

*Edward Metcalf Book  
Woodlesford Lock  
formerly of Oulton May 1<sup>st</sup> 1856*

*Robert Haigh Died December 13 – 1842 aged 64 years. Mary Haigh Died October 8. 1843 aged 88 years. Granny Haigh came to live with us that day Uncle Robert was buried.*

John Calverley, Esq., of Oulton Hall...  
expired on Friday week, after a short illness...  
of the deceased gentleman were interred yesterday...  
Church. The proceedings were of a strictly private...  
Mr. Calverley was the direct representative in the ma...  
ancient house of Calverley of Calverley, near Leeds....  
branch is represented in the female line only by...  
Calverley Trevelyan, Bart, of Nettlecomb Court, S...  
Deceased married, in 1822, Ellen Watson, daughter...  
Molyneux, Esq., of Newsham House, Lancashire...  
only son, Edmund, married in 1852 to Isabella  
daughter of Sir John Thomas Balwin, Bart, of Down...  
and formerly of Denton Park, near Otley, and two...  
whom the elder is married to her cousin, Charles Stuart...  
Esq., of the Inner Temple. Mr Calverley was, for...  
fifty years, a magistrate and deputy-lieutenant fo...  
Riding, but during the later years of his life, he...  
taking any active part in magisterial business. H...  
the duties of his position as a country gentleman...  
mand the respect and attachment of all. He was...  
liberal benefactor to the poor on his estate, but invar...  
in any charitable effort and public subscription in th...  
hood. He was an attached member of the Church...  
and in 1827 carried out his father's intentions by e...  
beautiful church in Oulton. In politics he was a ...  
moderate views. Although naturally of retiring ma...  
avoiding any public display, there are few persons who...  
be more sincerely and deservedly regretted both on...  
private grounds.

*Children of Robert and S. Metcalf*

*William Lee born May 7<sup>th</sup> 1844*

*Joseph Henry born April 12<sup>th</sup> 1846*

*Mary Ann born January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1849*

*and died April 10<sup>th</sup> 1851 and buried at Oulton*

*William Cockeram died October 25 1864 aged 20.*

*Children of Amelia and J. Cusworth*

*Benjamin born at Oulton*

*William born May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1845*

*Elizabeth born at Oulton*

*Elizabeth born June 21<sup>st</sup> 1848  
Metcalf born August 29 1851 at Canklow  
Sarah born April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853 at Treeton  
Joseph born May 4<sup>th</sup> 1855 Treeton  
Amelia born June 3 1857  
2 girls born January 17<sup>th</sup> 1861 at Treeton, half past 8 at night.  
Lilly, one of the twins, died February 10<sup>th</sup> 1868 aged 7 years. Intered at Treeton.*

*William Lee Metcalf died June 12<sup>th</sup> 1880 aged 36. Intered at Mirfield. Died at Ravensthorp  
Sarah Metcalf died April 30<sup>th</sup> 1897 at Oulton aged 72 years  
Joseph Metcalf died at Hunslet March 1899. Buried at Oulton aged 79 years.  
Thomas Sykes was accidentally killed at Hunslet April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1899. Intered at Rothwell aged 49  
years.  
Fanny Metcalf accidentally drowned at Woodlesford Lock December 27<sup>th</sup> 1904.  
William Metcalf Cusworth died aged 15 years October 25<sup>th</sup> and was intered at Treeton Church  
October 28 1860.  
her 2 twins born at Sheffield 1886.  
Robert Edward, their son, born April 6<sup>th</sup> 1863, a quarter past 4 in the afternoon, it being Easter  
Monday.*

LINES  
WRITTEN ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAMENTABLE  
Death of George Sampson and Susan Morton,  
WHOSE BOSIES WERE FOUND TIED TOGETHER BY THEIR HANDKERCHIEFS,  
IN THE CANAL UNDER HEATH BRIDGE  
On the Morning of the 30<sup>th</sup> of JANUARY, 1847.

On the banks of the Calder, by sweet moonlight,  
Two lovers are wending their way:  
'Tis a beautiful walk, yet lonely I ween,  
For lovers to loiter or stray

Poor Susan, how sad and how sallow thy cheek,  
And thine eye once lustrous seems dead:  
Thy poor heart beats heavy and fast as it throbs,  
With a fearful prestige of dread.

Her companion is silent, his thoughts too intense  
For utterance; speechless he stands,  
But large tears in each eye at length force their way,  
And wildly convulsed are his hands.

Dear Susan, cries he, in a strange hollow tone;  
This night I've resolved to DIE;  
Nay start not, nay weep not, but listen awhile,  
Whilst I tell you the reason why.

Oh, George, why this madness? cries she in alarm,  
Why leave me to wander alone  
In this hard-hearted world, where hearts are grown cold,  
And charity turned to stone.

Hear me, girl, cries the youth, I once greatly erred,  
In wooing a young maiden's heart:  
I succeeded, nay more, I deceived,  
And seduced her by treacherous art.

This gnaws at my heart, and destroys all my peace,  
Thy smile cannot chase it away;  
It robs me of comfort, of happiness, joy,  
And life is the ransom I pay.

Oh, George! why this frenzy? I knew this before  
I gave my young heart unto thee;  
But how can thy death ever benefit her?  
Oh, George, dearest George, live for me.

See the moon how it shines, what a glorious orb,  
Though dark clouds surrounding are near,  
It rolls on in its course, majestic and bright,  
Dispensing its light on each sphere.

The George, dearest George, dispel thy dark clouds  
Of terror, of guilt, and of fear;  
Approach unto God, and his pardon obtain,  
His presence at all times is near.

I cannot, I dare not, dear Susan I go  
To a watery grave near this spot;  
To-morrow, the tale to my parents unfold,  
And all will then soon be forgot.

Hear me, George, cries Susan, her agony great,  
If death you're determined to brave,  
I'll meet it with you in that watery bed,  
And our bodies shall fill the same grave.

In feverish haste they then tied themselves fast,  
Their kerchiefs their bodies close bound;  
And then with a plunge, a loud sob and a sigh,  
They sank deep with a gurgling sound.

That night in Heath Hall, strange noises were heard,  
The peasants upon the Old green,  
Declare one and all, as they journey'd across,  
Strange sights all around it were seen.

One couple affirm, as they wandered alone,  
That night, in the wood near the Hall,  
That a voice sweet and silver, high in the air,  
Their united attention did call.

Ye young lovers be wise, be holy and pure,  
Be honest and virtuous too;  
And then a long life may be yours, and the end

A crown of rejoicing for you.  
WILLIAM DAWSON

### 1838

*Uncle William left his boat September 28<sup>th</sup> entered as Sexton at Oulton Church October 1<sup>st</sup> and lived with my Grandfather . Left there to take old Mrs. Hirst's place at the old Lodge March 7<sup>th</sup> 1844.*

### 1844

*March 7<sup>th</sup> John Sorenson of Chipily near Matage got killed on the new Road going to Rothwell.*

### 1846

*July 22 New road to Rothwell opened October 5<sup>th</sup> 1846 the Church gates here removed on the 19.*

### 1847

*May 28 Mr. Muncaster died.*

### 1850

*June 30<sup>th</sup> Mr. Blayds house was on fire.  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Muncaster died at Oulton.*

### 1852

*October 9<sup>th</sup>. The first Meeting to consult about the new delight club.*

### 1854

*August 7<sup>th</sup> Uncle William Metcalf went to Sir Calverley's New Lodge, Oulton.  
April 20<sup>th</sup> Sister Ann and James Frith was married at Oulton Church April 20<sup>th</sup> 1854. Their children, George was born December 1<sup>st</sup> 1855 he was dead when born. Frederick Edward was born January 27<sup>th</sup> 1859, these 2 born at Treeton. Mary Ellen, their daughter, born October 28<sup>th</sup> 1860 born at Handsworth.*

### 1857

*April 18<sup>th</sup> Edwin Wrigglesworth and our Elizabeth was married at Oulton on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 1857. John Metcalf Wrigglesworth, their son, born at Liverpool on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 1858.  
Joseph, their son, born 1<sup>st</sup> of June 1859 at 20 minutes past 2 in the afternoon at Liverpool.  
Mary Elizabeth was born at Woodlesford Lock April 29<sup>th</sup> 1861 at half past 11 at night.  
Martha Metcalf, their daughter, born February 4<sup>th</sup> 20 minutes to 11 at night at London 1863.  
Edwin Charles William, their son, born October 23<sup>rd</sup> at half past 11 at night at London 1864.  
Annie, their daughter, born at Hunslet.  
Robert Edward, their son, born 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1870.*

*Sarah Emily, their daughter, born February 1874. February 25<sup>th</sup> 1874.*

## 1865

*March 9 James Frith died aged 58, March 9 and interred on 14 at Fulwood Church.*

*December 22<sup>nd</sup> William Rickett died at Stoke Devonport aged 33 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 1865 and interred at Stoke Church.*

## 1866

*September 28<sup>th</sup> Polly Denkin Hirst died at Castleford aged 28.*

## 1869

*January 22<sup>nd</sup> William Shay died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 1869, aged 69 years, at Barnsley. Interred at Brotherton.*

## 1879

*March 4<sup>th</sup> Uncle William Metcalf was murdered March 4<sup>th</sup> 1879 in the Lodge at Oulton aged 85.*

*Mary Elizabeth Wrigglesworth died at Oulton on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September aged 7 years and 5 months. Was after a month's illness.*

## 1876

*Sarah E. Wrigglesworth died at Hunslet aged 2 years – interred at Oulton.*

## 1865

*August 4<sup>th</sup> Joseph and Isabella Metcalf married at Leeds Parish Church.*

*Births of their Children*

*Kate born at Leeds May 12<sup>th</sup> 1866, Christened September 9<sup>th</sup> 1866 at Oulton*

*Lizzie Gertrude born March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1869*

## 1885

*May 23<sup>rd</sup> John Green and Sarah H. Cusworth married 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 1885 at Leeds.*

## 1881

*June 11<sup>th</sup> Thomas Jackson and M. Ellin Frith married St Silas Church, Hunslet. Their son, Percy, born on 26<sup>th</sup> of December 1881 at Hunslet. Ethel their daughter born June 24<sup>th</sup> 1885 at Hunslet.*

*July 23<sup>rd</sup> John Metcalf Wrigglesworth and Ellen Abson married, St Silas Church, Hunslet. Nellie, their daughter born 14 March 1883 at Hunslet. Elsie, their daughter born April 17<sup>th</sup> 1887. Mabel, their daughter born at Hunslet.*

## 1850

*October 3<sup>rd</sup> Sister Ann went with Mr. and Mrs. Cattley to the Isle of Man October third, and they sent for sister Sarah to go and she went on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and brother Joe went with her, and when they got to Liverpool they was too late for the packet and had to stay in Liverpool 3 or 4 days.*

## 1852

February Sister Milly went to Canklow in February 1851 and to Treeton in February 1852.

## 1842

October 10<sup>th</sup> Cousin Mary Ann Metcalf went from Leeds into Ireland on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 1842.

## 1850

December 9<sup>th</sup> John Clayton was drowned at Leeds Lock going up to Whitley Bridge December 9<sup>th</sup> 1850 He was 36 years old. It was a very misty night and Eli Firth was drowned at the same time.

December 20<sup>th</sup> William Midgley of Goole died December 20<sup>th</sup> 1850 aged 29. He was a great mate of our Joe's.

The new cutting between Kippax and Woodlesford opened November 1834. Goole Canal opened 1826.

## 1854

June 5<sup>th</sup> Robert Metcalf took his boat to Lakes to be made into a Screw 5 day of June 1853, and she was finished on the 6 of January 1854.

## 1886

October 12<sup>th</sup> Cousin Elizabeth Metcalf and Mathew Abbot married at Aberford.

Oulton Church founded in 1827 and opened for Devine Service in 1831.

Mr Craig the first Minister, James Morton clerk, and my Grandfather Sexton.

Uncle William took the Sexton's place after grandfather and Joseph Aldenby after Uncle. William Poole after Aldenby, and John Poole after his father in 1878.

## 1829

December 22<sup>nd</sup> St John's Church, Oulton consecrated Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1829, 11 o'clock.

## 1880

6<sup>th</sup> of January James Morton died 6<sup>th</sup> of January 1880 aged 77.

