

**Reverend Irvine Lister**

**(Before 7<sup>th</sup> January 1883 - 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1928)**



The Reverend Irvine Lister was buried in St. Matthew's churchyard, on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1928 in the Lister family plot S78.



Irvine Lister was the son of David Lister and his second wife Sarah Ann Hoyle. His paternal grandfather was the Hipperholme postmaster, John Lister, whose back story is told in

**John Lister Hipperholme postmaster**

1868. Marriage solemnized at								
in the Parish of <i>Halterforth</i>			in the County of <i>York</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.
310	<i>December 24 1868</i>	<i>David Lister Harriet Brook</i>	<i>22 24</i>	<i>Bachelor Spinster</i>	<i>Currier =</i>	<i>Hipperholme Hipperholme</i>	<i>John Lister</i>	<i>Postman</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ or after <i>Banns</i> by me, <i>John Burmister</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <i>David Lister Harriet Brook</i>			in the Presence of us, <i>Marshall Broxt C Lucy Lister</i>					

As you can see in the above image, David Lister first married Harriet Brook of Hipperholme. Harriet's mother was Hannah Brook of Lower Wyke who had her daughter baptised at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1844.

1871 census

David Lister Head 24 Currier  
 Harriett Lister Wife 26  
 Address Lower Winter Edge, Hipperholme with Brighthouse

On 6<sup>th</sup> January 1873 less than two years after the 1871 census was taken Harriet Lister died. She was buried in plot S78 owned by her husband David on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1873.

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 for Harriet Lester						
Lightcliffe, St Matthew > 1872						
<i>230</i>	<i>S 78</i>	<i>January 6</i>	<i>January 10</i>	<i>Harriet Lester</i>	<i>Jan 28</i>	<i>David Lister</i>

Widower David Lister, son of John Lister, 'Postman' then married Sarah Ann Hoyle on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1874 in Halifax.

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1813-1935 for Sarah Ann Hoyle								
Halifax, St John the Baptist > 1874								
1874. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of <i>Halifax</i> in the County of <i>York</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.
418	<i>April 15 1874</i>	<i>David Lister Sarah Ann Hoyle</i>	<i>27 20</i>	<i>Widower Spinster</i>	<i>Currier =</i>	<i>Hipperholme Northowram</i>	<i>John Lister George Hoyle</i>	<i>Postman Delver</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ or after <i>Banns</i> by me, <i>W. H. W. [unclear]</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <i>David Lister Sarah Ann Hoyle</i>			in the Presence of us, <i>Joseph Swift Mary Anna Lister</i>					

They had five children, four of whom were baptised at St. John's Church in Coley: Harriet Ann on 10<sup>th</sup> October 1875, Irvine on 7<sup>th</sup> January 1883, Lucy Jane on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1885 and finally Evelyn on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1887. Little Harry Lister was born Q4 1877 but he died seventeenth months later on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1879. He was buried in plot S78 that his father owned on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1879.

LISTER, —April 13, aged 17 months, Harry, son of David Lister, carrier, Hipperholme.

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 for Harry Lister  
 Lightcliffe, St Matthew > 1879

601	S 78	April 15	April 17	Harry Lister	months 17	David Lister
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1881 census

David Lister    Head 34    Carrier  
 Sarah Lister    Wife 26  
 Address Tennyson Place, Brighouse & Denholmegate Road, Hipperholme cum Brighouse

5 yr old Harriet Lister was with her maternal grandmother widow Ann Hoyle and family at Land Ends, Hipperholme cum Brighouse

1891 census

David Lister    Head 44    Farmer  
 Sarah A Lister    Wife 36  
 Irvine Lister    Son 8    Scholar  
 Harriet A Lister    Dau 15    Machinist  
 Lucy J Lister    Dau 6  
 Evelyn Lister    Dau 4  
 Address Towngate, Hipperholme cum Brighouse

The company, D. Lister & Co., were carriers and tanners of Hipperholme. David Lister was a member of Lightcliffe Liberal Club and attended Lightcliffe Congregational Church. In 1894 he put himself forward as a Liberal candidate for the Hipperholme District Council but was not elected. He died on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1895 and was buried with his first wife and young son in the Lightcliffe plot S78 on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1895.

Burials at Lightcliffe Cemetery in the Parish of Halifax.

No. Buried	No. of Grave	Date of Death	Date of Burial	Christian Name and Surname	Age	Sex and Other
1183.	S. 78	March 6, 1895	March 9, 1895	David Lister	48 years	Sarah Ann Lister

*Halifax Evening Courier*

8 March 1895

**THE HIPPERHOLME COAL CLUB  
LIMITED**

In order to celebrate the success of their first year's work, the members of the above club met on Wednesday evening at the Delver's Arms, Hipperholme. ....

