

The Hutchinson family

Using the Burial Search facility on our website twelve names come up after a search for the name Hutchinson. Three of the ledger stones in the image below are over Hutchinson plots. The memorial inscriptions on these stones very usefully explain the links between these people. The Lightcliffe baptism records confirm some of these relationships.

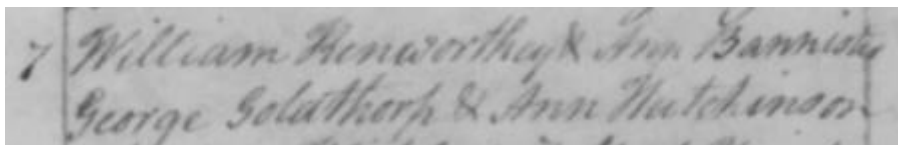


This Hutchinson story begins with William Hutchinson and his wife Mary who probably had five children baptised at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe in the decade 1782 – 1792. They may well be the couple who were married in Elland on 18th December 1780, according to a transcribed Yorkshire Marriage record. Mary's maiden name was transcribed as 'Hely'.

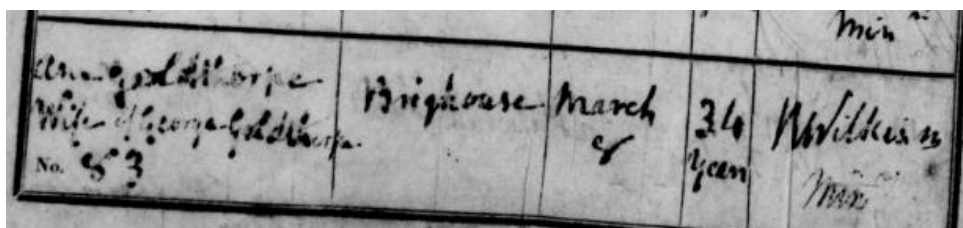
From the top of the memorial inscription on the ledger stone, in the foreground above, we know that their eldest daughter was called Ann. This is not one of the baptisms in the Lightcliffe records. Working back from her death date and age, Ann was born about 1781. She may be the Ann 'Ely' baptised at 'Briers' [Chapel] - now known as St. Anne's Church, Southowram – the daughter of Mary, on 14th January 1781 according to another transcribed record.

Primary sources have been checked for the baptisms of five Hutchinson children with father William. The baptisms were for William on 8th September 1782, John on 10th October 1784, Mary on 18th July 1787, Martha on 27th September 1789 and finally Sarah on 11th March 1792. Nine-year-old Sarah died on 17th November 1801. She was buried in the Lightcliffe plot now given the code O*15 – next to the one in the foreground – on 20th November 1801.

Then on 29th December 1801 a licence was granted for 21-year-old Ann Hutchinson of Hipperholme to marry 22-year-old George Goldthorp of Halifax. Their marriage eventually took place on 7th November 1802 at St. John's Church, Halifax.



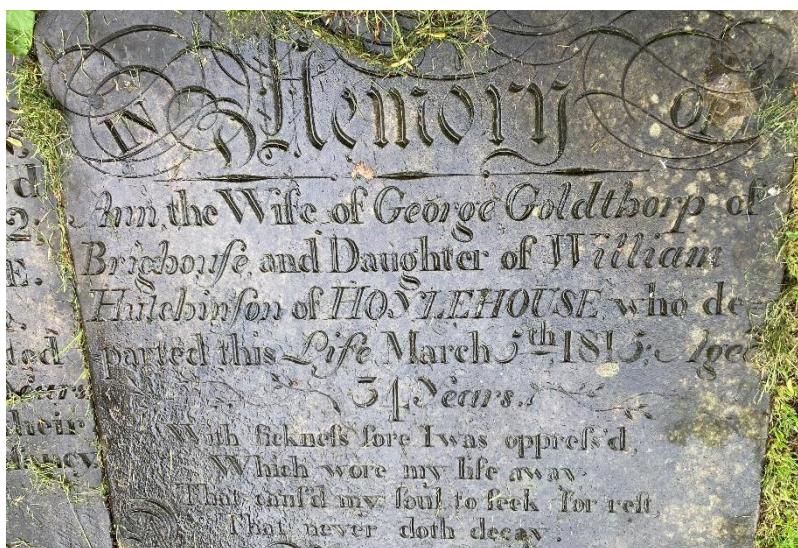
It is not known as to whether they had any children – no baptism records have been found – before Ann died on 5th March 1815 aged 34 years. She was buried on 8th March 1815 at Lightcliffe with the officiating officer being the Rev. Robert Wilkinson