## 1814

September 20<sup>th</sup> Joseph and Elizabeth Metcalf married September 20<sup>th</sup> 1814. Births of their children,

Mary born June 27<sup>th</sup> 1815

Ann born February 18<sup>th</sup> 1817

Robert born December 5<sup>th</sup> 1818

Joseph born November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1820

*Amelia born April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1823  
Sarah born October 1<sup>st</sup> 1825  
Elizabeth born October 29<sup>th</sup> 1830  
Edward born June 4<sup>th</sup> 1834  
Mary lost her sight in the year 1834 in the 19 year of her age.*

### **1842**

*December 13<sup>th</sup> Uncle Robert died December 13<sup>th</sup> 1842 aged 64 years*

### **1843**

*October 3<sup>rd</sup> Grandmother Haigh died October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1843 aged 88 years.*

*Dates of my Father's Brothers' deaths.  
Uncle Samuel died February 6<sup>th</sup> 1835  
Uncle Thomas died April 11<sup>th</sup> 1835  
Uncle George died March 25<sup>th</sup> 1838. Eliza, his daughter, died at Hull May 28<sup>th</sup> 1838  
after a very short illness.*

### **1852**

*September Uncle Thomas Harrison died at Farnley latter end of September 1852.*

### **1866**

*April 27<sup>th</sup> Aunt Sarah Harrison died at Bradford April 27<sup>th</sup> 1866 aged 79 years and 9 months.  
Wife of the above Thomas Harrison.*

### **1874**

*November 23<sup>rd</sup> Brother Robert and Sarah both drowned together at Woodlesford Lock in the fog,  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1874, aged 56 and 58.*

### **1878**

*March 9<sup>th</sup> My Father, Joseph Metcalf died March 9<sup>th</sup> 1878 in the 87<sup>th</sup> year of his age. Oulton*

### **1892**

*June 28 Edward Metcalf died June 28 1892.*

### **1878**

*March 9<sup>th</sup> My Father, Joseph Metcalf died March 9<sup>th</sup> 1878 aged 86 years.  
My Mother, Elizabeth Metcalf died July 5<sup>th</sup> 1886 aged 97 years and 6 months.*

### **1853**

*April 13<sup>th</sup> Eliza Shay Armitage died at Leeds April 13<sup>th</sup> aged 31. Was interred at Brotherton  
on 17<sup>th</sup>.*

### **1854**

*March 15<sup>th</sup> William Abson of Oulton died on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March aged 20. Buried at Oulton.*

May 14<sup>th</sup> Old Mary Pearson of Oulton died aged 77 years.  
September 29<sup>th</sup> James Cockerham died aged 34.  
March 31<sup>st</sup> Benjamin Scratcherd died 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1855.  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Mathew Jackson died August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1854 aged 40.

### 1856

February 10<sup>th</sup> Joseph Ingham died on the 10<sup>th</sup> aged 16 years and 10 months.

### 1855

November 7<sup>th</sup> Our Sarah went to Treeton and returned home on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 1856.  
Tom Abson was here from London the same day.

### 1856

April 8<sup>th</sup> I planted a walnut tree. Father shifted it on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 1861, it would not grow.  
April 25<sup>th</sup> William Burnett and Mary went to live at Carlton. Came back on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 1857.  
February 16<sup>th</sup> Mary Pearson of Hunslet died February 16<sup>th</sup> 1856 aged 63.  
September 19<sup>th</sup> Aunt Rebeca Parker died September 19<sup>th</sup> 1856 aged 88 years. Was interred at Kipax.  
October 8<sup>th</sup> Ann Maykin died October 8<sup>th</sup> 1856 aged 75. Father went down to Whitley with our Bob for the funeral.  
December 6<sup>th</sup> James Verity died December 6<sup>th</sup> 1856 aged 77.  
August 23 Joseph Brook died August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1856 aged 22.

The Barhouse was pulled down from the old bridge and brought onto the new one at Swillington bridge 1856.

November 11<sup>th</sup> Sister Elizabeth and Mary Denkin went to Wakefield fair and returned home the day after.

### 1857

January 14<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah went to Treeton on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 1857.  
January 12<sup>th</sup> My Father begun making a pigcoot at Woodlesford Lock.  
February 17<sup>th</sup> William Burnett went down with a new Boat.

### 1856

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Our Mary went to John Gowan's on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 1856. Our Robert brought her home on the 30<sup>th</sup>. He had her to carry through the mood.

### 1857

February 1<sup>st</sup> Anson Simpson came to see us from the Wood Nook 1<sup>st</sup> February 1857.  
March 30<sup>th</sup> I set my Cochon China hen on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March on 11 eggs. She hatched 4 of them April 21<sup>st</sup>.

July 29<sup>th</sup> Sarah Rhodes died July 29<sup>th</sup> 1857.  
February 27<sup>th</sup> Admiral Brear's Shop was set on fire on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 1857.  
March 14<sup>th</sup> Mrs John Farrer died March 14<sup>th</sup> 1857.

## 1856

June 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Peace held at Woodlesford on the 11<sup>th</sup> 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> of June 1856. There was a procession of young men and women on horse back on the first day, and a splendid dinner for a man from every house in the village. Then on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day there was tea for all females. Then 3<sup>rd</sup> day there was a tea for all the Children in the village and a procession of them walked all round, and a young person, the house of Jane Craven, was Queen. A man the name of Joseph Whittaker brought me home at 12 o'clock at night of the last day, it having pouring with rain all the evening from 7 o'clock.

## 1856

April 5<sup>th</sup> Our Joe left the Fly Boat and went to the Screw, April 5 1856.  
September 5<sup>th</sup> Church Bazar held in a field in the Station Lane on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September same year. There is a lass going past that says I'm not right. Oh dang her, if I had hold of her I would let her see. It's Miss Atkinson.

## 1857

September 2<sup>nd</sup> There was a great tea party at Oulton on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 1857 on account of the well being stopt. They had it in Old George Chadwick's barn. They had a tent fixed up. I had an invitation but did not go, it was wet.  
September 7<sup>th</sup> On the 7<sup>th</sup> we had a grand concert at the Woodlesford Church. John Morton the leader of it.  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> My sister Ann and her Son in Law, John Frith, came to see us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and went to Leeds. They returned home on the 11<sup>th</sup> 1857.

## 1858

July My father got Robert Hirst to clean our coffee shop out. He gave him a shilling and a pint of beer, the last Monday in July 1858.  
August 4<sup>th</sup> Charles Wrigglesworth came to our house at Woodlesford Lock on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August. He had a very bad leg from a fall. He had the Doctor, then he went down to Hull with our Joe on the 30 1858.  
August 31<sup>st</sup> I bought Mother a ring on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 1858. She had broke hers. Long may she live to wear it.  
August 29<sup>th</sup> Old Joseph Hirst died at Wakefield Union August 29<sup>th</sup> 1858. Was buried at the old Church on Wednesday September 1<sup>st</sup>.  
September 4<sup>th</sup> Mrs Simpson at Ferry bridge died on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1858.  
September 6<sup>th</sup> The Queen's visit to Leeds the 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> of September to open the new Town Hall. They staid all night at Sir Peter Fairburn's. There was such a Leeds as never was seen or known before, or perhaps ever will be again. It was illuminated every night during the week. Oulton Scholars all went in light wagons. It was a grand do.  
September 12<sup>th</sup> My father was taken ill on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. He had a week on his club.  
September 20<sup>th</sup> Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September was a Commet to be seen. First time I ever saw anything of the sort in my life.

*My Mother took my Father to Rothwell on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 1858. They had been married 44 years that day.*

*February 24<sup>th</sup> John Metcalf Wrigglesworth born February 24<sup>th</sup> 1858 at Liverpool, and a beauty he is.*

*September 21<sup>st</sup> Our old friend Chitty or Anne Davey left Pontefract on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September after being there 4 years and a half.*

*September 18<sup>th</sup> Old dame Smith died on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September aged 74 at Huddersfield. Our Mary has lost a good friend.*

*October 16<sup>th</sup> My father lost his spectacles on 16<sup>th</sup> of October.*

*Mother was took ill on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> October. Had a blister on her side but am glad to say she is better again.*

*October 21<sup>st</sup> John Metcalf, son of Edwin and Elizabeth Wrigglesworth, got his little leg broke. Lizzie gave him to Edwin's Mother. She let the girl take him out, fell with him and broke the little darling's leg. He was only 8 months old. It's a bad job for both the mother and son, but worst for the child. They took him to the bone-setters, got it set and paid 10 shillings.*

## 1854

*June 4<sup>th</sup> William Porter Jackson born June 4<sup>th</sup> 1854. Son of Cousin M. Ann. At Leeds he was born.*

## 1858

*October 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> sister Sarah has just met Lazenby and he told her he had drawn 9 teeth today. It must be a lie.*

*November 11<sup>th</sup>. I have just had Mr. Lees with a piece of parkin and a nice apple.*

*November 14<sup>th</sup>. My father has just come home from Oulton and says he is going to give over smoking which he has done for a week.*

*November 21<sup>st</sup>. Brother Joe went to Lakes to take charge of a new Fly Boat and went down for glass with her. She was called Ouse.*

*November 30<sup>th</sup>. John Mattison left Thwaite Lock and went to work in the warehouse at Leeds.*

*December 1<sup>st</sup>. Brother Robert has left poor old Nelson and 2 pennyworth of tobaca to wash him in. My father and sister Sarah has washed him in it.*

*December 10<sup>th</sup>. There is my nephew William got a rule and a piece of black chalk in his pocket.*

*December 10<sup>th</sup>. James Gould droped down dead at Oulton. Was buried on the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday.*

*December 18<sup>th</sup>. My brother Joe came home from Wakefield and brought the policeman with him about half past 12 o'clock P.M.*

*December 20<sup>th</sup>. Monday. William Howson killed one pig, cut it up at night. It weighed 17 stone and half and he made me a present of the money when my mother paid him.*

*December 24<sup>th</sup> Xmas eve. My father was coming home from the club when he met Mrs. Lazenby, or as he better knew her by, Mary Brook. She asked Father to take hold of the handle.*

*December 25<sup>th</sup> Xmas day. We have just had Oulton Band. They called to give me a tune.*

*Titus Salt Esquire dined at Methley Hall for the first time, he having made great preparations. This was on Xmas day 1858.*

*December 27<sup>th</sup> On Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of December my Father went to Castleford with our Joe, it blowing a gale of wind, and his mate did not come to go down with him. Henry Davey was his mate at the time.*

*Same day, Uncle Denkin had a stroke which took the use of his right side.*

*December 31<sup>st</sup>. My Father went to Mr. Bentley supper, being last night in the old year, so fare well*

1858.

## 1859

- January 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Poor Jack Holms of Wood Nook was taken to the Asylum at Wakefield he having lost his senses over his money.*
- January 4<sup>th</sup>. *Our Bob went up loaded with flax and when he got up to George Ingham's Lock he found his boat had sprung a leak and she was filling fast with water. He set to pumping. When he got to Leeds he had about 50 pounds of damage done and on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the same month he was suspended for a month, but Mr. Bartholomew had told him he would be unshipped.*
- January 14<sup>th</sup> *Mrs Tempest of Oulton died on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January.*
- January 17<sup>th</sup>. *My hen, Peggy, laid a dubble yoked egg.  
Our Joe was getting his boat weighed the same day at Castleford.*
- January 21<sup>st</sup> *John Leake of Oulton died. He went to Leeds in the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> and was brought home in a cab and it took 6 men to carry him up the stairs.  
On the said 21<sup>st</sup> of January John Mattison hung himself in the Wharehouse at Leeds and was dead when they found him.*
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> *Fanny Abson died at Lofthouse Gate and was buried at Stanley.*
- January 27<sup>th</sup> *Sister Ann got a son. He was born a quarter to 2 P.M., it being Thursday. Sister Sarah went the next day and came home on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. And the child was Christened on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March at Treeton Church.*
- January 29<sup>th</sup> *William Whitehead discontinued sending meat to Woodlesford.*
- January 31<sup>st</sup> *Brother Joe did Leeds business today, Sarah being from home.*

*John Stead stole 80 pounds from Mrs Catley in the year 1859. Never mind if they did not make fly, and now they say she haunts them for it.*

- February 8<sup>th</sup> *There is Tommy Moor going up and his Uncle Billy Moor is on the Lock hill and they did not know each other. My father came and said he thought there was not much respect and I thought the same.*
- February 10<sup>th</sup> *My father gave his grandson Joseph one of his flutes.*
- February 14<sup>th</sup> *There is our Robert's Boat gone up. He is going Captain again tomorrow after his month's suspension.  
On the same day I had poor old hen Mary killed, and brother Robert's had one there killed same day. It was rather strange.*
- February 15<sup>th</sup> *Our Mary wanted to go to the Leeds Infirmary and I would not let her, but sent father to fetch Mr. Benson.  
Same day, it blew very hard and broke my Carriage from its mooring.*
- February 17<sup>th</sup> *Brother Joe went to the mangle for my mother.*
- February 27<sup>th</sup> *Sarah Davey and James Britton was asked first time at Leeds old Church.*
- March 5<sup>th</sup> *Admiral Brear came to take dimensions of my chair to make me a new one.*
- March 10<sup>th</sup> *About the 10<sup>th</sup> of March there was 15 stone of lead stolen of Oulton Church.*
- March 14<sup>th</sup> *Poor old Aunt Nancy sent to the Union at Wakefield. They fetched her in a cab from Oulton.*
- March 24<sup>th</sup> *My father met James Hartley and he said how do you do Mr. Barber.*
- March 26<sup>th</sup> *James Britton and Sarah Davey was married at Leeds old Church.*
- March 31<sup>st</sup> *There was a slight fall of snow the first we have had this winter.  
On the same day we bought a pig of Joseph Crosley of Bullocks Bridge. 30 shillings.*

*And on the same day my hen Popi hatched 3 chickings.*

- April 4<sup>th</sup> Our Joe went to Leeds by the first train and when he got into the yard his Boat had gone down. He went back to the Station, paid 10 pence, and got down home again long before his boat got here.*
- April 5<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah went to Wakefield to see my Aunt Nancy Moor. She was a little better.*  
*April 4<sup>th</sup> this ought to have been before the other. Our William went prentice to Thomas Finningham to be a Shoemaker.*
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Mr. Shay came down to see us. He had been to Wortley to see my Aunt Sally but she was not there, so he thought he would come to the Lock to see mother as he was sure of finding her at her post.*
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Mrs Berry died at Oulton. Same time and day Eliza Lee, daughter of Harriet Lee, died, and they were both buried on Easter Sunday at Oulton.*