.... During the evening the sad news was brought in of the very sudden death of Mr. David Lister, of Hipperholme, tanner, who was one of the first organisers and committee men, and who, so recently as last Sunday 1st, promised to attend the dinner.

*Halifax Evening Courier*

16 March 1895

FUNERAL OF MR. DAVID LISTER --- On Saturday afternoon the funeral took place of the late David Lister of Towngate, Hipperholme, the cortege leaving the house shortly after half-past two. A good number of

members of various societies with which the deceased had been connected attended the funeral, the Liberal Club being strongly represented, and there were also present many tradesmen of Hipperholme, Lightcliffe, Halifax and Bradford. At the house a short service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Stowell, of Lightcliffe Congregational Church, of which deceased was a member. The bearers were selected from the younger members of the Liberal Club, and the coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths sent by loving and sympathising friends. In almost every house along the route blinds were drawn, showing the esteem and respect in which the deceased was held. At the Congregational Church, another short service was held by the pastor, prior to the final ceremony at the graveside in Lightcliffe churchyard, which was performed by the vicar, the Rev. N. Lindon Parkyn, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Stowell. Mr. Parkyn has throughout shown a commendable spirit of kindness and consideration towards the widow and family.

Mr. Booth, of Hipperholme, was the undertaker, and carried out the arrangements in a satisfactory manner.



His widow Sarah Ann Lister née Hoyle and family then moved to Halifax.

1901 census

Sarah A Lister Head 46 Widow Confectioner Baker  
Irvine Lister Son 18 Woollen Warehouse Man  
Harriet A Lister Dau 25 Dressmaker  
Lucy J Lister Dau 16 Confectioner Baker  
Evelyn Lister Dau 14 Jeweller Gold  
Address Autumn, Halifax

1911 census

Sarah Ann Lister Head 56 Widow  
Harriet Ann Lister Dau 35 Dressmaker's assistant  
Lucy Jane Lister Dau 26  
Foreign correspondent Machine Tool Makers  
Evelyn Lister Dau 24 Typist ditto  
Address 11 Carleton House Terrace, Halifax

The following newspaper articles explain why Irvine Lister was not at home on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1911.

*Halifax Daily Guardian* 1 July 1909



**Mr. Irvine Lister**

Mr. Irvine Lister, of Carlton House-  
terrace, Halifax who is entering the  
Congregational ministry, and has  
accepted a call to the pastorate of  
Ebenezer Congregational Church,  
Uppermill, near Oldham, commences his  
duties on Sunday next, and will be  
ordained on the 13<sup>th</sup> instant. He has been  
attached to Park Church, Halifax, and was  
a student at Owen's College, Manchester,  
and at Airedale College, Bradford.

## Park Wedding

REV. IRVINE AND MISS  
TOWNSEND

### Ceremony This Afternoon

At Park Congregational Church, Halifax, this afternoon, the wedding was solemnised of the Rev. Irvine Lister, pastor of Uppermill Congregational Church, near Oldham, son of the late Mr. David Lister, Hipperholme, and Mrs Lister, 11 Carleton House-terrace, Halifax and Miss Jessie Townsend, elder daughter of the late Mr. John Townsend, and of Mrs Townsend, 44, Hyde Park-road, Halifax. There was a large attendance of friends and well-wishers to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Prof. E. Armitage, M.A., and the Rev. G. T. Dickin, B. A., B.Sc., pastor of Park. Both the bride and bridegroom are very well-known and popular. Mr. Lister for many years attended Park Church, before entering college, and Miss Townsend has for some years been a highly esteemed member of the choir at Park, where her lamented father was for a long period organist. As a mark of appreciation of her services and of good wishes for her future happiness the organist (Mr. A. Kitson, F. R. C. O.) and choir presented the bride with a handsome rosewood piano stool. Other presents received numbered upward of a hundred.

The interior of the church was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers, and selections of suitable bridal music were executed on the organ by Mr. A. Kitson during the service. The choir also attended and among other choral items rendered was the well-known hymn, "O perfect love."

The bride was given away by her mother Mrs. Townsend and was attended by Miss Doris Townsend (sister of the bride), Miss Evelyn Lister (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Willis (cousin of the bride). Mr. Reginald Thornton, of Dobcross

acted as best man, and Messrs. John A. Patten, M. A., and J. R. McPhail were groomsmen.

