

Savile Brinton Lewis Hall

(20th January 1897 - 1st January 1928)



One side of the cope tomb above plot H18 in Lightcliffe churchyard has a memorial inscription to Savile Brinton Lewis Hall, an unusual name. There was a Sir Savile Brinton Crossley who was M.P. for Halifax and a member of the carpet manufacturing Crossley family. Is this where the start of the unusual name came from? The inscription was not recorded by Arthur Blackburn when he transcribed about a hundred West Riding memorials in the late 1920s / early 1930s. Perhaps it was not there then. The inscription notes that the young man died on New Year's Day 1928 and that he was a 30-year-old 'Priest'.

This much – and a bit more - was known when we published our book

In the Shadow of Lightcliffe Tower; Two Churches and a Churchyard

But since then, more has been discovered.

What follows is Savile Brinton Lewis Hall's story.

He was the son of James Lawrence Hall and his second wife Emily Sutcliffe.

James Lawrence Hall first married Annie Murray Q1 1892. Their son Arthur Thomas Patrick Hall was born Q4 1893 but then Annie Hall died Q3 1894. All these events were registered in the Halifax district.

Two years later on 11th April 1896 the widower James Lawrence Hall married Emily Sutcliffe at St. Paul's Church, King Cross, Halifax. [Notice the name of the first witness.]

1846. Marriage solemnized at <i>S. Pauls Church</i> in the <i>Parish</i> of <i>King Cross</i> in the County of <i>Yorks & W. Yorks</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
340	April 11 th	James Lawrence Hall Emily Sutcliffe	28 25	Widower Spinster	Painter —	4 Skircoat Moor Road King Cross Halifax	James Hall Emily Sutcliffe	Painter Carpenter
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, after <i>Banns</i> by me, <i>Edw. Sutcliffe, Rector.</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>James Lawrence Hall</i> <i>Emily Sutcliffe</i>	in the Presence of us,		<i>Saville Walker Shuttleworth</i> <i>Maude Emily Shuttleworth</i>			

This was the church where their son Savile Brinton Lewis Hall, born 20th January 1897, was baptised on 17th March 1897. His father was again a 'Painter & Paper Hanger' and he remained at 4, Skircoat Moor Road, Halifax with his new family.

1897	March 17 th	Savile Brinton Lewis	James Emily	Hall	4 Skircoat Moor Rd	Painter & Paper-hanger	<i>Edw. Sutcliffe, Rector.</i>
No. 17							

Like his older half-brother the new baby was given three forenames. His little sisters, Esther born Q3 1900 and Florrie born Q4 1910, only had one.

The census data from 1901 and 1911 confirms that James Hall remained a 'House Painter' with his eldest son Arthur helping him in 1911 but the family had moved from Halifax, first to Northowram and then to Hipperholme. Fourteen year old Savile (Brinton Lewis) Hall was a picture framer suggesting that he had left school by 2nd April 1911.

1901 census

James Hall Head 33 Painter (House)
 Emily Hall Wife 30
 Arthur Thos Patrick Hall Son 7
 Savile Brinton Lewis Hall Son 4
 Esther Hall Dau 7/12
 Address 49 Woodside Place, Northowram

1911 census

James Hall Head 43 House Painter
 Emily Hall Wife 40
 Arthur Hall Son 17 House Painter
 Savile Hall Son 14 Picture Framer
 Esther Hall Dau 10 Scholar
 Florrie Hall Dau 4/12
 Address Mytholm Old Hall, Hipperholme

Three years later the Great War started. No evidence has been found to indicate whether Arthur Thomas Patrick Hall was involved but his younger brother, Savile Brinton Lewis Hall certainly was.

**UK, British Army World War I Medal Rolls Index Card for
Savile Brinton Lewis Hall**

HALL		19 Lond R	Sgt	5976
		19 Lond. R.		612238
		Lt. R	Lt	
		R.A.F.		
<i>Savile Brinton Lewis</i>				
Regiment	Page	on R.A.F. R.	Remarks	TP 19/1028/21
TP 19/1028	21		Com. 4/12/17.	
do	do		IV x/16095 dt 12/16/23.	
			NW/8/22871.	
Theatre of War first served to	<i>France</i>		x 1411 9. NW/8/22871.	
Date of entry therein	<i>1/6/1916</i>		NW/8/22871	
			NW/2/11659.	
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6/5/22

App for Medals 29-1-20.
Correspondence
Et q relia 2/9-2-20

Address *King's College Strathie*
J.M. Vincent Square
S. H. I.

5/10/22

From the above card 19-year-old Savile Brinton Lewis Hall would appear to have served from June 1916; with the 19th London Regiment first as Sergeant (Service No 5976) and then Lieutenant (Service No. 612238).