*Anthony Moore died at Wakefield October 24<sup>th</sup> 1844.*

- April 29<sup>th</sup> Aunt Nancy Moore died in the Union at Wakefield. It was on Friday. My mother and Aunt Mary went on Sunday and they did not bury her, so they had to go again on Tuesday the third of May, and the poor old woman was buried at Wakefield in the old Church burial ground aged 99 years. My Uncle Billy had a sale of her few old things the day after. I got a box.*
- May 5<sup>th</sup> My brother Joe went down to Hull. Rans into the dock bason when the Diving Bell was down. Company was fined £34 costs.*
- May 8<sup>th</sup> My sister Milly and her 2 little girls came to Woodlesford Lock. Her little girl Sarah thoud me all the time. She had not been three years before and returned on Thursday.*  
*There was a general election in the year 1859.*  
*William Chadwick died at Bolton in Lancashire aged 58.*
- May 15<sup>th</sup> I went to Oulton Church Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>.*  
*May 16<sup>th</sup> I was sat on the Lock hill and saw a little boy fall into the old stream, poor child. He fell in and went through the culvert and Clark Butcher and my father got him out. He was not in more than 10 minutes, but he was dead, though they tried hard to restore life. He is not quite 7 years old. Thomas Walton, son of Thomas Walton of Woodlesford. 1859.*
- May 11<sup>th</sup> Mrs Leathers of Leaventhorp Hall was thrown out of her carriage on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May at Stanley and was taken into a public house and was there till she died on the Tuesday following, and was brought home on Wednesday, just a week after she left home.*
- May 18<sup>th</sup> My father and Uncle William and Aunt all went to Garforth to see Uncle John. They went in Mr Calverley's Chapel cart and gave a poor account of him.*
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sister Sarah went to Liverpool to wait of Lizzie during her confinement.*
- May 31<sup>st</sup> My mother went up to Leeds with the Fly Boats and got back about half past 4. She was very poorly with the spasms and had Mr. Jewison. I don't know what we might have done if it had not been for Sister Sarah from Oulton.*
- June 1<sup>st</sup> Sister Elizabeth was confined of a son 20 minutes past 2 in the afternoon and he was Christened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. They call him Joseph.*

- June 4<sup>th</sup> Brother Joe has come down with Bob. Wish you could see him getting the supper ready and cooking the dinner on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> and cleaning up after dinner.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> My nephew William has put me into my carriage like a man, first time in his life.
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Mother and our Polly is fine and thriving. I am afraid Mother will knock herself up.
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Whit Monday. I went to Oulton Rant met my friend Tom Abson. Very glad to see each other.
- June 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr Bartholomew came to look up stairs. My brother had got swept, but had not got the carpets laid.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of June when all things are in tune. Mother has been at Leeds to make markets and to bring tobacco for our Mary and my father has consumed 1lb and 6 ounces. They will have to pull up.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Our Bob has come up. The Screw has broke. They have to wait of her. I said I could like to go up with you to Leeds when he had me on board in five minutes and away I went with them to Leeds. When we got there a man asked our Robert if I was older than our Joe. I must look an old bird I think. I enjoyed my ride very much. We got back to Wooldesford Lock about half past 11 P.M.
- July 6<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah came from Liverpool and brought little John with her and he set off to walk on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- June 27<sup>th</sup> A wedding took place at Oulton betwixt Jonathan Higgins and Harriet Lee. They ought to have been married 14<sup>th</sup> since to my knowledge.
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday. There was three boys came and took me up into Woodlesford and passing Mr. Dobson he came and shook hands with me and left half a crown in my hand. It was a good day's wage for me.
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Richard Green died at Leeds. He was an old Fly Boat Captain. Buried at Burmantofts.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> I was going out and had hung onto a cart to pull me over the tip, and when we got opposite the pottery I upset on the stones and hurt my side and had to come back home having broke the strap of my carriage.
- July 14<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Blaclock went to seek our Joe to ask him for Amelia's address. She was going to send for Elizabeth to come and stay a week with her. She came on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> and went to Leeds on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Mrs Rowley Frith's sister died at Smeeton and was buried at Womersley. She was 55 years of age. This ought to have been next to the top one.
- August 6<sup>th</sup> There was a cheap trip to Scarborough. Brother Joe said he would pay our fare but she would not go, she had something else in view. And then she had the impudence to tell me I would not let her go.
- August 8<sup>th</sup> There is our pig been into the kitchen and eaten three eggs. It thought it have a treat for once so it got one.  
Frith's sent my father 2 nice razors with Ann.
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Our Lizzie came from Liverpool to see us, and Ann came from Treeton the same day and brought plenty of chin music with them.
- August 18<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Cattley died and was buried on Sunday at Oulton.
- August 18<sup>th</sup> I went to Garforth with a donkey of George Ingham's. There was a tribe of us and I told a women to go in and mind her own.
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> I was coming down Woodlesford in a bit of a tif and fell over beside Station Lane end and nearly killed myself and there was soon a mob of folks round me.

- August 27<sup>th</sup> Old Samuel Butterworth died at York and was brought to Oulton to bury on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup>.
- August 30<sup>th</sup> Samuel Speck died after 8 days illness of Typhus fever. He was a Fly Boat Captain and an old Mate of our Joe's.
- September 1<sup>st</sup> Dear sister Wrigglesworth and me differed sadly over 2 bobbins. I wished them far enough. We were soon friends again.
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> Sister Lizzie went home to Liverpool with her two dear children. She had been three weeks and she took our dear Jack. He had been two months. We feel lost without him. He cried sadly for his Aunt Sarah when he got into the train.
- September 6<sup>th</sup> Our Joe got suspended for a month for being on shore an hour longer than he should have been.
- September 7<sup>th</sup> Old James Pearson died, of Oulton, aged 89.
- September 9<sup>th</sup> William Gosney of Woodlesford was drowned at Thwaite Bridge. Was brought down home and buried at Rothwell on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- September 10<sup>th</sup> Brother Joe went to Liverpool out of the sight of all belonging to the Air and Calder Company.
- September 12<sup>th</sup> Mr Oddy rebuilt the Paper Mill in the year of our Lord 1859.
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> First boatload of bricks was brought from Goole to arch the old stream over at Woodlesford. Thomas Parkin brought them.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> Brother Joe returned home from Liverpool. He had been 3 weeks.
- October 4<sup>th</sup> Brother Joe went to his boat at Hull. Came up loaded with corn for Wakefield.
- October 5<sup>th</sup> Miss Frith died at Uppethorp aged 85. Was interred Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>.
- October 8<sup>th</sup> Uncle John died at Garforth and was buried on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> aged 52 years. Mr Rowley of Smeaton died, husband to the afore said Mrs. Rowley, aged 46.
- October 17<sup>th</sup> Tom Harrison had a new Keel launched at Lemonroyd and our Joe christened her. She was called Clara after his youngest daughter. Father was there at Supper at Kingdom Come.
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> Sister Sarah and Mary Denkin went to Garforth to go with Aunt and the children to Church.
- October 25<sup>th</sup> Commenced a new cutting for the old stream from the Paper Mill to arch over. Mr Oddy bought all the land adjoining in the same year.
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Sister Sarah has been to Leeds and bought my father a coat at Mr. Barrans, Number one, Leeds.
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Cockerham dropt down dead near Mr. Calverley's house aged 57 years.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah is throng making treacle parkin. I told her she should have a patent.
- November 6<sup>th</sup> We had Sarah Goose to dinner.
- November 9<sup>th</sup> I went to Oulton and I took my tea with me and asked my old friend Chitty to make it for me and she said no. I shall not easily forget it.
- November 15<sup>th</sup> Emma, daughter of Joseph Verity, was drowned in the canal opposite the Waterloo Coal stage. It's not known how it happened. A nice girl of 21 years of age. She was got out and brought down home to Swillington Bridge and was interred at Ardsley Church on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> Sister Amelia was delivered of a girl at Treeton about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It was dead and a good job it was for there's plenty. Sister Sarah went on Sunday November 23 by the first train in the morning.

*"To be Seen Alive. To be Seen Alive*

*A strange and wonderful prophet whose generation was before Adam was Created he was not the wandering Jew nor the son of Noah nor the Old Levite nor John the Baptist, for as some people think he was certainly Before the the Scriptures make mention of him very particularly in St. Mark, St Luke and St. John so that we may believe he is no Imposter he Knows no parents nether did he suck his mother breast: his beard is as Red as vermillion, he goes barefooted, like a grave friar, both winter and Summer he wears no hat but may often be seen with a crown upon his head. His coat is nether knit nor spun silk nor hair, linen nor woollen, yet is a most Beautiful colour: he drinks only water: he had rather live in a barn than in a King's palace: he is very watchful; he sleeps on no bed, but sitteth all night In a singular kind of chair, with his clothes on: he was with Noah in the Ark And was also alive when Christ was Crucified: his voice is so shrill and Powerful that all the world heard it at one time, he once preached a Sermon That convinced a man of his sins and caused him to weep most bitterly: he is Content to sit down with the insults of wicked men yet when the Lord comes To judge the world in righteousness he will not be Charged with Sin."*

*This is my mother writing. Elizabeth Metcalf.*

*This is a true story of a feather fowl cock. Edward Metcalf.*

*November 30<sup>th</sup> Joseph Shiblston died at Pudsey making Bess Furguson a widow.*

*Peter Bates Tobacco Manufacturer, Liverpool.*

*This hymn came from Treeton. November 18<sup>th</sup>.*

- 1<sup>st</sup> "Here is joy for every age  
Every generation  
Prince and pheasant, chief and sage  
Every tongue and nation, every tongue and nation  
Every rank and nation, hath today salvation  
Alleluia.*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> When the world drew near its close  
Came our Lord and leader  
From the lily sprung the rose  
From the bush the ceder over  
From the bush the ceder  
From the judge the pleader  
From the faint the feeder  
Alleluia.*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> God that came on earth this morn  
In a manger lying  
Hallowed birth by being born  
Vanquished death by dying over  
Vanquished death by dying  
Rallied back the flying  
Ended sin and sighing  
Alleluia.*

*Lavinia Shay's husband sailed from Bombay in December 1859 and as not yet been heard of and it's now August 1860.*

*November 19<sup>th</sup> Frank Armitage and Mrs. Sikes was married at Leeds old Church.*

*November 21<sup>st</sup> Tommy Moor has just gone up. My father gave him the bird box so this is my Fortune, he said. I thought, it's more than you deserve.*

*November 22<sup>nd</sup> Brother Joe was going down to Hull and Job Collings and was in the Humber 2 nights and days and did not know where they was it was so thick and foggy.*

*November 25<sup>th</sup> We have had Mr. Harrison Parson from Oulton here. He gave our Mary and me a shilling each.*

*My Mother had been up at Uncle Denkin's to see Hannah. She told them she had seen her Mother and her Uncle John flying over her.*

*November 29<sup>th</sup> Our Joe took his topcoat on board. Joe Cusworth sent it him to keep him warm at night.*

*Sister Sarah came from Treeton on the same day. She left Milly up mending nicely.*

*December 2<sup>nd</sup> Cousin Hannah Denkin died. She had only been ill a month. She did not lay in bed a fortnight. She was buried on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> at Oulton aged 16. Our Joe went to tell my Aunt Charlotte and she was brewing Stingo.*

*December 4<sup>th</sup> There was a very great water came down the river. It was Sunday night and there was a boat went over the dam at Thwaite. It came past our house on the 29<sup>th</sup> after being laid all that time, and it went down as rapid as it came the night after, being Sunday and Monday nights.*

*December 6<sup>th</sup> We killed our pig. It weighed 21 stone 2 pounds.*

*December Mr. Morley of Garforth lost his Stewardship for Mr. Calverley after holding it thirty years. John Farrer of Oulton is put in his place.*

*December 8<sup>th</sup> The Rev. John Bell, Vicar of Rothwell, was presented with a silver tea service. It cost two hundred and sixty pounds.*

*December 12<sup>th</sup> I entered into the penny saving Bank at Oulton School. Threepence per week. It had been three weeks opened when I entered.*

*December 13<sup>th</sup> A storm put in, being Tuesday night. Then it rained on the Tuesday following and melted all the snow, but the cut is full of ice yet, it being now the 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

*December 18<sup>th</sup> Mary Ann Jackson and Mr. Earnshaw of Holmfirth was asked first time at the Parish Church, Leeds.*

*December 20<sup>th</sup> Mary Wolfolk, Mr Shay's sister, died at Brotherton and was interred on the 23<sup>rd</sup> aged 63.*

*December 23<sup>rd</sup> Tommy Burton came to clean our clock. Jack Sharp died at Hunslet, the one we used to call Strafly.*

*December 25<sup>th</sup> Xmas day. It's been a queer one. We have not had anybody to see us, not even Joe at home. The cut is still froze up and we are all going to bed. It's 8 o'clock P.M.*

*December 28<sup>th</sup> There was 2 Mummings came to see us, it being Wednesday night. The only bit of Xmas we have seen this year.*