Hers is the first name on the long memorial inscription of the ledger stone in the foreground over the plot N*15. It starts

IN MEMORY OF ANN THE WIFE OF GEORGE GOLDTHORP
AND THE DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM HUTCHINSON OF HOYLE HOUSE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE MARTH 5TH 1815 AGED 34 YEARS

WITH SICKNESS SORE I WAS OPPRESSED
WHICH WORE MY LIFE AWAY
THAT CAUSED MY SOUL TO SEEK FOR REST
THAT NEVER DOTH DECAY



Her brothers William – to Elizabeth - and John Hutchinson had probably married by then but again no records have been found to confirm this. Their sister Martha married a 40-year-old widower Samuel Sharp on 16th October 1832 in Halifax.

The Sharp family

Samuel Sharp had previously married Anna Maria Hodgson on 9th August 1826 as announced in the *Leeds Mercury* on 12th August 1826. Although the transcriptions of the parish marriage record give the bride's surname as Ogden.

On Thursday last, ...

Same day, Mr. Samuel Sharp, plumber and glazier of Hove Edge, to Miss Anna Maria Hodgson, of Halifax.

Samuel and Anna Maria Sharp had a son and a daughter baptised at Lightcliffe. William Sharp was baptised on 12th August 1827 and his sister Caroline on 9th August 1829. Caroline only survived eight months, dying on 6th December 1829. She was buried in St. Matthew's churchyard on 12th December 1829 in a plot whose memorial inscription was visible in the late 1920s / early 1930s. This was when a gentleman called Arthur Blackburn noted down the memorial inscriptions in about a hundred West Riding churchyards. But the memorial is now one of our 'missing' memorials.

Anna Maria Sharp died on 17th August 1830 having given birth to another son Thomas a few days earlier. One day old Thomas Sharp was buried in the churchyard on 4th August 1830. His mother joined her two infant children on 23rd August 1830 with the Rev. Robert Wilkinson again taking both ceremonies.