The bride looked charming in a smart gown of white mousseline de soie, prettily trimmed with point de Venice lace. She carried a bouquet of white roses, lilies of the valley, and white heather.

Miss D. Townsend and Miss Lister wore dresses of mousseline de soie in a soft shade of rose pink, trimmed with fine ivory net and chiffon. They had hats of ivory crinoline, swathed with Tosca net and pale pink roses. Miss Willis's dress was of pale blue mousseline de soie, tastefully trimmed with chiffon and ivory net. She wore a black picture hat, trimmed with feathers and Chantilly lace. The bridesmaids' bouquets were composed of pink sweet peas.

Mrs Townsend was effectively attired in a black gown of fine net, over mousseline taffeta, prettily trimmed with jet and steel. Her hat was of black crinoline and net with white osprey. She carried a bouquet of beautiful tea roses.

Mrs. Lister, mother of the bridegroom, was gowned in black silk voile, trimmed with jet, and wore a pretty black and white toque.

After the service a reception, attended by 80 guests, was held in Park Sunday-School and subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Lister left for Port Erin where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's travelling robe was of cashmere de soie, trimmed with jet, and wore a pretty black and white toque. Her going away hat was Tuscan crinoline one, trimmed with shaded pink roses and foliage.

Mr. and Mrs. Lister will be at home at The Manse, Uppermill on July 29 and 30.

The bride's and bridesmaids' dresses were made by Mr. J. H. Waddington, Halifax; Miss Clewer, King Edward-street, Halifax, supplied the millinery, and the flowers came from the nursery of Messrs, Conway. Messrs, G. Webster and Son were the caterers at the reception. The bridal party were photographed by Mr. Illingworth

The Manse, Uppermill, Saddleworth was where the Listers were on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1911.

1911 census

Irvine Lister Head 28 Congregational Minister  
Jessie Lister Wife 25  
Address The Manse, Underhill, Saddleworth

John Townsend Lister was born there on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1912 but then his parents moved as the *St. Helen's Examiner* for 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1914 explains.

## CAIRO-STREET CHAPEL NEW PASTOR

### The Rev. Irvine Lister Appointed.

In succession to the Rev. Dr. Stanley Mellor, who was recently appointed pastor of Hope-street Unitarian Church, Liverpool, the Rev. Irvine Lister, of West Didsbury, Manchester, has accepted an invitation to the pastorate of Cairo-street Unitarian Chapel, and will commence his duties there upon the first Sunday next month.

Mr. Lister is 31 years of age. Educated for the ministry at the Manchester University and also at the Yorkshire United College, Bradford, he was, until three months ago, minister of the Congregational Church at Uppermill, near Oldham, but resigned the position, after having held it for four years, on account of his inability to reconcile it with his theological beliefs.

The births of Dorothy Lister Q4 1916 and then Barbara Lister Q2 1919 were registered in the Warrington district. Four-month-old Barbara died on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1919.

In October 1920 it was announced that the Rev. Irvine Lister had resigned the Warrington Unitarian Church. He and his family were in Sale on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1921. His mother, Sarah Ann, and sister, Harriet Ann, were still in Carlton Terrace, Halifax. Sister Lucy Jane and Evelyn Lister have not been found on the 1921 census.

1921 census

S A Lister Head 66 Home Duties -  
Harriet Ann Lister Dau 45 Costumier John Wilkinson & Son Draper  
Address 11, Carlton House Terrace, Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1921 census

Irvine Lister Head 38 Minister Of Religion -  
Jessie Lister Wife 35 Home Duties -  
John Townsend Lister Son 9 - -  
Dorothy Lister Dau 4 - -  
Address Unitarian School Room, Chapel Road, Sale, Cheshire, England

Sometime before 1927 Irvine Lister retired from being a minister because of ill health. Then the *Derby Daily Telegraph* announced on 8<sup>th</sup> October 1927 that Mr. Irvine Lister of Manchester, a former Free Church minister, had been appointed Liberal agent for the High Peak Division, over sixty people had applied.

*Halifax Evening Courier* 4 July 1928

## **Mr. Irvine Lister.**

### **Former Halifax Man's Distressing End**

Yesterday, a ticket collector at Oxford-road station, Manchester, found the body of a man in a third-class compartment, and this was identified this morning, by his wife, as that of Mr. Irvine Lister, of Bradda, Holmfield-road, Buxton. The case is of a distressing character, for Mr. Lister's throat was cut and nearby was an open razor.

Mr. Lister was well known in Halifax, being an old member of Park Congregational Church. He studied here for the Congregational ministry, and his first call was to the Ebenezer Congregational Church, Uppermill, Oldham, on the conclusion of his student career at the United College, Bradford, and Owen's College, Manchester.

