

CARLTON GRAVESTONES

The following family histories relate to names found on gravestones in Carlton Old Cemetery.

BIFFIN, Percival Harold Edgar

Son of John and Sarah of New Radford, died 20 April 1882 aged 18 years.

Percival's father John was born in Sussex. The 1851 Census states that he lived with his parents John and Harriett Biffin in Sussex, Chichester St. Pancras. At the time he was 13 years old and had three siblings, William (19), Edward (14) and Kate (10). John Snr was a timber and coal merchant employing 45 men. The family employed a cook.

By 1871 John Jnr was married and living in Radford, Nottingham on Orchard Street. John was then 33 years old and was employed as an 'iron turner'. His wife Sarah was born in Radford. The family consisted of Percival H.E. (7), Constance R.D. (5), Kate D (3) and Dudley E. (2). Sadly, before the 1881 census both John and Sarah had died. Both deaths had taken place in Radford. John was 38 years of age and Sarah was 41 years.

In 1881 Percival was living in Nottingham St. Mary (Sherwood) with a family called Baker. He was listed as being an ironmonger's apprentice, aged 17 years. His two sisters Constance (15) and Kate (13) were living in Tenterden, Kent with an aunt and uncle (Robert and Harriett Dendy). His younger brother Dudley, who was 12 years old, was living in Nottingham with relatives Enoch and Annie Young.

John Biffin, father of Percival Harold Edgar who died on 25 January 1877, left, according to the records of the National Probate Calendar - Effects under £450.

Sarah Biffin, mother of Percival Harold Edgar, who died in Radford, Nottingham in the Jan/Feb/Mar quarter of 1879, left, according to the records of the National Probate Register - Personal Estate under £100.

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CLAY, Samuel died 6 July 1863 aged 34 years

Alice (Mother) died 2 February 1869 in her 69th year

Samuel (husband and father) died 12 May 1881 in his 83rd year

William (son) fell in the American Civil War 3 June 1864 aged 33 years

In the Census of 1841 Samuel Clay Snr was living in the Gedling District of Nottingham. He was listed as being 40 years old and a Framework Knitter. Living with him was his wife Alice and their children Elizabeth (15), Ann (14), Samuel (12), William (10), Alice (7), Eliza (5) and John (2).

In 1851 he was still living in the same area (Carlton) with his wife Alice and six children including Samuel Jnr. His occupation was given as Shopkeeper and Framework Knitter. Samuel Jnr was a Framework Knitter.

Ten years on in 1861 Samuel was 62 years old and listed as a Sub Postmaster and Shopkeeper. The only other person apart from his wife living with him was Samuel Jnr, who was a Letter Carrier and Framework Knitter. They were still living in Carlton.

By 1871 Samuel was a widower, still living in Carlton with his granddaughters Eliza Ann Godfrey (16), Emma Godfrey (11), and Ann Maria Godfrey (8). His occupation was Sub Postmaster and Letter Carrier.

In 1881 Samuel was living on Main Street, Carlton with his son-in-law John Godfrey (Grocer and Postmaster), his daughter Ann Maria and his granddaughter, also Ann Maria. At that time his age was given as 82 years and his occupation as Sub Postmaster.

Samuel was born in Sneinton and died in Carlton in 1881. On the Nation Probate Calendar his Personal Estate was £43.5s6d.

JUST FOR INTEREST:

John Godfrey (Samuel Clay's son-in-law) with whom he lived in the last stage of his life, died on 15 September 1890 at Carlton. His Personal Estate was listed as £46.13s.

Samuel Clay's daughter Ann Maria Godfrey (widow of John Godfrey), died on 8 January 1918. Probate Nottingham, 12 February to Cecil Arnold Godfrey Captain in H.M. Army. Effects: £2,265.16s.

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CROFTS, Ann died 5 April 1876 aged 43 years

Elizabeth (mother) of above and wife of Thomas died 24 April 1877 aged 70 years

William died 30 March 1883 aged 70 years

also Elizabeth, wife of William died 29 March 1883 aged 72 years

In 1851 **Thomas Crofts** (40) lived in Carlton, his occupation being a Framework Knitter. Living with him was his wife Elizabeth (44) and their daughter Ann (18) who was a Seamer. All three had been born in Carlton.

In 1861 all three still lived in Carlton. Thomas was still a Framework Knitter, whilst both Elizabeth and Ann were Seamstresses.

In 1871 the family lived on Sturdys Lane, Carlton. By this time Thomas was 60 years of age and was still working as a Framework Knitter. Elizabeth was aged 64 and not working. Ann was aged 38 years and unmarried. She was still employed as a Seamstress.

By 1881 both Elizabeth and Ann were dead. Thomas, still working as a Framework Knitter, was living alone on Sturdys Lane, Carlton.

By 1891 Thomas had retired and lived alone on Southcliffe Road, Carlton.

Thomas died in the Basford District of Nottingham (which included Carlton) in the Jul/Aug/Sept quarter of 1891. He was 80 years of age. As the grave in Carlton Old Cemetery already held 4 people (Thomas' wife and daughter and also his brother and his brother's wife) it must be assumed that he was buried elsewhere.