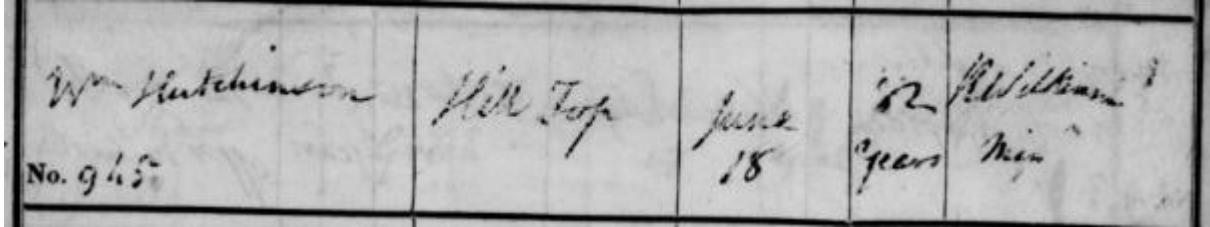
Tho ^s Sharp Son of Samuel Sharp No. 952	Upper Lane	1830. Aug. 4	1 day	Robt Wilkinson Min ^r
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Harriet Maria Wife of Samuel Sharp No. 955	Upper Lane	August 23	26 years	Robt Wilkinson Min ^r
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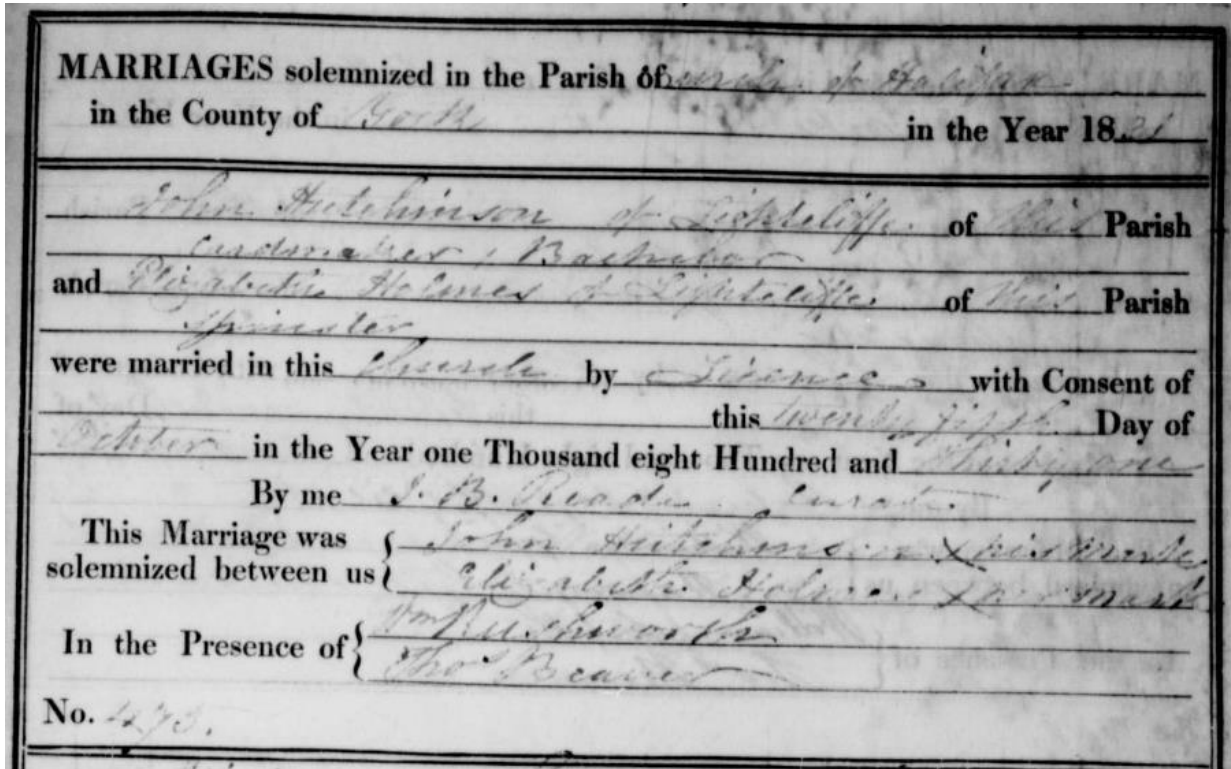
Samuel and his second wife Martha née Hutchinson had their daughter, Sarah, baptised at St. Matthew's on 17th November 1833.

Back to the Hutchinsons.

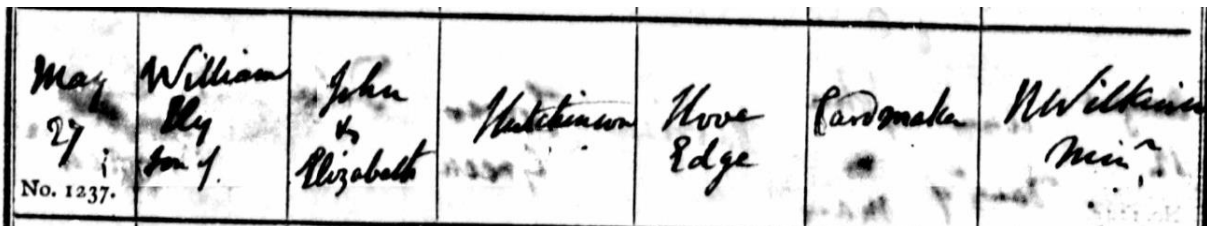
The funeral of William Hutchinson of Hill Top was taken by the Rev. Robert Wilkinson on 18th June 1830 as the burial record explains. William Hutchinson, who died on 14th June 1830, was buried with his daughter Sarah in plot O*15 on 18th June 1830.