*December 31<sup>st</sup> Sister Sarah has been to Leeds and they told her in the Office that my father was to begin on Monday morning to see that all the vessels coming up loaded from Castleford had a pass note.*

*December 29<sup>th</sup> Miss Jackson that was died at Leeds and was interred at Methley Church, poor girl, she died of milk fever aged 23 years of age.*

*This ends the year 1859.*

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*A happy new year may it prove to us all.*

*January 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Edmund Calverley sent 3 or 4 old women in Oulton materials to make a plum pudding and a bit of roast beef for their Xmas day dinner. This is the second year he has done it.*

*January 4<sup>th</sup> Poor Aunt Harriet Metcalf removed from Garforth to Aberford on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>.*

*January 11<sup>th</sup> John Walton died at Lemonroyd and was buried at Oulton on the 15<sup>th</sup> aged 67.*

*January 20<sup>th</sup> Uncle John Denkin died after having been ill for thirteen months aged 66. Aunt, Hannah and Uncle all died within 2 years.*

*January 20<sup>th</sup> Sister Mary is knitting me a pair of red garters. Got worsed of cheap John.*

*January 26<sup>th</sup> Cousin M.A. Jackson left Miss Hall's.*

*January 27<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Lee died at Oulton aged 37 years. She died of consumption.*

*January 30<sup>th</sup> Sister Lizzie came from Liverpool with her 2 children and a rough day they had. Edwin started from London the same day. They had Henry Abson to see them from Birkenhead on the 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*February 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Ann Jackson went to Holmfirth to see Mr. Earnshaw as he had not come up after being asked three times in the church, and when she got there he would neither see her nor be where she was, so I suppose it's all dropped through. She went back to Miss Hall's on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>.*

*February 10<sup>th</sup> There is a man gone up today and gave my father a partridge. We had it cooked for our suppers. There was 7 of us to it, and very nice it was.*

*February 11<sup>th</sup> Thomas Blacklock died at Rothwell aged 58 years. Intered at Rothwell.*

*February 12<sup>th</sup> Lizzie Lee's funeral sermon was preached at Thomas Hugh's, Quarry Hill, Oulton.*

*January 30<sup>th</sup> Charles Wrigglesworth enlisted for a soldier at Liverpool (this ought to have been above) and was taken to Warley Barracks, Brentwood in Essex  
February the 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*February 16<sup>th</sup> Sister Lizzie went to Treeton with her little baby Joe, and left John with us.*

*February 21<sup>st</sup> Lizzie came back from Treeton.*

*February 27<sup>th</sup> A very strong wind such a one as my Father can't remember on before. It's rocked this house just like a cradle.*

### *Shells of the Ocean*

*One summer eve with pensive thought  
I wander'd on the sea beat shore  
Where oft in heedless infant sport  
I gathered shells in days before  
The splashing waves like musick fell  
Responsive to my fancy wild  
A dream came o'er me like a spell  
I thought I was again a child.*

*I stooped upon the pebbly strand  
To cull the toys that round me lay  
But as I took them in my hand  
I threw them one by one away  
Oh thus I said in every stage  
By toys our fancy is beguiled*

*We gather shells from youth to age  
And then we leave them like a child.*

*I have got my sister Lizzie to write me this song.*

Stop and Think  
Stop poor sinner, stop and think  
Before you further go!  
Will you sport upon the brink  
Of everlasting woe?

Say, have you an arm like God,  
That you his will oppose?  
Fear you not that iron rod  
With which he breaks his foes?

Though your heart be made of steel,  
Your forehead lined with brass,  
God at length will make you feel,  
He will not let you pass.

Pale-faced death will quickly come  
To drag you to his bar:  
Then to hear your awful doom  
Will fill you with despair.

Turn from all your evil ways  
Before that hour arrive:  
Death may soon cut short your days,  
O sinner! turn and live.

Come to Jesus Christ by faith,  
As guilty and undone:  
Credit what the Saviour saith,  
And trust in him alone."

*February 29<sup>th</sup> Sister Lizzie started for London. She left Woodlesford Station at 9 A.M. with her 2 dear children and was in London at 4 P.M. where Edwin was to meet her. On the same day brother Robert went up to Leeds and went to pay W. Whitehead, Butcher, for meat and when he felt for the sovereign it was gone. Poor Bob, he was in a sad way, it's a bad job for him.*

*March 2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Dickinson fell into the boiling Licour and was very badly scalded at Mr Bentley's Brewery, Oulton. He was in the boiling copper 7 minutes. He died on the 9<sup>th</sup>, just a week after. The man had a very bad wife they say.*

*March 5<sup>th</sup> Edward Walton left Lemonroyd Lock and went to Goole. A Fly Boat took their things down. Ralph Walsh got it.*

*Sister Frith's left Treeton and gone to live at Handsworth.*

*March 14<sup>th</sup> Old Mr. Wildsdon died at Oulton aged 89.*

*March 15<sup>th</sup> William Morley's wife was buried at Harrogate.*

*March 16<sup>th</sup> Mary A. Furguson went into the Leeds Hospital. Mr. Calverley recomended her, and she came home again on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.*

March 29<sup>th</sup> Mrs. John Frith got a son which makes my sister Ann a Grand Ma. They call it John Thomas.

William Davy came on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February to measure me for a chair and I paid him 5 shillings in advance, and on Sunday morning the 18<sup>th</sup> of March there was a boy came to our door with a chair they had brought down from Leeds Lock. I gave him twopence for freight. Then William came in the afternoon and I paid him 10 which made it 15 altogether. It was a good pull out of my pocket for a chair.

March 19<sup>th</sup> Sarah Britton got a son about 2 o'clock in the morning.

March 20<sup>th</sup> Our Robert and Sarah got the key to go into their house.

March 21<sup>st</sup> There is a coal boat sunk just out of our lock. It was a navy boat. Father got a note from Mr. Bartholomew to draw the water of the day after the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

March 29<sup>th</sup> Sarah Britton's baby died and was buried at Oulton on Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>. It was 11 days old.

March 31<sup>st</sup> An Infant School comenced building adjoining the Girls' School at Oulton.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> There is Thomas Hall gone up for the first time with a vessel called Ann and Maria of Goole. He had been loaded with flint for Fleet Mills from Kanoy??? Gate.

April 5<sup>th</sup> Commenced making 3 new locks at Pollington to hold screw and 2 boats at once. John Kid died at Leeds and was brought to Oulton to bury on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> aged 42 years.

April 13<sup>th</sup> Our Robert left Quarry Hill and went into Samuel Armitage Yard, Oulton.

April 11<sup>th</sup> Mr. Hodgson was married at Howden, of Leeds.

April 13<sup>th</sup> William Bradley's little boy got his arm broke with fighting with another boy, Oulton.

April 14<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Saunderson was buried at Oulton. From New Market.

April 19<sup>th</sup> My old hen, Popey, hatched 10 chickens. Thomas Ware bought chickens for 2/6.

April 20<sup>th</sup> Mr. Massey took an inventory of all my Uncle Denkins' furniture. Sister Sarah was there because they was going to have the will proved.

April 21<sup>st</sup> Sister Mary and Polly Denkin went to Handsworth and took me with them. I bear my likeness for sister Ann Frith.

April 24<sup>th</sup> Brother Joe loaded at Leeds for Grimsby and came back on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

William Hammond Bartholomew was married at Leeds Parish Church to Miss Wilson of Roundhay.

Edwin Wigglesworth bought his brother Charles of being a soldier in April 1860 at Brentwood in Essex.

May 1<sup>st</sup> Mr Shay left Leeds to go into Barnsley Canal after being 32 years in the Office at Leeds. William Burnet took his goods on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, being Thursday night. There is a man come from Liverpool into his place.

May 5<sup>th</sup> Cousin Mary Denkin came from Handsworth after being a fortnight, she has left our Mary.

May 6<sup>th</sup> There was two lads came from Wortley to tell us my Aunt Sarah was there. She wanted Mother to go tomorrow.

May 7<sup>th</sup> Miss Dickson was found dead in bed by her brother, Frank, she was 58 years old. She has lived at Oulton all her life and is buried at Rothwell.

May 8<sup>th</sup> We got a pig of Joseph Crosland. Gave six and 20 shillings.

- May 10<sup>th</sup> There was a boat went down with Jackson's goods in. They was taking them to Naburn Mills near Upper Akestein, York, formerly of Fleet Mills.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> John Maykin went down with our Joe. They were for glass. He was very weak, he has just been 7 weeks at home.
- May 25<sup>th</sup> Sister Mary and Miss Frith came from Handsworth and brought our Joe a present of a pair of razers and a handkerchief.
- May 28<sup>th</sup> Foundation Stone laid for the new Reform Chapel at Oulton. I saw it laid. Whitsunday. Windy rain and snow all the feast.

*Mrs Gowing of Ripon died in May 1860.*

- May 31<sup>st</sup> Mr. Harrison left Oulton after being a year with us. We were sorry to part with him. He gave me half a crown on Tuesday.
- May 29<sup>th</sup> Thomas, son of Richard and Henrietta Harrison, was drowned in Portsmouth Harbour. He would have been 3 years old on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> My father was taken poorly and laid on the Clubs. Bob's son Joe Lock keeper for us.
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Mr. Hamilton returned home from Ireland after being away a year and a half.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> Miss Frith went home from our house. She had been a month. She took poor William Cusworth a can full of ice but it melted.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Falkingham, wife of Mr. Bentley's coachman, died very suddenly aged 38. Same day Abraham Frith of Oulton died aged 70 years. He had been ill a long time.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> Brother Robert damaged some wood and had to pay half the money, so they have stopt the first 6/10 on this day. He has a pound to pay yet.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> William Cusworth went up as far as Treeton Lock for the first time, in a carriage made of his father's chair, after being poorly 6 months.
- July 6<sup>th</sup> Beef Steak was 1/6 a pound at Hull.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> William Cusworth was taken up to Handsworth.
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Oulton Infant School was opened. Got 50 first day. Sister Sarah and Mary Denkin went to see Aunt Harriett at Aberford and came home on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- July 14<sup>th</sup> It was in this day's paper that Phillip Gilead of Goole was sentenced to 3 years penal servitude.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> John Maykin passed by here on his way home from London. He called at our Lizzie's.
- July 18<sup>th</sup> There was an eclipse of the sun. We could not see it, but it was as dark as 9 o'clock at night. It began at 1 and continued till 3 o'clock.
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> My Brother Bob fetched me to Oulton. I made him sweat.
- July 30<sup>th</sup> Our Bob was at Hull, Sarah and Joe was with him. They had been on shore and was going on board about half past 10 P.M. and her Bob fell overboard and had a very narrow escape of being drowned. Joe saw him fall.
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> Old Robert Denison of Oulton died at Woodlesford aged 80 years.
- August 5<sup>th</sup> Ann Davey and William Conell was asked first time at Leeds Parish Church.
- August 6<sup>th</sup> There was a flower show at Swillington. They paid 1/6 each and there was not tea for one half of the folks, for there was upwards of 800.
- August 8<sup>th</sup> The new Bookkeeper that came in Shay's place at Leeds was paid off with 3 month's pay to get.

- August 9<sup>th</sup> Brother Joseph sent our Lizzie a parcel to London by the Goole Packett and she got it all safe on Saturday night the 11<sup>th</sup>. They had to fetch it from the Old George Inn in Tooley St. and paid a glass of Wiskey for it going.
- August 14<sup>th</sup> Mary, wife of George Smith, died at Oulton aged 73.  
Mary Ann, daughter of John Maykin started from home to go into America to her husband. Her father went with her to Liverpool.
- August 19<sup>th</sup> William Owen of Woodlesford died aged 38 after a week's illness.  
Same day Sarah Forest of Oulton aged 45.
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> Thomas Farrer of Oulton died aged 65.
- August 27<sup>th</sup> There was a cheap trip to Hull and all that went were well satisfied I think, for it was after 2 o'clock in the morning when they got home. The fare was half a crown. There was 50 thousand folks in Hull that day our Joe said.  
On the same day I went to Oulton and got my likeness taken. Sister Sarah and my nephew William was with me. I paid 3d. for it and I was in the 27<sup>th</sup> year of my age.
- August 30<sup>th</sup> Cousin Mary Denkin went to Aberford with the Feast Women's cart. She staid a month.
- August 31<sup>st</sup> There was a school feast at Oulton for Scholars and Teachers up at Mr. Calverley's Hall. It was a grand do. Children had their tea in the front, and Teachers in one of the rooms. There was 3 Baloons let of by Mr Scott, and all sorts of amusements in the park. I was there too and got my carriage broke by a boy that was blind folded. He was running with a barrow and nearly upset me. The Grounds was open to the Public at 6 o'clock and a fine lot there was too.
- September 1<sup>st</sup> The Infants too had a school feast in the schoolroom, being Saturday, the day after.
- September 10<sup>th</sup> Mother went to Mosborough. Mrs Ridgely met her there and Pipy and they got nicely to Treeton, and when she got there poor William was a little better and knew her and his Aunt Ann too.  
I had 3 chickens and there has one got lost and in about an hour after, Tom Whittaker's wife came and bought the other 2 of me and she gave me 10d. each for them that was 1/8.
- September 14<sup>th</sup> William Abbey of Whitley died very suddenly.
- September 15<sup>th</sup> A man the name of Fish was drowned of the screw.  
Edward Leach sent us a basket of plums from Whitley Lock by the Screw.
- September 18<sup>th</sup> Goole Canal was closed for the Works at Pollington Locks. Opened on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>. There was 60 vessels all for down.
- September 21<sup>st</sup> Our Sarah brewed a peck of Malt for the first time in her life and she is past 35 years of age, and it is very good indeed.
- October 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Askworth died at Easingwold, late of the Lemonroyd, and was brought to Admiral Brear's, Oulton on Thursday. Buried at Rothwell on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> aged 70.
- October 4<sup>th</sup> Miss Pope was married at Oulton to Mr. Bains of Leeds. It was the grandest wedding there has been at Oulton since any of us can remember. There was seven carriages and grey horses and mats all up from the gate to the church door to walk on.
- October 7<sup>th</sup> Our Joe has come home tonight and he tells us John Maykin is going to a new Fly Boat at Goole tomorrow. Gone up first time October 27<sup>th</sup>. They call her the Leeds. Thomas More is mate on her.
- October 8<sup>th</sup> My mother came home from Treeton. She had been a month from home, never so long away before. She left poor William Cusworth much as she found him.