11124 SUPPLEMENT TO THE LONDON GAZETTE, 29 OCTOBER, 1917.

Worc. R.—Edwin Barnes Probert.
Harry Bryant.
Walter Henry Kevern.

E. Surr. R.—Sydney Bruce Davies.

W. Rid. R.—Francis Lionel Foster.
William Albert Victor Regan.
Ezra Butterfield
George Latimer Robbins.
Savile Brinton Lewis Hall.
Harry Wilbraham Carter.

2nd Lt. S. Dennis to be Lt., with precedence as from 23rd Feb. 1917. 24th June 1917.

2nd Lt. G. P. Simonds to be Lt., with precedence as from 7th Mar. 1917. 24th June 1917.

2nd Lt. G. V. de Freville to be Lt., with precedence as from 10th Mar. 1917. 24th June 1917.

2nd Lt. F. W. Winterbotham to be Lt., with precedence as from 22nd May 1917. 24th June 1917. and to remain seconded.

His name then appears in *the Supplement to the London Gazette* under the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. Perhaps this was the 7th Battalion as the card on the right notes.

REG. No. OA124216		M.P.O. 413
SURNAMES HALL		
RANK		
CHRISTIAN NAME SAVILE BRINTON LEWIS		
REGIMENT 7 West Yorks R.C.F.		
W.O. REFCE, &c.		
ADDRESS ...		
BRANDA.....		

Finally, there is this difficult to read but detailed record of his time with the Royal Air Force beginning in 1918. His address and that of his father, J. Hall, is 32 Gerrard St., Halifax. Before 1919 he was just recorded as being in the S.W. area. After that he was moved from Bude to Matlock and back. Then there are three transfers between Mullion and Plymouth and one from Haque to Mullion before he was demobilised and 'transferred to the unemployed list' on 12th May 1919. He appears to have been a pilot stationed mainly at RNAS Mullion.

British
one of Belling's 20 sides logs?
P.L.S.
11.6.22
7-10-B.

Christian Names (in full) Savile Brinton Lewis
Date of Birth 20th Jan. 1894
Formal Home Address 32 Gerrard St, Yorks, Halifax.
Name of Person to be Informed of Casualties Name J. Hall Address 32, Gerrard St, Halifax, Yorks. Relationship Father.
not living logs
P.L. 29127

MOVEMENTS					MOVEMENTS (continued)					
Outgoing Activity	Unit from which	Unit to which	Date of Effect	Special Remarks on Status	Outgoing Authority	Unit from which	Unit to which	Date of Effect	Special Remarks on Status	Outgoing Authority
					General/305.					
	14 S.S.	14 S.S.	21/18						SERVICE CONSIDERED FOR THE GRANT OF Warrant	
	S.W. Area		17.10.18							
	Bude.	Matlock	1.1.19							
	Matlock	Mullion	1.1.19							
	Plymouth		1.1.19							
	Mullion		1.1.19							
			1.1.19							

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Date of Issuance	Rank	Description	Grade as	Date of Effect
22.0.22	Pilot	a.s.	P.O.	8.6.18
5.4.1919	Pilot	a.s.	P.O.	8.6.18
14.3.1919	Pilot	a.s.	P.O.	8.6.18
24.3.1919	Pilot	a.s.	P.O.	8.6.18
24.3.1919	Adm.			17.10.18
24.3.1919	Adm.			12.5.19

Transferred to the unemployed list 12.5.19.

There is also a record from the *England, United Grand Lodge of England Freemason Membership Registers, 1751-1921*. Savile Brinton Lewis Hall was initiated into the Lightcliffe Lodge on 10th April 1918. His place of residence was given as Halifax, and he was a 2nd Lieutenant. Perhaps he was home on leave before joining the R.A.F. He appears to have been a member of the Lightcliffe Lodge until 1925.

Year	Month	Day	Name	Age	Rank	Residence	Notes	
1918	Jan 7	Jan 7	Robinson	113	Lightcliffe	Bankside	14. 8. 19	
	Apr 12	July 10	Bobby	George Reginald	116	Halifax	Franklin	21. 6. 19
	Apr 10	May 5	de 11	George	118	Lightcliffe	Richard	24. 3. 19
	Apr 10	28	August	de 11	118	Lightcliffe	1 st Lieutenant	1. 12. 18
	July 10	Apr 9/19	May 14	Robertshaw	118	Lightcliffe	Law	1. 12. 18
	Oct 9	Nov 26	May 14	Sheppard	118	Bradford	Sub. Chemist	2. 11. 20
	Dec 11	de 26	de 26	Greenwood	118	Brighams	Druggist	2. 11. 20
1919	Jan 22			Spird	118	Opworth	Chemical	

On 19th June 1921 when the 1921 census was taken, Savile B L Hall was a full-time theological student studying at King's College London and boarding at

schedule is prescribed.