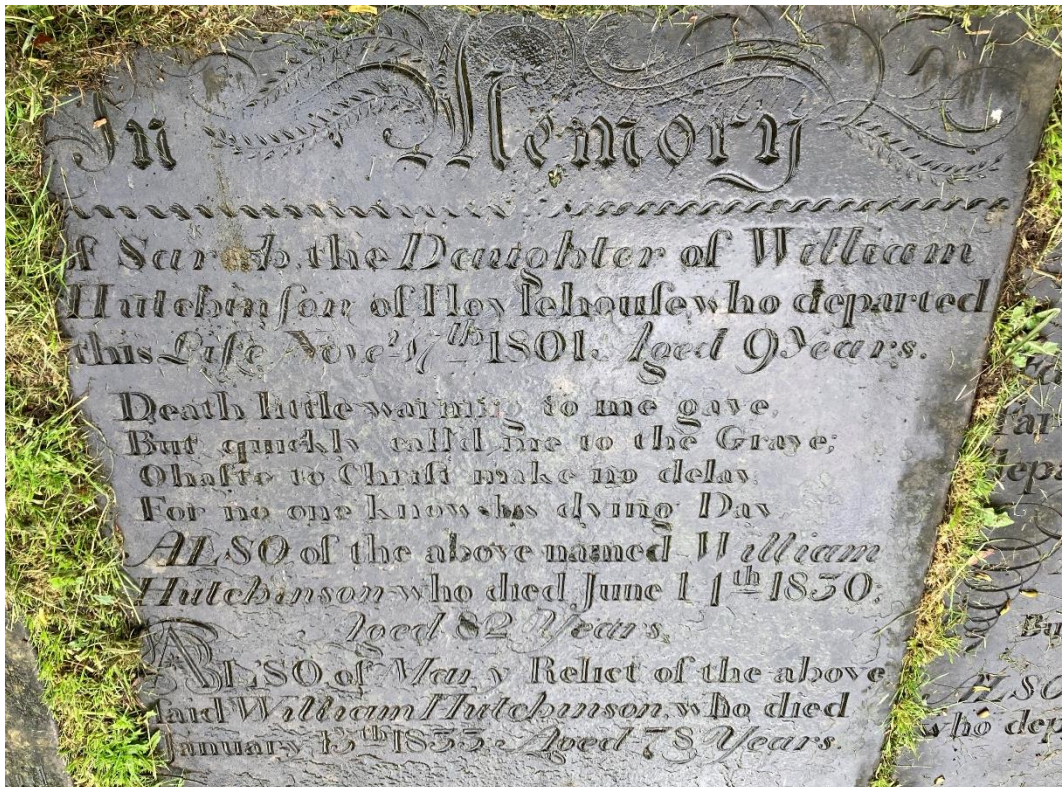
His son, John Hutchinson, a cardmaker, married Elizabeth Holmes by licence on 25th October 1831 in Halifax. The marriage record below states that they were both from Lightcliffe and that she was a spinster and he was a bachelor but read on!



They had a son, William Ely Hutchinson, who was baptised at St. Matthew's Church on 27th May 1832.



The Hutchinson siblings lost their widowed mother on 15th January 1833. She was buried with her husband and youngest daughter, Sarah, in the Lightcliffe plot, now given the code O*15, on 18th January 1833.



