for seventeen years to raise money to build the first Foundling Hospital, which was opened in 1741 in Hatton Garden. A further hospital was opened a year later in Bloomsbury. He was greatly helped by William Hogarth and George Frederick Handel. (it was Hogarth who designed the hospital's coat of arms, part of which was a lamb with a sprig of thyme. You can see an example of this on the Ackworth School's cupola.) When a child was accepted into the Hospital, its mother had to leave with it a 'token', by which she could recognise her child if, in later years, she had enough money to reclaim her child and look after it herself.

By 1756, there were so many children in the hospital that six 'country outposts' were built, including the one here, at Ackworth. The East Wing (now the art block and library) was built first, followed by the central area. The West Wing followed and the buildings were linked by colonnades.

When the children first arrived, they were sent out to wet nurses in surrounding villages including Ackworth, Hensworth, Badsworth, Wragby and Pontefract.

The children were expected to learn some sort of trade, and a woollen manufacturing industry was set up - the children were so good at spinning and weaving blankets that in 1762 the balance sheet showed a profit of £5001 (Look for the brass plaque in Centre Passage.)

When the children were of an appropriate age, they were apprenticed out and their masters were bound to pay them a premium of £7 a year at the age of twenty-one.

In 1773, Parliament withdrew their annual grant and the Hospital at Ackworth closed in July. In the years between 1757 and 1773, 2,665 children were cared for at the Ackworth Hospital.

In 1777, Dr. John Fothergill heard of the disused buildings and organised the purchase of them in 1778 for use as a school for children from the poorer families in the Religious Society of Friends.

Appendix B
Smith Family

Smith enters the family tree when Mary Smith married George Fountain on May 12, 1836⁶¹. At the time Mary was a spinster and George a widower, and both parties signed their names. Over the next 14 years they had at least 7 children together of whom four died young. This was followed by George's death in 1850.

It appears that she took on the trade of her husband's family, Basket Maker⁶². A few years later, in 1855, Mary married Peter Cartwright.⁶³ It appears that she met him in trade since at the time they were both Basket Makers. They subsequently had two daughters, Mary Ellen and Eda.⁶⁴

1861 Census, Oldham, Manchester St.⁶⁵

Peter Cartwright	Head	36	Skymaker	Warrington, Cheshire
Mary Cartwright	Wife	44		Oldham
MaryEllen Cartwright	Daur	4		Oldham
MaryAnn Fountain	Daur	21	Cotton Reeler	Oldham
George Fountain	Son	10	Scholar	Oldham

1871 Census, Oldham, 23 Manchester St.⁶⁶

Peter Cartwright	Head	44	Skip & Basket Maker	Warrington
Mary Cartwright	Wife	50		Oldham
Mary Ellen Cartwright	Daur	13	Scholar	Oldham
Eda Cartwright	Daur	9	Scholar	Oldham

1881 Census, Oldham 9 Werneth Hall⁶⁷

Mary E. Cartwright	Head	U	24	Annuitant	Oldham, Lancashire
Ada Cartwright	Sister	U	20	Annuitant	Oldham, Lancashire

⁶¹ Manchester Cathedral Marriage Records (LDS Film #438198 -- Extractions covering 1836-1837)

⁶² 1851 Census entry and 1852 Trade Directory entry

⁶³ Manchester, 8d 366 -- Parish of Prestwich, 9 February 1855 -- Peter Cartwright, 28, Bachelor, Basketmaker, Ironmonger St., Oldham, father = James Cartwright, lawyer and Mary Fountain, 39, Widow, Basketmaker, Manchester St., Oldham, father = Charles Smith, carpenter

⁶⁴ Mary Ellen born circa 1857 (1861 and 1871 census) and Eda born circa 1862 (1871 census)

⁶⁵ LDS Film #0543064, 1861 Census, Oldham Lancs

⁶⁶ 1871 Census, Oldham Lancs -- info from Norman Spencer (archivist)

⁶⁷ Family History Resource File, CD ROM Library, 1881 British Census (North Central Region) -- Oldham, Lancashire (ref. LDS Film #1341974, PRO Ref RG11, Piece 4074, Folio 129, page 54)

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To date the family has not been tracked past the 1881 census. More attention has been paid to finding out about Mary's parents. From the 1881 Census though, it would appear that Peter and Mary died between 1871 and 1881, leaving Mary Ellen and Ada as annuitants (A person who received an annual income not from working e.g. pensioner.).

Fortunately, in 19th century Oldham, Lancashire, England, Smith was not as common a surname as it is today; otherwise, tracking Mary's parentage would have been even more challenging. In the absence of civil registration and census information -- it took some research into local church baptisms, reliance on finding Mary and Isabella (a sister living with Mary in 1851 when she was Mary Fountain)⁶⁸, her father's not-very-common occupation for the time (carpenter), and information from the record of Mary's second marriage, to identify her parentage with some certainty.