Later, he forsook the Congregational Church to join the Unitarians, and he became pastor of the Unitarian Church at Longsight, Manchester. Some time ago, he suffered a breakdown in health, and retired from the ministry. Recently he became an agent for the Liberal party in the High Peak Division of Derbyshire.

Mr. Lister married a daughter of the late Mr. John Townsend, formerly organist at Park Church, Halifax, and much sympathy will be extended to her and her two children, and also to Mr. Lister's mother who resides in Halifax.

*Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer*  
7 July 1928

## **SUICIDE IN TRAIN**

### **Liberal Agent and Former Congregational Minister**

The Manchester City Coroner held the inquest yesterday on Irvine Lister, aged 45, of Holmfield Road, Burbage, Buxton, Liberal Parliamentary Agent for the High Peak Division of Derbyshire, and former minister at the Upper Mill Congregational Church at Oldham, who was found with his throat cut in a railway carriage at Oxford Road Station, Manchester on Tuesday.

Evidence as to the state of his health was given by Jessie Lister, the widow, and Mr. James H. B. Grimshaw, a friend.

Mrs Lister said her husband had been depressed, but she did not know the reason. They had been married for eighteen years, but he had asked her not to interfere in his financial affairs.

The Coroner said he understood Mr. Lister had dealings with moneylenders. Mrs Lister said she was not aware of that, neither did she know that he had been staying at the Midland Hotel lately.

Mr. Grimshaw, who had known Mr. Lister for three years, said that Mr. Lister thought he was suffering from cancer, and witness noticed that he appeared to be very depressed.

Police constable Mayo, who was called to the railway station, said he found in the dear man's pockets several receipts relating to transactions with money lenders, and there was also a visiting card with a pencilled message saying; "See E.D. James, Milton Hall, Deansgate, before you do anything." Witness had also found that a cheque for £6 10s presented by Mr, Lister at the Midland Hotel had been returned marked "refer to drawer."

The Coroner returned a verdict of "Suicide, with insufficient evidence to show the state of the deceased's mind." The Coroner suggested that Mr. Lister's mind might have been affected by his health or financial troubles.



Irvine Lister was buried with his father and little brother in plot S78 in St. Matthew's churchyard, Lightcliffe on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1928.



Irvine's sister Lucy Jane Lister, married Ivan Georgevitch Sitchev Q4 1933 in the St. Columb district of Cornwall. Nothing has been found to indicate where Ivan was from originally. However, this notice appeared in the Newquay Express and Cornwall County Chronicle on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1938.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that IVAN GEORGEVICH SITCHEV of Yellowsands, Pentire, Newquay, Cornwall, is applying to the Home Secretary for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the fact to the Under Secretary of State, Home Office, S.W.1.

By September 1939 Lucy's mother and elder sister, Harriet Ann Lister, were with her in Newquay. Younger sister Evelyn Lister has not been found on this 1939 register.

1939 register

Ivan (Georgevitch) Sitchev	28 May 1892	Boarding-House Keeper	Married	9	1
Lucy J Sitchev	28 Nov 1844	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	9	2
Sarah Ann Lister	? ? 1854	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	9	3
Harriet Ann Lister	31 Aug 1874	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Single	9	4
Mabel E Burrough	24 Sep 1882	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	9	5
Address "Yellowsands" Esplanade Road, Newquay, Newquay U.D., Cornwall, England					

Meanwhile Jessie Lister née Townsend was back in Halifax with her son, John Townsend Lister, who had been in the Merchant Navy. By the time he was '3<sup>rd</sup> Mate' on the *M.V. Prometheus* which arrived in New York from Yokohama, Japan on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1936 he had served for 8 years.

1939 register

Jessie Lister	04 Aug 1885	Librarian (Private Subscription Library)	Widowed	35	1
John T Lister	01 Apr 1912	Mercantile Marine Officer Discharged	Single	35	2
Annie Wainwright	25 Feb 1894	Bank Clerk	Single	35	3

Address 24 Nursery Grove, Halifax, Halifax C.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

No record for Dorothy Lister has been found after the 1921 census.

From the *Halifax Evening Courier* 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May 1942.