IN MEMORY OF SARAH THE DAUGHTER
OF WILLIAM HUTCHINSON OF HOYLE HOUSE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE NOVEMBER 19TH 1801 AGED 9 YEARS

DEATH LITTLE WARNING TO ME GAVE
BUT QUICKLY CALLED ME TO THE GRAVE
OH HASTE TO CHRIST, MAKE NO DELAY
FOR NO ONE KNOWS HIS DYING DAY

ALSO OF THE ABOVE NAMED WILLIAM HUTCHINSON
WHO DIED JUNE 14TH 1830 AGED 82 YEARS

ALSO OF MARY RELICT OF THE ABOVE WILLIAM HUTCHINSON
WHO DIED JANUARY 15TH 1811 AGED 78 YEARS

John Hutchinson's suicide

And then just a few months later the *Halifax Express* for 16th March 1833 had this announcement.

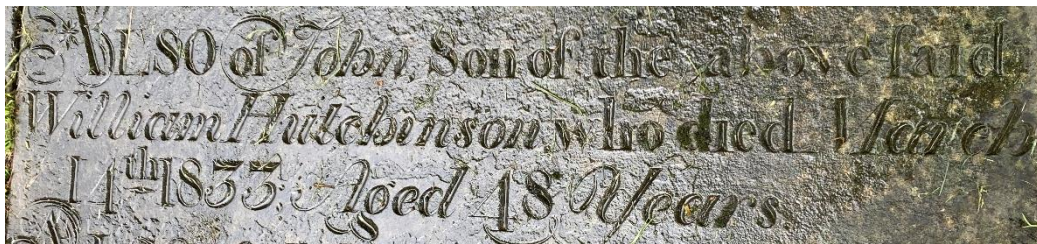
On Thursday morning, Mr John Hutchinson, of Lightcliffe, card maker, hung himself in the chamber of his lodgings, at Brighthouse.

Anne Lister commented on the hanging in her diary on the actual day, 14th March 1833. The wrong first name is used but the other details are correct. And then there is a possible explanation for this tragedy although no evidence of a first marriage for John Hutchinson has been found.

1833-03-14 (journal; Erin Resso)

to her letter of the 2nd instant received on Saturday night - Miss W- [Walker] was to go to her sister as last Monday week - their joint tenant of Hill Top hanged himself (William Hutchinson cardmaker) this morning at the Wellington Arms Brighthouse where he had been since Monday - had married a 2nd time was parted from his wife, and could not get over it -

John Hutchinson is the next name on the ledger stone over plot N*15, next to his parents in plot O*15.



And according to the burial record below the 48-year-old was buried in the churchyard on 17th March 1833. But was it in the family plot?

John Hutchinson	Lightcliffe	March 17	48 Year	William min ^a
No. 1094.				

Until 1823 the bodies of suicide cases could not be buried in consecrated ground ie in churchyards. They were often buried at crossroads, sometimes with a stake through the heart of the victim. After that churchyard burials were allowed but only at night between 9 pm and midnight. And they were often in unknown plots to the north of the church. Was this where John Hutchinson was buried? Who knows!

He was not the only person who committed suicide to be buried in Lightcliffe churchyard. Read

Some Lightcliffe suicide cases

Completing the Hutchinson and Sharp stories

1841 census

William Hutchinson 55 Maltster
 Elizabeth Hutchinson 55
 Grace Pickles 20
 Address Hollin Ing, Brighthouse

Widow Elizabeth Hutchinson and two sons were living in Upper Green with, or next door to, a Holmes family. This could be her mother or perhaps mother-in-law.