- October 10<sup>th</sup> *The odd women's box was stolen out of the Lodge room at Railway Hotel, Oulton. 5 pounds and 2 or 3 shillings worth of coppers.*
- October 20<sup>th</sup> *Ann Davey and William Connel was married at Leeds.*
- October 21<sup>st</sup> *Our Joe is at home today. He has not been here on a Sunday for 12 week before. Mr Kid came in his spectacles to see.  
Ben Jackson of Oulton has come out of Wakefield Asylum after being in 21 years.*
- October 24<sup>th</sup> *Poor Michal Smith of Lake Lock has got unshipped out of Mr Bartholomew's service.*
- October 25<sup>th</sup> *We have got a new bed tick for my Mother's bed.  
William Metcalf Cusworth died at Treeton. He has been ill about 12 months. He laid 8 months. He was blind and never spoke for 2 months before he died. He was intered at Treeton Church on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> aged 15 years.*
- October 28<sup>th</sup> *Our Joe came up lame on his arms, he set of our Sarah to Treeton to poor William's funeral, and then he went to the doctor's and he is to rest so he is at home. Then in the afternoon our poor Nancy was delivered of a daughter about half past 2 in the afternoon of October 28<sup>th</sup> 1860.*
- October 27<sup>th</sup> *Gibson's wife, clerk of Rothwell, died at Leeds very suddenly. She was only 2 hours ill.*
- October 31<sup>st</sup> *Sister Sarah returned from Treeton and went forward to Leeds, it being last day of the month.*
- November 5<sup>th</sup> *The New Methodist free Church was opened with 2 sermons. Sister Mary and Sarah was there. They got 5 pounds in the afternoon. They had a tea in Admiral Brear's shop on the 11<sup>th</sup> and chapel has cost 4 hundred pounds and they had raised a hundred and twenty three. Mary Ann Cockeram first Sexton.*
- November 13<sup>th</sup> *Mary Denkin has come home from Aberford and she tells us my Aunt Harriett has lost 15 pounds out of the house, but she can't tell how. It's a bad job for her, poor thing.*
- November 16<sup>th</sup> *Mary Denkin has got a letter from Aberford to say my Aunt has found her money. It's a strange affair.  
Poor John Holms of Wood Nook has died in the asylum at Wakefield and they are intering him at Stanley Church today.*
- November 17<sup>th</sup> *Joseph Todd was killed at Goole. Hannah Barber's brother of Oulton.*
- November 27<sup>th</sup> *Mrs. Burnet came here to meet the vesel and she had to stay all the afternoon till 7 o'clock at night, and I got hold of her and we both fell onto the floor but did not hurt ourselves.*
- November 28<sup>th</sup> *Bessy Furguson came to fetch our Mary to Oulton. Mrs Charles Lowther wished to see her and give her a lesson as her husband is blind. So they are going about trying to teach those that are blind to read. She met here at my Aunt's at Oulton Lodge. There is three of them with our Mary. She gave her the alphabet to learn and a half crown which she called a bright penny.  
Lizzie Denkin went to live at Beeton Hill.*
- November 30<sup>th</sup> *Mrs. Kitchen was buried at Oulton. She died at Leeds. They used to live at Woodlesford. She was 68 years of age and is the last to be intered at Oulton that does not live in the Parish Estates.*
- December 7<sup>th</sup> *William Abbott went down last night. He took some ale on board here at Woodlesford Lock and there was a very great water when they got down to Ferrybridge. The Screw got fast and had to let go of the boats and they would all have gone over the dam but John Maykin got a rope out and he managed to stop*

*them all, but they lost one of the casks of ale overboard and of it went, nobody could tell where. It will be a good Xmas do for somebody if they get it out.*

*December 10<sup>th</sup> Mr. Kidd went to Leeds to ask Mr. Bartholomew for a job. He said he should have one if he would stay with them, so he promised he would. He should have gone down with our Joe last night the 11<sup>th</sup>, but when he came here the Screw had been gone an hour and a half, so he had to go back, and he set off and walked this morning, it being Wednesday.*

*December 12<sup>th</sup> And a fine day it's been for a wonder.*

*December 15<sup>th</sup> Our Joe has just told us that they have fetched Sparrow White from London. His wife had applied for relief at the Parish and they soon brought him home to keep his family himself.*

*December 19<sup>th</sup> We have just finished reading a book called Mary Price or the servant maid. It has taken us just 6 months reading, and a bit of fine fun we have had over it. She has been so clever, rather too much so for us. Ben Bulldog and Nick Sawbridge.*

*December 20<sup>th</sup> A storm set in and very severe it was, and I am glad to say both our lads have got nicely to Leeds where we hope they will have to stay till it lasts.*

*December 23<sup>rd</sup> Cousin Walter Chadwick and his intended, Miss Hodgson, came to Woodlesford Lock and it snow. They were both nearly lost with snow, it came so thick and fast.*

*December 24<sup>th</sup> I got a new penny given. Brother Joe gave it me. It was the first I have seen.*

*Uncle Smith has just been and told us that Mary Ann, his youngest daughter, was getting married at Leeds, but he could not tell us what they call him.*

*Old Lord Mexborough died at the residence of his daughter Lady Sarah in London aged 77 years.*

*December 26<sup>th</sup> Ann Thompson and Thomas Hunt was married at Oulton Church, it being the day after Xmas day. Went to London the same night by 5 o'clock train.*

*We sent our Lizzie a hamper by railway to London, Sister Sarah took it and paid 2 shillings for it here, and she put my likeness in so that I am on my way to the great Town of London now.*

*December 29<sup>th</sup> They got the above hamper safe and was very well pleased with the contents of it. Edwin had walked about 20 miles after it and it went while he was out seeking it. Brother Joe went down, it being Saturday, and a cold day it was, fit to fetch their faces off.*

*December 31<sup>st</sup> Here ends the year 1860, and one it's been, to be remembered by everybody for there never was known such a rough spring, wet and cold summer, and severe winter as this has been so far.*

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*January 1<sup>st</sup> We still have frost and snow keeps falling fast. The canal betwixt Leeds and Goole has been blocked up with ice now for a week and likely to be. There has not been such a stoppage since we came to Woodlesford Lock before, nearly 8 years.*

*January 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Mexborough was brought from London and interred at Methley Church.*

*January 4<sup>th</sup> Sir Peter Fairbairn died at Woodsley House, Leeds after a painful illness aged 61 years.*

*January 7<sup>th</sup> We sent our Joe a basket to Goole with some bread and clean things in. He had been a week down.*

*January 11<sup>th</sup> Aunt Nancy at the Lodge was rather poorly.*

*Thomas, son of Mary Wright of Oulton, died at Wakefield and was buried there. He was 32 years old.*

- January 15<sup>th</sup> We have some Mischief folks about us. They have broke our window, broke open our kitchen door, upset our tubs, blinded our poor William nearly with dirt, and I can't tell what beside. And we can't tell who they are. We had our Bob laid beside us 4 days and they had been up ever since Xmas day at Leeds, gone down for the first time on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- January 17<sup>th</sup> Sister Milly was delivered of 2 girls about half past 8 at night, both living. The first twins in our family and I hope will be the last.
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> The Screw has come up from Goole, the first that has come up since New year's day morning. The frost has broke up it and turned out very fine.
- January 19<sup>th</sup> Sister Ann has sent us a small parcel by a person coming from there. She sent us a spice loaf and Frith sent our Bob a pair of razors.
- January 24<sup>th</sup> Henry Hopton left the Screw. Tom Simpson and him had had some words coming up.
- January 25<sup>th</sup> Brother Joe came up from Goole. He had been there a month during the frost. He had been at a funeral, a Christening, a party and 2 days at Rawcliffe. He said they went over the ice with wagons and coaches at Howden where the Ferry Boat is.
- January 27<sup>th</sup> Sister Frith's Christened their baby. She was called Mary Ellen Frith at Handsworth.
- January 30<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Denkin went to live servant with an old lady opposite to us. Elizabeth Ramsey.
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Denkin entered our Joe into the Library at Woodlesford. She paid 1 shilling for him.
- February 4<sup>th</sup> William Abbott and his Mate has got suspended for a month. They took our Bob Mate to go with his boat and Bob was to have his 2 boys with him. They went into Mr Hodgson's Office for him to see them. He told them to be sure and do as their father told them. William had been 3 weeks with us at the Lock.
- February 15<sup>th</sup> Joseph, grandson of Joseph Verity, of Swillington Bridge died aged 8 years.
- February 17<sup>th</sup> My nephew Joseph Metcalf brought me a pipe from Hull and made me a present of it. It's made out of a brier. He had given threepence for it.
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr Harrison, Timber Merchant of Woodlesford, died. He had only been ill a week. Aged 49.
- February 28<sup>th</sup> The above Mr Harrison was interred inside the Church at Rothwell.
- February 24<sup>th</sup> Sister Amelia Cusworth Christened their twins Lilly and Rose at Treeton Church.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> George Pilkington was dipping with some fishermen at Hull when one of the latter was drowned and Tom and George were both imprisoned, but when they were tried Tom got clear of, but George will have to go to York.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> Mr Calverley's coachman and Hannah Appleyard was married at Oulton church. She lived at Mr Calverley's for 20 years.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> Brother Robert sailed from Leeds to Goole with his 2 boys with him in 11 hours.
- March 12<sup>th</sup> George and Thomas Pilkington went to York to take their trial, but came back the same day, there being no bill against them.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> My sister Lizzie came with her 2 dear boys from London. They started about half past 6 in the morning and got here at 5 in the afternoon, and she brought me a pipe and our Joe one.
- March 19<sup>th</sup> Isaac Tate of Leeds died and was taken to Stanley to be interred.
- March 25<sup>th</sup> The new bye wash was comenced at Woodlesford Lock to take ice into the old river.

*On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March news came out of Kent to Mrs. Calverley to go and break the news to Mary Wright that her daughter Eliza's husband had left her in a great amount of debt and gone to Australia a wind blow to Mary. After all the shock they say he has come back again.*

- March Our Lizzie's 2 little lads began with the Hooping Cough when they had been a week with us. Joseph is the worst of them.*
- April 7<sup>th</sup> And on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> I went to Oulton in the morning and then in the afternoon I had a trip up to Club Clif hill with my two nephews, William and Joseph, and Mr. Walker. We had a splendid view of the surrounding County, being a very clear day. The census was filled up the same day.*
- April 10<sup>th</sup> We lost our Bullock Bridge Cock and found it the next day in the water closet. Joe washed it in the river. The poor bird has lost one eye from the accident.*
- April 17<sup>th</sup> There was a Confirmation at Rothwell on the 17<sup>th</sup> of this month. William and Joseph Metcalf and Mary and Charlotte Denkin was there. Mary Higgins died at Oulton. 61 years.*
- April 18<sup>th</sup> The new bye wash was finished on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April for the purpose of pinning ice down and moving on.*
- April 19<sup>th</sup> Sister Frith's left Handsworth for Moor's Cottage, Darnal near Sheffield, it being Friday, and we have got orders to put Esquire at the end of their names.*
- April 29<sup>th</sup> Sister Elizabeth was confined of a little girl at Woodlesford Lock, it being Monday, half past eleven o'clock at night.*
- April 30<sup>th</sup> I sold my old hen Popi and her nine chickens to Joseph Crosley of Bullocks Bridge. He gave me three shillings and sixpence for them.*
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Bessy Furguson entered me into the Death Society. She paid twopence for me.*
- May 5<sup>th</sup> Cousin Walter Chadwick was married at Wakefield to Rebecka Hodgson.*
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Anne Davey Conell was confined of a son at Oulton.*
- May 11<sup>th</sup> Miss Mary Mathews was married at Rothwell Church on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May to Mr. Rawson of Harrogate.*
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Our sister Anne came from Darnel with Mr. Buty, Mary Ellen and Elizabeth Cusworth on the 17<sup>th</sup>.*
- May 18<sup>th</sup> I got the new front wheel to my carriage.*
- May 19<sup>th</sup> George Hirst was married to Miss Hingam at Rothwell. Had a Coupe and 2 Greys.*
- May 20<sup>th</sup> Brother Bob went down to his vessel. His Mate, John Rowlison, went on shore drinking. Paid him off next morning and sent for his 2 sons to be with him alltogether for his Mates.*
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Sister Anne returned home. She had been very poorly all the time with the bowel complaint had a few times from her this May the 26<sup>th</sup>. Got home safe and is a little better.*
- May 26<sup>th</sup> We Christened our Elizabeth's baby at Oulton church. They call her Mary Elizabeth. Sister Sarah and Mary Denkin Godmothers, and Uncle Billy Godfather.*
- May 28<sup>th</sup> Samuel Chadwick died at Wakefield after being ill a month and was interred at the above place on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> aged 58 years.*
- June 1<sup>st</sup> My sister Elizabeth went home to London with her 2 children Johnny and baby and left dear little Joseph. They had been with us nearly eleven weeks. They left Woodlesford Station at 8 A.M. and was at London at half past 4. Got a line this morning June 2<sup>nd</sup> to say they got safe home .*