This space to be filled up by the Enumerator.

Registration District.	Registration Sub-District.	Enumeration District.
5	2	54
Name of person responsible for making the return: <i>M^r S.B.L. Hall</i>		
Postal Address: <i>2, Gifford Place Westminster S.W.1</i>		

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
1	Savile B.L. Hall.	Boarder	24	4	M. Single	Yorkshire	Halifax	Widow	Theological Student
2									868/0

Meanwhile his parents and sisters were back in Halifax.

1921 census

James Hall	Head	53	House & Shop Painter	H Holdsworth, Painter & Decorator
Emily Hall	Wife	50	Home Duties	-
Esther Hall	Dau	20	Drapers Assistant	Messrs John Walker & Co, Household Drapers
Florrie Hall	Dau	10	[born in Hipperholme]	

Address 32, Gerrard Street, Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding), England - -

Savile must still have been a student in London in 1923 when he applied for his WW1 medals as his address then was King's College Hostel, Vincent Square, S.W.1.

From later newspaper reports it is known what he did after he finished his training. First of all he took up a curacy at Holy Trinity, South Shore, Blackpool and then he moved to All Saints, Moorside, Swinton, Salford, Manchester in 1927.

The following newspaper articles tell you more.

The Manchester Evening News 2 January 1928

FOUND DEAD IN BED

Sudden Death of a Swinton Curate

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The Rev. Saville [sic] Brinton Lewis Hall, curate of All Saints' Church, Swinton was found dead in bed at his home, 24, Reginald-street, Swinton.

Mr. Hall was 30 years of age and came to Swinton from Blackpool a month ago. He served in the army and was badly wounded as the result of an aeroplane crash. Since leaving the forces he has been subject to nerve shocks.

The Manchester Evening News 3 January 1928

WAR'S LEGACY

Swinton Curate Found Dead in Bed

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The Manchester County Coroner returned a verdict of accidental death at an inquest this afternoon on the Rev. Savile Brinton Lewis Hall (30) curate in charge of All Saint's Church, Swinton, who was found dead in bed at his home, 24, Reginald-street, Swinton.

It was stated that he was wounded during the war and later sustained injuries as the result of an aeroplane crash while with the Air Force. Since then he had been subject to nervous shock.

When found his face was buried in the pillow and the medical evidence showed that death was due to asphyxia as the result of one of the attacks.

The Yorkshire Post Tuesday January 3 1928

News has reached Halifax of the death of the Rev. Savile Brinton Lewis Hall, Curate-in-charge of All Saints', Moorside, Swinton, aged 30. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall, of 32 Gerrard Street, Halifax, and following service abroad in the Army was trained for the ministry at Knutsford and King's College, London. He was a curate of Holy Trinity, South Shore, Blackpool, until he went to Swinton nine months ago.

The Edinburgh Evening News Wednesday January 4 1928

NIGHTMARE DEATH

CURATE SUFFOCATED IN BED

The burying of his face in his pillow when he was unconscious and exhausted after a nightmare was presumed to have caused the death of Re. Saville [sic] Brinton Lewis Hall, aged 30, of Reginald Street, Swinton, who was found dead in bed on the morning of New Year's Day. Mr. Hall, who had been at Swinton only a few months, had previously been curate at Blackpool.

At the inquest yesterday, Mr. J. Hall, of Halifax, his father said that his son's health had been affected during the war. He had joined the army as a private and was wounded. Later he volunteered for the Flying Corps and was injured when his machine crashed.

"Several times during the last year of two we have heard him rambling in his sleep, and have had to rush to his room, for he always struggled fiercely as though he were fighting," said his father. "He fought with the bedclothes and if we were anywhere about would strike out at us. When we woke him up he was always dazed and could not remember anything."

A doctor said death was due to asphyxia caused by Mr. Hall turning his face into the pillow.

"Accidental death" was returned.

Rev. S. B. L. Hall

Interment at Lightcliffe

The funeral took place at Lightcliffe Cemetery yesterday afternoon, of the Rev. Savile Brinton Lewis Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, 32 Gerrard-street, Halifax, and curate-in-charge of All Saints' Moorside, Swinton, who died at the age of 30, on Monday.

The service at Lightcliffe Church was conducted by the Rev. D. Fletcher (vicar of Swinton), assisted by the Rev. D. Butcher (senior curate) and the Rev. H. L. Taylor (vicar of Lightcliffe).

The family mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. James Hall (father and mother), Mr. and Mrs. A. Barraclough (brother-in-law and sister), Miss F. Hall (sister), Mr. J. L. Clay (friend).