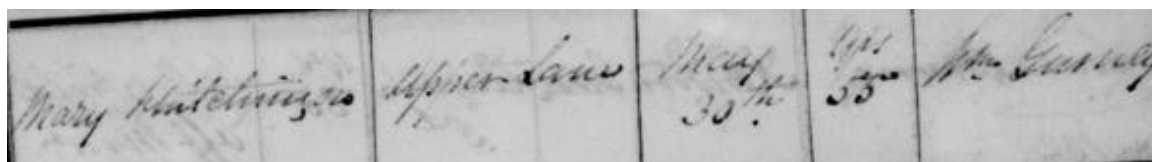
1841 census

Susan Holmes 70
 Sarah Holmes 40
 Ann Holmes 5
 Elizabeth Hutchinson 40
 William Hutchinson 10
 Charles Hutchinson 5
 Address Upper Green, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

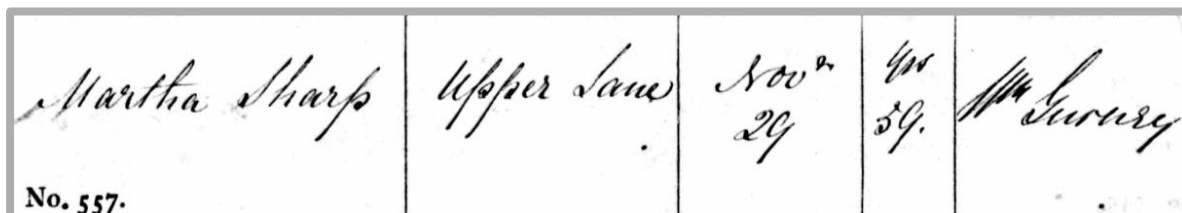
1841 census

Samuel Sharp 50 Plumber
 Martha Sharp 50
 William Sharp 14
 Sarah Sharp 7
 Thomas Jackman 25 M.S.
 Mary Thornton 15 F.S.
 Address Yew House, Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

William and Martha's sister Mary Hutchinson has not been found on the 1841 census. But less than a year later spinster Mary Hutchinson of Upper Lane died on 25th May 1842. She was buried with her older sister Ann Goldthorp in plot N*15, next to their parents' plot, O*15, on 30th May 1842.



Then on November 1848 Martha Sharp née Hutchinson died. She was buried with her sisters and possibly her brother in plot N*15 on 29th November 1848.



Hers is the last name on the long memorial inscription which continues after the memorial inscription to her sister, Ann, the wife of George Goldthorp.

ALSO OF JOHN THE SON OF THE ABOVE SAID WILLIAM HUTCHINSON
 WHO DIED MARCH 14TH 1833 AGED 48 YEARS

ALSO OF MARY DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE NAMED WILLIAM
 HUTCHINSON WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE MARY 25TH 1842
 AGED 55 YEARS

ALSO MARTHA SHARP DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE WILLIAM AND MARY
 HUTCHINSON AND WIFE OF SAMUEL SHARP OF HOVE EDGE WHO
 DEPARTED THIS LIFE NOVEMBER 25TH 1848 AGED 59 YEARS

[Both Susan Holmes and Elizabeth Hutchinson, widow of John Hutchinson, may have also passed away before the next census. A 39-year-old Elizabeth Hutchinson of Upper Green was buried in the churchyard on 20th March 1842. A year later a 71-year-old Susannah Holmes of Hove Edge was buried on 31st May 1843 again at Lightcliffe. Both internments were in unknown plots with no headstone.]

1851 census

William Hutchinson Head 68
Maltster Master employing 4 men
Elizabeth Hutchinson Wife 72
Grace Pickles Servant 31 Servant
Address Commercial Road, Hipperholme
cum Brighthouse

1851 census

Samuel Sharp Head 60 Plumber & Glazer
William Sharp Son 23 Maltster
Sarah Sharp Dau 17
Mary Ann Diggle Servant 20 Servant
Address Upper Lane, Hipperholme cum
Brighthouse

When Samuel Sharp died on 15th December 1857 he was buried with his first wife and children in the plot with the 'missing headstone'. But we know that it said