- June 4<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah sent for. A note from Mr. Morton and went for Mr. Jewison to Mr. Abas. Very poorly and one here too.
- June 12<sup>th</sup> There was a man came and put up a board to stop the road across the gardens, and now we have no road to get to the well generally called Peggy Law well which is the only well of spring water to be got near, at least for us at Woodlesford Lock.
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Mother has just come in from Oulton and tells me Mrs. Stead has given up the Post Office. The Coop School Master has got it.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> I went to Oulton and took tea with my Aunt and Uncle at the Lodge.
- June 17<sup>th</sup> My mother went to Wakefield this morning by the first train to stay till tomorrow night.
- June 19<sup>th</sup> I went up to Leeds with my brother Robert and his 2 sons and our Joe went up at the same time. It was just 5 o'clock when we left our Lock and we got up about 8. They did not get delivered, so we had not to come down. I staid all night in the weigh house with the watchman.
- June 20<sup>th</sup> We got Orders to go to Kirkstall for ale, then I went on board and went with them so it was a grand treat for me. We did not get back to Leeds at night in time for the screw, so they put me down into the forecastle and I sat in my chair all night. So then next morning, June 21<sup>st</sup>, they set to and hauled the boat down to Woodlesford Lock. When we got to the turn Bridge our Bob had a good differ with an old woman and we got home about half past 2 in the afternoon, all tired enough, it was so hot. So there's an end of my trip to Leeds.
- June 2? John Dawson of Brighouse in Lancashire dropt down dead at Goole. His coffin cost £5:6:0.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> Our Joe came home from Fleet and our little dear Joseph Wrigglesworth bit a piece clean out of his nose. They was playing.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> We saw a comet out of our staircase window, it being in the North, with its tail upwards.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Burnell, Infant School Mistress, died at Leeds. She had been from the school at Oulton only a fortnight.
- July 6<sup>th</sup> James Parkinson of Woodlesford was married to a young person at Goole.
- July 15<sup>th</sup> There has been great talk of the agricultural exhibition at Leeds and it was opened this day and continues all the week. There was pigs there weighed 80 stone. I saw the place where it was to be when I was at Kirkstall with our Bob.
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> Our Joe went down from Castleford with glass in for Goole. Charles Brearly went down from Leeds. He took my father as he went from our Lock. He was going to exchange boats with our Bob, so when they met at Ferry Bridge, Bob and his lot got on to Joe's boat and Joe went to the new one when they got down to Goole on Wednesday morning July 24<sup>th</sup>.
- July 26<sup>th</sup> And Bob came up light for the first time with the Ouse to Leeds and went down the same night, being Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, loaded with railway trucks for Goole.
- July 31<sup>st</sup> Our Joe went up for the first time with the new boat called the Goole of Goole.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> Sister Sarah, little Joseph Wrigglesworth, Mary Denkin and Ann Kirton all went down to Hull with our Joe. The first time he went with his new boat, and a nice stay they had, for they did not get back till Thursday morning after, so they was nearly a week.

- August 3<sup>rd</sup> John, son of George Stead, Oulton, stole a watch from the Midland Hotel belonging to the Landlord Smith and had got it exchanged when they took him on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>. In prison for 3 months for it.
- August 6<sup>th</sup> Bessy Wrigglesworth went down to Hull with our Bob and Sarah for the change of air. She was poorly.
- August 7<sup>th</sup> Henry Wrigglesworth had a little boy killed by falling of the School. He walked home after and died the next day. He was 9 years old and they called him John.
- August 12<sup>th</sup> Mother went to Oulton to pay our Robert their rent.
- August 13<sup>th</sup> Mrs Mary Tamplin and William Dwerryhouse was married at Oulton Church. And Benjamin Jowett at Leeds the same day.  
Barnsley canal burst near Royston and a boat that was near at the time was washed into the fields amongst the standing corn and had to be drawn out with horses.
- August 19<sup>th</sup> There was a robbery committed on the hill yonder at Woodlesford, it being done on Sunday afternoon from 3 o'clock to half past 4, and nobody saw them. They got 15 pounds and three watches. It is a little shop kept by Allick Combs.
- September 1<sup>st</sup> Brother Joe and my 2 nephews, William and Joseph, all went to Withensea. They were all at Hull together, 18 miles each way for 1 shilling from Hull.
- September 6<sup>th</sup> Oulton School feast. Scholars and Teachers all had tea up at the Hall and a fine stir it was.
- September 8<sup>th</sup> Old Mary Jowett of Oulton died aged 73.
- September 9<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah started for London and took our dear little Joseph Wrigglesworth to his father and mother, and also Polly Lee to a nurse for our Dixon's children. And sister came from London on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>, called at Mosborough, Treeton and Darnel.  
James Hibberd and Elizabeth Lee had their trial at Wakefield and he had all expences to pay.  
John Maykin was suspended for a fortnight over some wine that was taken out of a hamper.
- September 11<sup>th</sup> Thwaite Mills was burnt down.
- September 14<sup>th</sup> Jonny Craven died. He kept The Two Pointers Inn at Woodlesford. Aged 70.  
Mary Rickett of Masborough and Robert Sharp of Huddersfield was married at Rotherham.  
Edward Teal of Woodlesford was married at Rothwell to one of Mr. Harrison's servants.
- September 15<sup>th</sup> Robert, son of Simon Hewson, died at Hull aged 20.
- September 16<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah came home from Darnall. She had been just a week from home and she brought me a young cock. Joseph Cusworth sent it me.
- September 19<sup>th</sup> My nephew, William, was poorly. His father was going up and left him at our house for us to get Mr. Jewison to him.
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> Poor William Kidd died near Doncaster at his wife's brother's. Poor Billy, he has seen many a mile after our Joe. He was 40 years old last November.
- September 24<sup>th</sup> We had a goose came to see us and my father caught it in the garden and we had it cooked to our suppers on Thursday night.
- September 27<sup>th</sup> Henry, son of Mr Bell of Oulton, preached his first sermon at Rothwell church.
- October 1<sup>st</sup> There was a trial at the Aire and Calder Office, Leeds. All the Fly Boat men were up charged with keeping back the passengers' money, but when they came to appear

*Mr Armitage Rhodes talked to them all till the tears came trickling down his face. Then he said go to your boats my lads and keep them to yourselves and all will be right. So they are to take no more passengers at all. They had a dinner and a fiddle and were dancing and singing all the day over it.*

*October 5<sup>th</sup> The duty was taken of paper. Our news used to cost three pence and now it's 2 pence.*

*October 6<sup>th</sup> We had the water all drawn out of one pond between George Ingham's and our Lock, and they put each of us 2 extra cloughs in to fill the Lock quicker. I kept watch for my father had to get up and draw at 3 o'clock in the morning so that I saw the first of it.*

*October 19<sup>th</sup> My Mother and sister Mary started by the first train for Bookhouse Mill. Mary went to Sister Ann's and mother to Milly's.*

*October 24<sup>th</sup> The bricklayers finished arching the old stream over at Woodlesford. I wish it was all levelled.*

*October 27<sup>th</sup> Mother came home from Treeton. She left Mary at Darnall with sister Ann, it being our Dixon's birthday. She is 31.*

*October 27<sup>th</sup> We have had Mr Morton here tonight and he told us that when my Uncle Billy went out first thing in the morning there was a boat going down the Beck with a sailor on it. They looked at each other but neither spoke. What do you think it was? A piece of wood with a live rat on it, a fine sailor too.*

*October 29<sup>th</sup> Emma, daughter of Mrs. Flint of Oulton, died.*

*November 10<sup>th</sup> Old Betty Gosney was fetched from the Union and buried at Rothwell.*

*We had a goose. Bob and Joe joined at it and they were all here and a very rough day it was.*

*November 12<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah started at 8 o'clock this morning for Wakefield to see Aunt Bessy and came back by the last train. She called to see cousin Charlotte Denkin, she had been a week in her place at Wakefield.*

*November 16<sup>th</sup> James Barraclough died at Oulton aged 70 years.*

*There was a Billy Boy got into our Lock and it was in for near 2 hours, but they could not get the low gates open. She had to be taken back and will have to be taken partly to pieces to get her down, she is so long. She is laid above the Lock Gondola. They tried again on Tuesday, but could not get her through, so they took her and went back up to Waterloo and turned her round, and then she went. The Captain was the patientest man I ever saw, and a nice man too.*

*November 18<sup>th</sup> Thomas Shaw opened the by wash for the ice. He happened to be here and the cut was froze over, so he made it and had the pleasure of putting the first ice over it.*

*November 20<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah went up to Leeds with our Bob's and they bought Sarah a ring. She had been without I don't know how long. They gave 16s. for it.*

*Our Joe's Mate left him at Leeds. They had stopt 10s. out of his wage for running into a billy boy. They want him to pay 3 pounds, but he would leave first.*

*November 25<sup>th</sup> Brother Joe went to Kirkstall for ale for the first time with his new boat Goole.*

*November 28<sup>th</sup> Mother has been at Oulton. Uncle Billy had a load of coals and another of cinders get in, so mother pined up and said she would help him, and he went and locked the door and would not let her. She told him she had a good mind not to go near him any more.*

*November 30<sup>th</sup> We have got a letter from Darnall this morning, we have not had one for a month. I began to think Ben Bulldog had got them all.*

- December 3<sup>rd</sup> There was a very dense fog. It was so bad folks could not see their way. There was a man fell down the embankment beside the Paper Mill and was nearly killed. They have taken him to the Infirmary. His name is Alick. Our boats did not come down it was so thick. The man died December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- December 4<sup>th</sup> Our Elizabeth's dear little John has fallen and nearly cut his tongue end off, poor child. He is doomed to misfortunes. They live at Clerkenwell, London.
- December 12<sup>th</sup> Alfred Hinchcliff of Treeton went to Attercliffe to receive money for a pig and was talking to Frith at Darnall about 3 o'clock, and they found him murdered the same day before 6 at night. He was 27 years of age.  
Nelly Denkin went to Saltair and Lizzie went to plan the day after to Wakefield.
- December 14<sup>th</sup> Our Robert has come up and left Sarah here. She has been poorly all the week on board. She has got a bad cold and cough.  
My sister Sarah has been to Leeds and bought me a set of castors for my chair. She has given 2/3.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> There is news come that Prince Albert died last night 10 minutes before 11, very suddenly of gastric fever. He was 42 years old. He was buried December 23<sup>rd</sup> at Windsor Castle. Prince of Wales and Arthur chief mourners.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> We have got half a pig of George Hanley of Methley, 11stone 7 lb. It came to £3:11:3. Our Joe had agreed for it with James Rhodes of Oulton, for he got the other half.
- December 21<sup>st</sup> We have got a letter from Uncle Smith to say if we wish to see poor Aunt Charlotte alive we was to go. So Father and Mother went by the first train and when they got there she was dead. She died on Friday night, December 20<sup>th</sup>, after they set the letter off. She had only been a few days in bed. Disease of the heart was her complaint, she was 62 years of age in November. She was buried at Hunslet Cemetery. They had a hearse and 6 coaches.
- December 24<sup>th</sup> Father and Mother, Joe and Sarah has all been at my Aunt Charlotte's funeral and they got my Father's and Mother's likeness taken. I had our Bob, Sarah and Joe with me at Lock.  
Our Bob run into the Methley turn Bridge. It was dark and a vesel went through before him and called out all clear, and a man threw over the bridge when he had got within the walls, so they broke it. The poor collier was in a bad way, he might have been killed for it knocked him down.
- December 25<sup>th</sup> Xmas day. It has been a very dull one at this Lock for we have neither seen nor heard any thing. I don't think I have seen such a dull Xmas before.
- December 26<sup>th</sup> Our Sarah has just been to the Station to set of a small hamper for our Elizabeth. It was well filled with one sort of things or another.
- December 28<sup>th</sup> We have just got a few lines from London to say they got the hamper yesterday morning by 10 o'clock, and very pleased they was with the contents of it. Both the children knew their Grandfather's and Grandmother's likeness for we sent them amongst the rest of things.
- December 29<sup>th</sup> It has been very thick today. Our Joe has been out. He told us he would be home by 9 o'clock and it got to 10. We were all nearly crazed for we could not see our hands before us. When he came he said he would have been home by 9 but there was a light cart upset at the Fleet Lane end and broke a young woman's leg in 2 places. They carried her into Bob Chadwick's and she had to stay there all night.
- December 30<sup>th</sup> Bessy Wrigglesworth of Oulton died. She had been ill a long time, but only took her bed 2 days before, she was 62 years of age. She has left all to her niece Mary A. Cockerham.