**MARRIED AT HOLY TRINITY**



The wedding took place today at Holy Trinity Church, Halifax, of Mr. John Townsend Lister, only son of Mrs. Jessie and the late Rev. Irvine Lister, 24, Nursery Grove, Ovenden, and Miss Betty Armitage Sladdin, only daughter of Mrs Margaret and the late Norman R. Sladdin, of 27, Clover Hill-terrace, Halifax. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Butterworth, B.A., L.Th., and the organist was Mr. Norman Stocks.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Hubert Sladdin, and wore a blue ensemble with burgundy accessories. Her bridesmaid was Miss Joan M. Walker. The best man was Second Lieut. Maurice A. Pimm, R.A.O.C., and the groomsmen were Second Lieut. Hugh L.Denson, Inns of Court Regt., and Driver J. Gibbons, R.A.S.C.. The reception was held at the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. M. Empsall, Rufford-place, and the honeymoon is being spent in London and the West of England.

The bridegroom is an officer in the Merchant Navy, and the bride is on the administrative staff of the Royal Halifax infirmary.

Betty's father was Norman Rawnsley Sladdin who died on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1927 aged 35 years. He was buried in plot T69 in Lightcliffe churchyard on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1927. Her mother, Margaret Sladdin née Armytage, was the daughter of Samuel Cooper Armytage, a member of the Armytage family whose story has already been told in

**George Armytage and family**

The death of widow Sarah Ann Lister née Hoyle was announced in the *Halifax Evening Courier* on 12<sup>th</sup> April 1945. She was buried with her husband and sons in Lightcliffe plot S78 on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1945.

VETERAN KNITTER – The death occurred yesterday , at her residence 11 Carlton House-terrace, Halifax of Mrs. Sarah Ann Lister, one of the oldest members of Park Congregational Church, Halifax, and widow of David Lister, a former master tanner. A native of Northowram she celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 17. She had knitted during the war over 300 pairs of socks for the Comforts Fund.

The *Halifax Evening Courier* also announced the death of Harriet Ann Lister. Her ashes were brought back to Lightcliffe and interred in the Lister plot on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1950

LISTER – On July 24, 1950 (suddenly) at “Yellow Sands,” Newquay, Harriet Ann Lister, aged 74 years, eldest daughter of the late David and Sarah Ann Lister, and loving sister of Lucy and Evelyn. Cremation on Thursday at Plymouth (private).



At the top of the Lister plot S78 (pictured) it says

IN MEMORY OF

with the names of David and Sarah Ann Lister on the right-hand kerb.

AT REST NOW

is inscribed at the bottom ( in the foreground) and then the names of their sons Harry and Rev. Irvine Lister on the left-hand kerb.

PEACE PERFECT PEACE

ends Irvine Lister’s memorial inscription.

The following newspaper announcements and / or probate records tell you what happened to the surviving Lister sisters and Ivan Sitchev.

SITCHEV Lucy Jane of Green Gables Pentire Newquay Cornwall (wife of Ivan Georgewitch Sitchev) died 30 December 1954 Probate London 11 March to Richard Venon Thomas solicitor. Effects £6972 8s 1d

### TODAY'S WILL

Mrs Lucy Jane Sitchev, Pentire, Newquay, Cornwall, wife of Ivan G. Sitchev, who died on December 30, left £6,972 9s 1d gross, £6,920 18s 1d net value (Duty paid £276). She left her property as to two-fifths to her husband and three fifths to her sister, Evelyn Lister, of 32, St. Alban's Avenue, Halifax, Probate has been granted to Richard V. Thomas, solicitor of 25, Harrison Road, Halifax, the sole executor.

LISTER – On October 23, 1964, Evelyn Lister, of Green Gables, Pentire, Newquay, Cornwall, youngest daughter of the late David and Sarah Ann Lister, Service at St. Columbine's Church, at 11 a.m., on Tuesday October 27. Flowers to 28, Fore Street, Newquay.

LISTER Evelyn of Green Gables 16 Riverside Avenue Pentire Newquay Cornwall died 23 October 1964 at Newquay and district Hospital Newquay Probate London 13 January to Richard Vernon Thomas solicitor, £5152

LISTER Jessie of St. Johns Hospital Halifax died 5 August 1965 Probate Wakefield 17 August to William Ewart Horsley solicitor. £259.

SITCHEV Ivan Georgevitch of Green Gables Pentire Newquay Cornwall died 27 October 1970 Probate London 9 December. £15635

The **Sitchev / Lister memorial** in St. Columb Minor Cemetery, Cornwall.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
LUCY JANE SITCHEV  
(FORMERLY LISTER)  
DIED 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1854  
  
EVELYN LISTER  
DIED 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 1964  
AND IVAN GEORGEVITCH  
SITCHEV  
DIED 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 1970

John Townsend Lister died in 2000, his wife Betty Lister née Sladdin in 2011.

D.M.Barker

October 2024