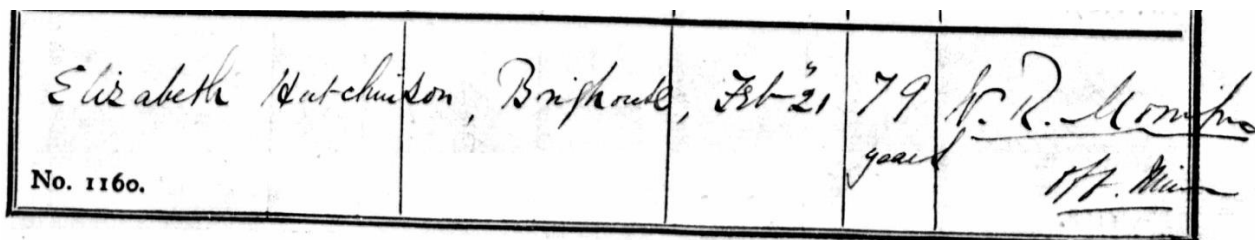
IN MEMORY OF CAROLINE THE DAUGHTER OF
SAMUEL AND ANNA MARIA SHARP OF HOVE EDGE
WHO DIED THE 6TH OF DECEMBER 1829 AGED 8 MONTHS

ALSO OF THE ABOVE NAMED ANNA MARIA SHARP
WHO DIED THE 19TH OF AUGUST 1830 AGED 26 YEARS

ALSO OF THOMAS THEIR SON WHO DIED IN HIS INFANCY

ALSO OF THE ABOVE NAMED SAMUEL SHARP
WHO DIED DECEMBER 15TH 1857 AGED 67 YEARS

Elizabeth Hutchinson,— maiden name unknown and not to be confused with her sister-in-law – the wife of the master maltster, William Hutchinson died on 17th February 1859. She was buried near her Hutchinson in laws in the Lightcliffe plot now given the code P*16 on 21st February 1859.



Her death was also announced in the *Leeds Evening Express* on 26th February 1859.

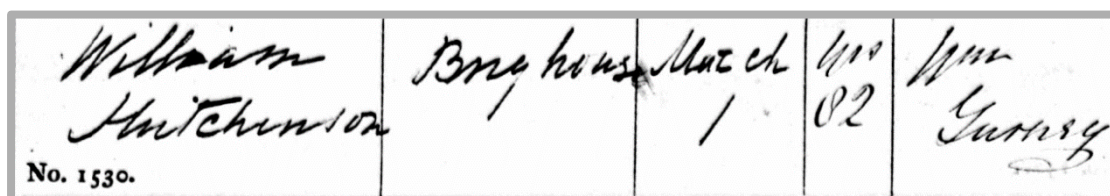
HUTCHINSON Feb 17 – aged 79 Mrs Hutchinson of Brighouse

This left her husband William Hutchinson as the only surviving Hutchinson sibling on 7th April 1861.

1861 census

William Hutchinson	Head	78	
Martha Wrathmell	Niece	30	Housekeeper
Eliza Ibbotson	Servant	19	Servant
Address Commercial St., Hipperholme cum Brighouse			

The retired maltster, William Hutchinson, died on 23rd February 1865 aged 82 years. He was buried with his wife on 1st March 1865 in plot P*16; the last of these seven related Hutchinsons.



Leeds Mercury 4 March 1865 and *Bradford Observer* 9 March 1865 had the death announcement.

HUTCHINSON .—Feb. 23rd, aged 82, Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, of Brighouse



IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LATE ELIZABETH HUTCHINSON
THE WIFE OF WILLIAM HUTCHINSON OF BRIGHOUSE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE FEBRUARY 17TH 1859
IN THE 80TH YEAR OF HER AGE

FRIENDS WEEP NOT IN SORROW OF SPIRIT
BUT JOY THAT MY TIME HERE IS OVER
I GO, THE GOOD PART TO INHERIT
WHERE SORROW AND SIN ARE NO MORE

ALSO OF THE ABOVE NAMED WILLIAM HUTCHINSON
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE FEBRUARY 23RD 1865 AGED 82 YEARS

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Anne Lister's diary extract from
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