*December 24<sup>th</sup> Our Joe got Father and Mother's likeness taken at Leeds. Father in his 71<sup>st</sup> and Mother in her 74<sup>th</sup> year.*

*December 31<sup>st</sup> My Father went to the 2 Pointers, Woodlesford, to Mr. Bentley's wake supper. He left home at half past 7, and when he had been gone a few minutes, Mother was taken ill with spasms. Our Sarah got her all we could think of and nothing did any good, so she went and sent Mr. Burnett for my father and then he came down here and Mary staid with us while William went to Mr. Jewison's. He sent her something and it did her good. So here ends the year 1861.*

## 1862

*January 4<sup>th</sup> George Metcalf and Elizabeth have just been from Aberford to say their Mother was worse. They had come for M. Denkin but she was at Saltaire. They came here and wanted our Sarah to go, but we could not spare her with Mary being at Darnall. My mother had gone to Oulton to buy my father a spade. She gave 2/10 for it.*

*January 9<sup>th</sup> Aunt Harriet died at Aberford aged 53 years.*

*January 11<sup>th</sup> Poor Aunt was buried at Garforth this day. She has been ill ever since my uncle died in 1859.*

*January 12<sup>th</sup> They are burying a poor woman that has been at Bessy Furguson's. They call her Stocks from Leeds. They have interred her at Rothwell. She was 40 years old.*

*January 13<sup>th</sup> William Howson and Martha Hewitt was married at Rothwell church. They went of to Scarborough.*

*January 16<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah went to Rothwell to pay Mr. Jewison 10 shillings for medicines and his attendance for 2 year and into the third.*

*January 18<sup>th</sup> Mother has been to Oulton and called at Bessy Furguson's and Mary Ann told her that she had got the 10 pounds from the blind institution, and that Bessy was to have the 10 from the church instead of her.*

*January 24<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah has been to see how my Uncle Billy was and he told her he had given up the Sexton job for he feels he is not able to do it, so they have made Joseph Aldenby Sexton. My Grandfather was 69 years old when he gave up, and if Uncle had kept it till June he would have been 69 too. And poor old Grandfather lived after he gave up seventeen year.*

*January 26<sup>th</sup> Joseph Aldenby was Sexton first time and our Sarah was there in the afternoon and he made a blunder and no wonder, first time, for it's an out-facing job. He went and opened the reading desk door when they were singing the hymn at middle of prayers.*

*January 29<sup>th</sup> Cousin Tom Smith got his finger end taken of at his work by the machinery,*

*January 30<sup>th</sup> Sister Mary and Elizabeth Frith came from Darnell and brought Frederick Edward with them. Our Polly had been there nearly 4 months. She had never been so long from home since she lost her sight.*

*February 7<sup>th</sup> My Father has been to Rothwell and Mr. Jewison has seringed his ears and now he has come back he can hear as sharp as any body.*

*February 13<sup>th</sup> I have been to Oulton with our Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth and Edward Frith. We set of when we had got our dinner, it being Thursday. I had not been out, not even into my carriage, for 5 months. It's been a fine day and I am glad to say I have got no cold with being out in the night air.*

*February 17<sup>th</sup> Our Bob's have come down bail Boat for Hull and they have brought home a new cage for their bird. We have it here at the Lock. They have given 3/6 for it.*

- February 18<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth and Edward Frith left our house this morning at 6 A.M. for home at Darnall. They had been a fortnight with us.
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> John Abson from Kipax Lock came and he asked me to exchange him one of my hens, so on Monday he sent me one and I sent him my Peggy for her, and she has laid an egg as soon as she got here.
- February 27<sup>th</sup> Dobson Parkinson of Oulton died after a long illness. He was a great man among the odd fellows and was 57 years old.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> Dobson Parkinson was interred at Oulton and a very large body of the Odd fellows all followed him.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> Our Sarah, Bob's wife, and Mary went to their home at Oulton. She had been on board ever since last June and never been at home at all, but made their home here at the Lock when they came up.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Poor Aunt Nancy Metcalf had a very narrow escape of being killed with one of the swans. She had been down towards the Beck and it followed her and knocked her down and paid her to that degree that she could not stir and was black all over nearly. There was a man talking to my Uncle and heard her or it would have killed her outright. It's made her very poorly.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> Cousin Walter Chadwick's wife was confined of a daughter at Wakefield.
- March 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday night we were all set round the fireside when there came a knock at our door, just after 8 o'clock, and who should it be but Joe Cusworth. He had come from Thornes where he had been to see his father who was ill. He has not been here of four years before. We were all glad to see him. He was looking very well.
- March 31<sup>st</sup> Joe went home by the afternoon train.
- April 6<sup>th</sup> Cousin Mary Ann Metcalf and Thomas Rhodes was asked first time at Aberford.
- April 12<sup>th</sup> John Lambert came to the Lock to seek out our Joe but he was down at Goole. He told us he had been 20 years in London.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Cousin Charlotte Denkin went to be servant at Mr. at Wakefield. Mary and our Sarah went with her and it rained all the way as they came home at night. They was nearly lost.
- April 15<sup>th</sup> Our Joe got his boat weighed at Castleford. She is to carry 70 tons.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Francis George Dixon died at the Railway Hotel, Oulton aged 62 years. He has left no will so Smith the Landlord has had the management of all. He was buried at Rothwell on 24<sup>th</sup>. We had Mr. and Frances Shay came from Hull. My mother went with them and they all had tea at Smith's.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> There was the Sloop Conend coming down. When they got about half way betwixt George Ingham's Lock and ours there was a man floating on the water, so they hauled him down and took him out near to this lock and took him to the Boot and Shoe Inn, but no one has owned him. He was about 56 or thereabouts.
- April 26<sup>th</sup> There has been an inquest. They have brought it in found drowned.
- April 27<sup>th</sup> Hannah Barber broke into Dixon's house and took possession, and when she got inside she said this is my house, take it from me who dare.
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah and Poll Denkin started for Aberford. After they were gone William Burnett came up and brought me a cock fowl and made me a present of it. He had bought it at Barnsley.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> Our Joe came up and Bill Shay Parkin and Mary Owen with him. They had come to see about Miss Dixon's property. They went to Leeds and when they got to the Lawer's he was astonished, for Hannah Barber had told him she was all there was

*belonging to him. So he gave them a note for her and when she got home she said there was nothing but trouble for her.*

*On the same day Aberford Church was opened and consecrated by the Bishop of York. In the afternoon there was a confirmation. Mary Anne and George Metcalf were confirmed. It was a fine day and there was a very great congregation all the day.*

*April 30<sup>th</sup> Cousin Mary Ann Metcalf of Aberford was married to Thomas Prudence of the above place and it being the first wedding after the opening of the Church, they were presented by the vicar with a Bible and the curate a prayer book. They had a grand stir. Mr Fox had made them the Breakfast provisions. There was a quarter of lamb, a tongue, a ham, couple of fowls, a piece of beef, besides other things. 2 bottles of wine, one of rum and gin and ale. And a grand stir they had. She was short of 18 years of age and him short of 22, so they are neither of them a very great age. There was 3 couple of them went to church, Sarah Hanah Lowe, and Robert Wesley Fether, and first brides maid Poll Denkin and Charles Prudence, his father the other. And sister Sarah was in the house to get breakfast ready.*

*Mr Popes left Oulton in April from the top of the croft.*

*May 1<sup>st</sup> The Great Exhibition was opened in London. There was a general holliday all over the town.*

*May 3<sup>rd</sup> Doctor Dawson of Swillington died.*

*May 4<sup>th</sup> Our Milly came and her twin children, Rose and Lilly.*

*May 5<sup>th</sup> Robert Stones, policeman, left Mrs Burnett's house, Woodlesford, and went to live at Oulton.*

*May 7<sup>th</sup> Our Bob's came down from Leeds to Fleet with corn and I went with him and there was a great water. We were only about 4 hours. I had not been there since our Milly lived there.*

*May 9<sup>th</sup> John Abbott of Leeds died aged 64.*

*May 12<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah papered our staircase at the lock. It had not been done of 9 years.*

*May 19<sup>th</sup> My sister Milly went home with her twins. She had them a fortnight with us. She took my Mother's old rocking chair.*

*May 20<sup>th</sup> Mary Owen and Frances Waugh came from Hull about Dixon's property and left our house on Friday morning to go home, May 23<sup>rd</sup> having got nothing settled.*

*May 24<sup>th</sup> The paper tells us today that John Wrigglesworth, Edwin's father, was elected on the Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of May for the Tradesman's Society. He was 69 years of age and lives at Hunslet.*

*May 25<sup>th</sup> Harriett Higgins, wife of Jonathan, died and was interred at Oulton aged 46.*

*May 27<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah papered our Bob's. Their staircase at Oulton.*

*May 31<sup>st</sup> Richard Curtis went down with their new Keel first time.*

*June 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles West went down with our Bob's to Hull. He had been the last week and he thought it had done him good.*

*June 4<sup>th</sup> I am this day 28 years of age and my Uncle Billy is 69.*

*June 7<sup>th</sup> James Bilton of Methley was drowned overboard the Ned Noble just out in Ouse at Goole. Mr Bartholomew saw him fall overboard, but the tide was running and he could not be got out. One of his sons put papers out, 1 pound reward for anybody that found him, and he was found at Hook by a woman, laid on the sands, so the*

*tide had floated him down. And they brought him home on the Friday the week following. He was 59 years old.*

*My aunt Bessy Chadwick came from Wakefield as usual, but she was very low for she always had Samuel to look out for on Whit Sunday before, but he had just been dead a year and a week.*

*June 8<sup>th</sup> Whit Sunday, but no outing for me today.*

*June 9<sup>th</sup> Monday. It's a very wet day so I have to feats at Woodlesford Lock again today. Night, there's a balloon just gone over.*

*June 10<sup>th</sup> I have been at Oulton Feast and have been to see my Aunt at the Lodge, and Mr. Hamilton came to me and gave me 6d. to go buy a faring. He never gave me a penny before since to Oulton he came.*

*June 11<sup>th</sup> Emma, daughter of James Hartley, was married at Oulton Church to a man of Hunslet. There was a teetotal tea in Oulton School and a lecture at night. Mr Dobson of Woodlesford gave me 2 shillings beside the Horse Shoes, Oulton.*

*June 17<sup>th</sup> Poor old Mary Robinson died at Oulton. She had lived at Billy Moor's 26 years and is 66 years old.*

*June 18<sup>th</sup> George Collings went to London by the night train. They had telegraphed for him.*

*June 20<sup>th</sup> Mr Clark of Woodlesford died, he had been ill a long time. So Mary Denkin will not get the pound he borrowed of my Uncle.*

*June 21<sup>st</sup> Mr Bentley, a friend of mine, bought me a pipe at Leeds, a very nice one.*

*June 22<sup>nd</sup> Cousin Mary Ann and her husband Thomas Prudence came, the first time since she was married.*

*Old John Winterbottom of Oulton died aged 80 years. Poor old Jonny, he will go no more into Dungeon Lane to Jonathan Satery.*

*June 23<sup>rd</sup> I had 5 cherrys on my tree but they have all blown of. They was the first bloom.*

*June 29<sup>th</sup> Mr Shay came to see us from Barnsley. He had walked from Wakefield. Mother boild him 2 eggs to his tea, and one of them was all white. It had no yoke in. We none of us ever heard tell of such a thing before.*

*Same day, or in the night, old Billy Moor of Oulton had a stroke.*

*June 30<sup>th</sup> They telegraphed to Goole for young William who had gone, as we hear, to get married to Ann, daughter of John Walton.*

*Our Bob was up at Leeds and was delivering some wheat in sacks when one of them flew back, and the chain and the great hook of the crane fell into him and hurt him.*

*Sadly Sister Sarah was on board and saw it done and came down with them.*

*July 1<sup>st</sup> We have got a few lines from our Ann and she tells us her little girl, Mary Ellen, was taken very ill week before last. They thought she was dead twice. She was in convulsions 5 or 6 hours when the doctor got there. He said she had eaten some of them yellow buttercups and they are deadly poison, poor child, she is fond of flowers. They none of them knew she had eaten them, but with great care she got a turn for the better.*

*The Princes Allice was married to Prince Louis of Hese in the dining room of Windsor Castle.*

*July 3<sup>rd</sup> There has been a man from London to put up a new window in Oulton Church in memory of young John, son of John and Ellen Calverley of Oulton Hall. He has been dead 21 years and was 16 years old when he died.*

*July 7<sup>th</sup> Bessy Furguson, Mary Metcalf and her fellow \_\_\_\_ all started for London at half past 10 P.M. and got there at 5 A.M. the next morning. Bessy and our Bob wanted my Mother to go but Father thought she was better at home.*