William Crofts (37) according to the 1851 Census lived in Carlton (he was born in Carlton) with his wife **Elizabeth** (36) (she was born in Gunthorpe), with their children, all of whom were born in Carlton - John (9), who was an errand boy, George (7), William (5) and Henry (3). William Crofts was a Coal Dealer and Grocer. The family employed a House Servant, Mary Flower, who had been born in Kinoulton.

On 10 March 1853, Henry, the youngest child of the family, died at around 5 years of age.

In 1861 William Crofts (47) lived in Carlton with his wife Elizabeth (47) and two sons, William (15), Coal Higher, and Henry who was 7. Henry was obviously born after his older brother Henry died. It was quite usual at that time to call a child the same name as its deceased sibling. At that time William's occupation was stated to be Grocer.

In 1871 William Crofts (57) lived on Chapel Lane in Carlton with wife Elizabeth (58) and their son Henry (16) who was an Agricultural Labourer. On the 1871 Census William's occupation was stated to be Grocer.

In 1881 William lived in New Row Carlton with his wife Elizabeth (Betsy) and their son Henry who was a Railway Servant. William's occupation was Coal Dealer.
On the National Probate Calendar William Crofts, Coal Merchant, left a Personal Estate of £1.10s.

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DUKE, Frank died 18 September 1883 aged 29 years
Also, Mary Ann died 22 August 1883 aged 29 years
Also, Francis, son, died 5 December 1880 aged 11 months

Frank Duke was born in Nottingham (Radford District) in the Jul/Aug/Sept quarter of 1854.

In 1861 he lived in Sneinton with his widowed mother Mary Ann Duke who was 34 years old and a Washer Woman. Her family consisted of son John (20), a Stone Mason, Samuel (8), and Frank, 6 years old at that time. His other siblings were Emma (5), Arthur (4), Edmund (2), and 7 month old Alfred.

In 1871 he lived on Thorneywood Lane, Nottingham (Sneinton District 12) where he was a boarder with a family called Buxton. His occupation was listed as Labourer (16 years old).

In 1881 he was living in Carlton (District 5) with his wife Mary and daughter Emma (7). His age was given in the Census as 27 years.

Frank Duke married Mary Ann Harding in the Basford District of Nottingham in the Jan/Feb/Mar quarter of 1874. On the National Probate Calendar his Personal Estate was given as £70.

He and his wife Mary Ann had died less than a month apart, leaving 4 young children: Emma, Arthur, Ernest and Francis.

KIRK, Griffin died 24 March 1866 aged 93 years
Also, Ann interred in Gedling, wife, died 1 November 1818 aged 43 years

In 1841 Griffin Kirk was listed on the Census as being 68 years old living in Gedling (District 3), his occupation given as Framework Knitter. Living with his was his wife Mary and two sons Edward and John.

In 1851 he resided at Carlton, his age being given as 78 years and still working as a Framework Knitter. Still living with him were his wife Mary and his son Edward.

In 1861 he was still living in Carlton listed on the Census as being 88 years of age, occupation being given as Proprietor of Homes. Living with him was his son Edward whose occupation was given as Framework Knitter.

Griffin Kirk must have been married more than once as his gravestone mentions his wife Ann whose remains were interred in Gedling. The National Probate Calendar lists that Griffin Kirk left Effects under £100. It would appear from the records that he was born and died in Carlton.

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MACHIN, Ann Jerrom wife of William died 3 April 1871 aged 23

MACHIN, Anne, daughter died 2 September 1870 aged 6

Also, Ann Baker, daughter died 1 January 1877 aged 10

Mary Ann Jerrom Machin lived in Carlton (1871 Census) with her husband William and their children Mary Ann (4) and William Thomas (2). She died just after the Census was taken when she was 23 years old. Living with the family at the time was 18 year old Caroline Watson, described as a General Servant.

In the July/Aug/Sept/ quarter of 1872 William Machin married Caroline Watson in the Basford District of Nottingham.

In 1881 William, aged 49 (Butcher and Farmer of 85 acres) employed 2 men and 2 boys. He lived with his wife Caroline on Richards Lane Carlton. Caroline's sister Ann Watson was employed as a Domestic Servant, also living at their address.

In 1891 William (Farmer and Cattle Dealer) lived with his wife Caroline on Station Road, Carlton.

William died at Stoke Bardolph on 15 March 1892. The National Probate Calendar states that his effects were £302.3s.9d, to his widow Caroline Machin. Caroline died in Nottingham in March 1928. She was 74 years of age.

Notes on the two daughters:

Anne Lane Machin (Anne on the gravestone) was born in the Basford Registration District of Nottingham in the Jul/Aug/Sept quarter of 1864.

Mary Ann B Machin (Ann Baker on the gravestone) was born in the Basford Registration District of Nottingham in the Jan/Feb/Mar quarter of 1867. She was 4 years old at the time of the 1871 Census.