Also present were the following friends: Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hyatt, Mr. T. H. Norwood and Miss Norwood, Messrs W. H. Foster, H. Hainsworth, T. Green. G. N. Hallas, and Denton Walker.

Parishioners from Swinton included Mr. and Mrs R. W. Derbyshire, Mr and Mrs. Thomason, Mr. and Mrs Eaves, Mrs Urmston, Miss K. Entwistle, Mrs. and Miss Worsley, Mr. J. Ward, Miss Hanlon, Mr. Dyson and Mr. Seddon.

Beautiful floral tributes were sent from: Father, Mother, and Sister Florrie; Hettie and Arthur; his friend Jack; Cousin Beatrice and family; All Saints' Church Congregation (Swinton); All Saints' Girl Guides (Swinton); All Saints' Boy Scouts (Swinton); All Saints' teachers and pupils (Swinton); His colleagues; the vicar of Swinton; Mrs T. Stuttard and family, Swinton Park; South Shore Parish Church, Blackpool; the Rev. and Mrs P. Cecil Dean (Blackpool) Harry and Maud Frankland (Blackpool) ; Lizzie (Hipperholme); Mr. and Mrs W. H. Foster and Margaret and Mary (Hipperholme); the Rev and Mrs J. W. Hope (Preston); W. M. and Brethren, South Shore Lodge No. 4672; Mr. and Mrs. Whiteley and family (Halifax) St. Mary's Mothers' Union; Neighbours, Gerrard street Halifax; Mr. and Mrs R. Norton and family, Halifax; Mr. and Mrs. C. Green and Mrs. Broadbent (Halifax); Mr. and Mrs Hyatt (Hipperholme); Mrs Brooke (Hipperholme); Mr. Denton Walker; May and Pat, Halifax; Mr. and Mrs J. H. Greenwood (Bradford); Margery and Laurie (Bradford), Swinton, Pendlebury and Clifton Boy Scouts' Association.

Harry Gough and Sons, Ltd, Lightcliffe and Mr. Wardell, Swinton were the undertakers.

2767	H18	Jan. 1 st	Jan. 5 th	Savile Brinton Lewis Hall	30 years (a priest)
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As the Lightcliffe parish burial records confirm Savile Brinton Lewis Hall, a priest, was buried in plot H18 in St. Matthew's churchyard on 5th January 1928. But why in Lightcliffe?

HALL the reverend Savile Brinton Lewis of 24 Reginald-street Swinton **Lancashire** clerk died 1 January 1928 Administration **London** 26 January to James Hall painter. Effects £490 11s. 2d.

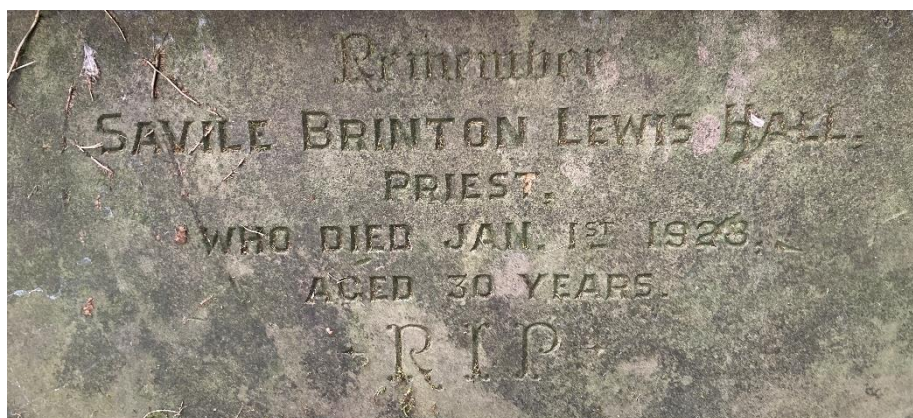
Originally – in the book mentioned at the beginning – it was thought that this was because his parents were still living in Hipperholme, but they had moved back to Halifax.

The name on the memorial inscription on the other side of the cope tomb may be a clue. John (Jack) Lister Clay died thirty-six years later in October 1964 aged eighty-five. Unusually for that time he was not buried in the new section of the churchyard but with his friend Savile Brinton Lewis Hall in plot H18. Reread the list of mourners and those giving floral tributes.

John Lister Clay's full story is told separately but it is worth quoting here a section of his Will as published in the

Huddersfield Daily Examiner Monday January 4 1965

He left£100 to the Vicar and churchwardens of the Parish Church of St. Matthew, Lightcliffe, upon trust to apply the income there from the upkeep of the graveyard and the graves of "my late friends the Rev. Savile Brinton Lewis Hall and Tom Sander Gill";



Now read

John Lister Clay and family

D.M.Barker

August 2024