Mary was the daughter of Charles and Matty Smith. Charles appears to have been a carpenter his whole life. To date, his parentage has not been determined. We first discover Charles and Matty in 1808 having a son Jas baptised (4 September 1808) at St. Margarets⁶⁹. Over the years, several more children were born:

- John⁷⁰ (12, May 1812) (died sometime before 1821 when another John was baptised)
- Mary⁷¹ (21 May 1815)
- Betty⁷² (29 March 1818)
- John⁷³ (13 May 1821)
- Isabella⁷⁴ (25 September 1825)
- Elizabeth⁷⁵ (circa 1827)

And, the 1841 census⁷⁶ lists a daughter Hannah age 17 though no daughter Isabella who would have been the same approximate age -- leads one to wonder if these are one and the same. The son, James, appears to have been buried on 21 July 1841 in his 33rd year.⁷⁷

⁴¹ 1851 Census, 25 Manchester St., Werneth, Oldham (LDS Film #087256)

⁶⁹ Oldham Local Studies Library, Microfilm, St. Margarets Baptisms, pre-1813: 4 September 1808, Jas, son of Chas & Matty Smith, Old Lane, Carpenter, born 11 August 1808

⁷⁰ Oldham Local Studies Library, Microfilm, St. Margarets Baptisms, pre-1813: 2 August 1812, John, son of Charles & Matty Smith, Old Lane, Carpenter, born 12 May 1812

⁷¹ LDS Film #1656162 -- St. Marys Baptisms, 1813-1818: 21 May 1815, Mary, Charles & Martha Smith, Hunt Clough, Carpenter

⁷² LDS Film #1545717 -- St. Margarets Baptisms: 29 March 1818, Betty, Charles & Matty Smith, Hunt Lane, Chadderton, Carpenter

⁷³ LDS Film #1656162 -- St. Marys Baptisms, 1813-1818: 13 May 1821, John, Charles & Martha Smith, Hunt Lane, Carpenter

⁷⁴ LDS Film #1656162 -- St. Marys Baptisms, 1813-1818: 25 September 1825, Isabella, Charles & Martha Smith, Hunt Lane, Carpenter

⁷⁵ see 1841 Census Footnote below

⁷⁶ 1841 Census, Oldham, Above Town (LDS Film #0306931) -- Lord St. -- Charles Smith (50, Carpenter), Matty Smith (52), Hannah (17), Elizabeth (14), and John (20) all born in county

⁷⁷ LDS Film #1656227, Bishops Transcripts, St. Marys, Oldham Laics Burials 1833-1848 -- entry listed as "21 July 1841, James, son of Charles and Elizabeth Smith, Lord St, 33rd yr" -- believe mother's name a transcription error (next entry also lists Elizabeth) as all other info matches known information

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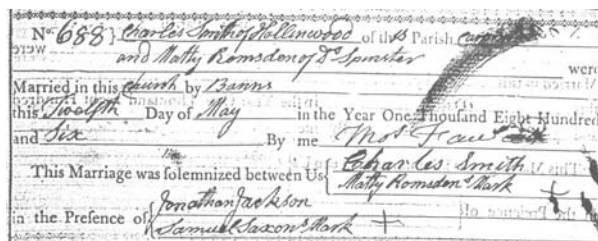
The main body of the family has not been tracked beyond the 1841 census. We know that in 1808 and 1812 they lived on Old Lane, subsequently moved to Hunt Lane (or Clough) (alternately listed as Oldham and Chadderton) for 1815-1825, and by 1841 were at Lord St.

Lord St., Oldham, Above Town

Charles Smith	50	Carpenter	born in county
Matty Smith	52		born in county
Hannah	17		born in county
Elizabeth	14		born in county
John	20	Carpenter	born in county

In addition to the difficulties tracking Charles' parentage, Matty/Martha's parents remain unidentified. The most likely candidate is a marriage between Charles Smith and Matty Romsden, Oldham, 12 May 1806⁷⁸. New research has confirmed this as the appropriate marriage. The entry⁷⁹ reads as follows:

" Charles Smith of Hollinwood of this Parish, Carpenter, and Matty Romsden of (same) Spinster were Married in this Church by Banns this Twelfth Day of May in the Year One Thousand Eight-Hundred and six by me Thos Fawcett. This Marriage was solemnized between Us, Charles Smith and (mark) of Matty Romsden in the Prefence of Jonathan Jackson and (mark) of Samuel Saxon"



Going through some records for St. Mary's Baptisms for 1726-1813⁸⁰, the author came across some entries that were intriguing in that the father's last name was Smith, his occupation was Carpenter and his wife's name was Isabella! Unfortunately, I could not find a baptism for a son Charles. What was found was the following ...

- James, son of James Smith of Broadway lane carpenter by Isabell his wife, 5 Aug. 1792

⁷⁸ LDS Film #884508 (entry 7514717 69 -- patron submission based on Oldham PR #93579)

⁷⁹ LDS Film #1656117, St. Mary, Oldham, Marriages, 1744-1809

⁸⁰ LDS Film #1656161, St. Mary's baptisms 1726-1813 and Shaw Chapel

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- Betty, daughter of James Smith of Broadway lane carpenter by Isabel his wife, 23 July 1794
- Joseph, son of James Smith of Broadway lane carpenter by Isabella his wife, 21 May 1797

Since Charles was born c. 1791, though possibly earlier (age rounded to 50 in 1841 census), he could fit in this family. Also, prior to this time, there was a James Smith with a wife Betty, in Rochdale, who had a son Charles christened on 26 March 1786.

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So, where does this leave us? Research avenues to pursue are:

- 1851 Oldham Census (recheck) for Charles and Matty Smith
- look at records for St. Marys to find entry for marriages pre-1808