- July 11<sup>th</sup> Bessy Ferguson and her friends got safe home from London. They had enjoyed themselves very much indeed. They had all been at our Lizzie's.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> William Moor and Ann Walton was married at Wakefield. Her goods was brought up to our Lock the same day in William Abbott's boat.
- July 16<sup>th</sup> They have taken poor old Kidd of Oulton to Wakefield prison. He had been taking up a flag beside his own house, and a man name of Gratton lives next door to them, and he fetched a summons on him and he must either pay or go. So the old man had not money to pay with, he being blind, so he's gone for seven days.
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> Patten Jack has been to Wakefield for poor old Kidd in a donkey cart. Poor old man, he said the time had been very long. He said they had saved him a penny with cutting his hair.
- July 25<sup>th</sup> Tom Harrison's son, Admiral, left their boat at Leeds and set of to Hull together with another lad to go on board a Man of War, but they would not take them unless they had a note from their parents. So Add. went and joined a fishing smack and went out on July 29<sup>th</sup>, but they would not take the other boy so he came up to Leeds with our Joe. Tom went down on July 31<sup>st</sup> and told my father that Add. was to go and take his luck for him.
- July 30<sup>th</sup> Robert Stones, Policeman, left Oulton to go to Holmfirth. Some one had reported him. He did not look after the public houses, they was filling on Sundays during service. They buried their little boy Willie when they had been a week.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Ann Jackson and Porter went to Ilkley with Miss Hall for a month.
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> Our Sarah and Bob's Sarah started from here to Leeds to go to London and my Mother went onto the railway bridge to see them pass about 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and they got safe to London about 6 at night. But Ann and Milly met them at Mosborough and each gave them a parcel so they had a fine lot of things.
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> They went into Petticoat Lane and to Westminster Abbey and St Paul's then on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> the children were poorly, they did not go out on the 6<sup>th</sup>. They went to the Cristal Pallace and the Tower by themselves on the 7<sup>th</sup>, to the Exhibition there. They staid all day.
- August 8<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth and our Sarah went to see poor Eliza Wright and left Bob's Sarah with the children. They were a deal better. They found Eliza well, but her husband was in bed with an absess in his side. They had a long way to go to a place called Belvedere and that ended their sight seeing in London. Then they set of home.
- August 9<sup>th</sup> Got to Mosborough about 3 where they got out and went to Darnall and staid till 11<sup>th</sup>. They went to Treeton, then on Tuesday Bob's Sarah went to Sheffield and they came home on August 14<sup>th</sup>, so they had been nearly a fortnight from home and very much they had got themselves with their trip to London. 8 shillings the fare.
- August 12<sup>th</sup> Mr Scott of Oulton was married at Rothwell Church to Miss Hirst of the same place. It's the one we used to call little Hirst.
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Oulton School feast took place as usual, but our Sarah did not know about it, so neither her nor me got to it.
- August 16<sup>th</sup> Joseph Verity has brought my Father word he is to go to Leeds inspecting the clough that was broken yesterday morning.
- August 19<sup>th</sup> Father has been to see Mr. Bartholomew and he was very cross indeed. He told my father they might as well have a child at the Lock, for he never made any reports 5 o'clock, and you in bed, he said. But he would not have it that we were up till 12 waiting of the Screw at all.
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> George Collings was up and the man that broke the Clough. The man denied all that George said about it, so they are going to have them up at Wakefield. They call him Henry Riley. George said he drew all the 4 cloughs and took his turn and that was how it was broke. So how it will end we don't know.

August 25<sup>th</sup> *There has been a trial at Wakefield and the man Riley has had to pay 3 shillings for breaking the clough. He will mind better now. There is a comet to be seen. My father and Sarah has seen it for the first time tonight, it's tail is upwards.*

August 26<sup>th</sup> *Mrs. Hibbard of Woodlesford died aged 64.*

*Here endeth first part of my book. Edward Metcalf.*

August 30<sup>th</sup> *Mary, wife of William Lee of Oulton, went to John Wilkinson's shop and stole 8 pounds of beef, but he was watching her and saw her take it, for he had suspected her before, and now she was found out he took it from her and the policeman went to take her, but someone was bound £20 for her to appear on Monday, so she went and got 7 days imprisonment.*

September 1<sup>st</sup> *Our Joe started for London at 11 A.M. and got there safe at half past 6 at night, fare 2 shillings, to stay 11 days if he choose.*

September 6<sup>th</sup> *Our Joe left London this morning with little Joseph Wrigglesworth with him. They got to Masborough about half past 4 and to Darnall at 6. The child had been very good all the way.*

September 9<sup>th</sup> *Got our Joe home from Darnall and the dear child had been very poorly while they were at Ann's. I think he had got a bit of cold coming. Joe had enjoyed himself very well both at London and Darnall.*

September 10<sup>th</sup> *Michal Storton and James Barber got very badly hurt at Castleford Lock. They brought Michal home and took him to the Infirmary at Leeds.*

September 13<sup>th</sup> *Our Mary and my nephew, William Metcalf went to Darnall and got safe there by the first train A.M.*

September 18<sup>th</sup> *William came home from Darnall and had enjoyed himself very well. It's the first time he has been from home.*

September 19<sup>th</sup> *My brother Robert was coming up from Hull and had a very narrow escape of being drowned in the tideway near to New Holland. He fell head first overboard and his son Joe just caught him with the boat hook, and Sarah and him held fast to him till the men got to them of the other boats.*

September 21<sup>st</sup> *John Wrigglesworth, his wife and daughter all came to our house to see Joseph, Edwin's dear little boy, and he went to them all as if he had seen them before.*

September 22<sup>nd</sup> *Mrs Collins, wife of Thomas Collins of the White Hart Inn, Woodlesford, died aged 37.*

September 23<sup>rd</sup> *Our Joe went down to Hull and took William Partinton's wage down and was giving it to him in the Lock and betwixt them they dropt £1 overboard, so Joe gave him half a sovereign towards it as they did not know which was to blame.*

September 27<sup>th</sup> *John Longley and Anne Hibberd was married at Oulton Church.*

September 30<sup>th</sup> *I was very poorly being in the scarlet fever. Sister Sarah had to Leeds to go so Mary Denkin came for Joseph Wrigglesworth and kept him all the day, and a very good boy he was.*

October 6<sup>th</sup> *My nephew Joseph Metcalf started from here to Darnall with only a bad heart for he had not been before and he was afraid they would not be there to meet him, but they was. He got safe there.*

October 9<sup>th</sup> *Mrs. West of Oulton died. She had been ill all the summer, but had only took her bed 3 days before she died. She was 46 years of age.*

- October 16<sup>th</sup> Our Mary and Josh Metcalf and Needham Frith all came from Darnall. Mary had been 5 weeks.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> Our Bob went to Wakefield to load grease for Goole and he got his leg sadly hurt with our rolling and jamming his leg against another.
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> It's given out that Miss Calverley of Oulton Hall is to be married in the spring of 63 to her cousin Mr Charles Calverley.
- October 28<sup>th</sup> Mrs Burnell of Oulton died at Churwell at one of her daughter's and was brought to Rothwell to be interred.
- November 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Ann Cassell, daughter of Wood Higgins, died at Oulton. She was 35 years old, and was a schoolmate of our Sarah's.  
James Hibberd and Elizabeth Lee of Woodlesford was married at Rothwell Church.  
The Exhibition has closed at London on the same day.
- November 4<sup>th</sup> Joseph Howson bought that house he lives in and five more in the lane of Mr. Kitchen at a sale in Leeds. Mr Dobson wanted them but Howson bid above him and got them, so now he is a man of property,
- November 5<sup>th</sup> We had a grand fire on the Lock hill. The first fire we have had since we came and it was a grand one too.
- November 13<sup>th</sup> Our Joe and 2 other boats here coming up from Hull towed by the Lasso Gowry and it was very foggy, and when they got opposite the hellear house, she run ashore on the Humber bank betwixt Brough and Weeton Lock, and the pailes run right through her and sunk her. But there was no one drowned and the boats had to wait till another Packet came for them from Hull to bring them to Goole.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> Our Sarah and me went to Oulton School to give notice for my money out of the penny savings Bank I am going to exchange.
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> There has been a robbery at the Air and Calder office last night. They managed to get 8 hundred and twenty pounds. They suspect their post boy and have him in custody. He had £200 about him when found. He was at home under the bed. Has got of. One got 6 years and the other ran away.
- November 25<sup>th</sup> Old John Cusworth of Thornes died aged 75.
- November 28<sup>th</sup> Cousin Joseph Smith died at Leeds aged 33 and was interred at Hunslet Cemetery in my Aunt's grave.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> My sister Amelia and Joseph came here from Wakefield. They had been at the old man's funeral.  
Joe went home to Treeton the same day, but Milly staid.
- December 4<sup>th</sup> John Maykin of Leeds died aged 52 years. He had been in the A. C. Navigation employ for upwards of 42 years. Interred at Woodhouse cemetery.
- December 5<sup>th</sup> Sister Milly left us for home, it being Friday night, and a rough night it was, but she got safe home about 8 o'clock.
- December 9<sup>th</sup> Sarah Ann, daughter of Joseph Verity, died at Swillington Bridge aged 29 and was taken to Ardsley to bury on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- December 12<sup>th</sup> William Cockerham left our Bob at Leeds. He had been twelve week with them.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> Mr. Bentley's men has been with a horse to fetch the old wood home from Woodlesford Lock. The Boathouse blew down last week and it was all in a culvert. I don't know how long it had been up, but it was rotten.
- December 21<sup>st</sup> Lame daughter of Thomas and Charlotte Shaw, and Goddaughter of our Elizabeth and Edwin, died at Oulton aged 9 years. She only began on the Friday night, and died on Sunday of Scalletina, and was interred on Xmas day. Our Sarah gave out a

*hymn and struck the time at the door, for there was no one to do it. And she was such a nice singer, was the child, but she was always so afraid of me.*

*December 22<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Morton's mother died at Richmond and was interred on Xmas day aged 80 years.*

*December 28<sup>th</sup> I went to Oulton and staid all night at our Robert's. Sarah and William were at home and I sat in my carriage all night beside the fire.*

*December 31<sup>st</sup> William Spence went to John Maykin's Fly Boat and John Wilson got his.*

*So now we end up the year of our Lord 1862.  
Edward Metcalf, Woodlesford Lock.*

## 1863

### Partickulars

- January 13<sup>th</sup> Our Joe was at Goole and was watching them cast a piece of iron when a piece flew and struck him over the big toe and hurt him very much.*
- January 24<sup>th</sup> Our poor little canary bird begun in fits and died on the Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>, and our Sarah and little Josey Wrigglesworth buried him down in the field.*
- February 1<sup>st</sup> Joseph Howard sent me a piece of new cover from Goole for my carriage.*
- February 4<sup>th</sup> Our Elizabeth was delivered of a fine girl at 20 minutes to 11 at night at London. E.Davis waits of her.*
- February 7<sup>th</sup> Our Joe threw of his club after being at home 3 weeks. His toe nail has come right of. His boat has had a fresh Captain on board of her while he has been at home.*
- February 9<sup>th</sup> Thomas Barber of Oulton and Stephen Wilkinson of Rothwell is tried at Wakefield for stealing hens belonging to John Farrer of Methley. They both deny it, but we don't know how they will come on. They have been tried. Stephen has got of, but Tom is bound over till Pomfret Sessions. Tom got off too.  
William Cockerham went to serve his time out with a man at Rothwell.*
- February 14<sup>th</sup> We had our doorsteps mended at Woodlesford Lock, and the oven sent over.*
- February 20<sup>th</sup> George Collins has got suspended for a month for fighting one of Shires lads.*
- February 21<sup>st</sup> Franky Dixon's property is advertised for the first time today in the Leeds Mercury.*
- February 25<sup>th</sup> Mr Oddy's paper mill got a fire about 9 o'clock at night and they had it all out before 12, with Mr Bentley's engine playing. It's the second time it's been on fire since we came to Woodlesford Lock.*
- February 28<sup>th</sup> Old Sarah Kidd of Oulton died aged 80.*
- March 10<sup>th</sup> Prince of Wales' wedding day. I went to Oulton for there was a tea and I got mine and a good wet shirt, for it rained hard all the time. There was 300 and fifty children sat down to tea and buns.*
- March 13<sup>th</sup> We got a letter from sister Ann and she tells us Needham has gone prentice. He is to go a year for nothing. He has been a month.*
- March 14<sup>th</sup> Mary Goodhall of Woodlesford died at the good old age of 97. Poor Joe's mother.*
- March 29<sup>th</sup> Milthorp Maude Esquire died at Nosthrop aged 85. He was the last of the old stock of Masters belonging to the A. C. N. Company my father remembers.*
- April 4<sup>th</sup> John Walker of Oulton, oldest son of Benjamin Walker, was married at Holbeck. An old mate of mine.*
- April 6<sup>th</sup> My sister Amelia was confined of a fine boy, it being Easter Monday, about a quarter past 4 in the afternoon at Treeton. This makes 6 born at Treeton.*

- April 9<sup>th</sup> George Woodhead and Hannah Rhodes was married at Oulton. He was an old chap of Polly Denkin's.
- April 16<sup>th</sup> John Bramley died aged 60. He had worked at Mr. Bentley's brewery, Oulton, above 30 years and was the Night Man 28 years. They lived at the gates of the yard, Oulton.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Sister Sarah papered our room at Woodlesford Lock. It took about 8 lengths.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Miss Fanny Bell was married at Rothwell to Shepley Hemingway. There was a grand stir made.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Thomas Rimington of Oulton died in Wakefield Asylum where he had been 6 years. They brought him home to bury. He was 43 years old.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Johny Barber of Oulton died.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Booth of Woodlesford and William Nield was married at Leeds. She is 63 and him about 70.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> Violet Maude, daughter of Henry and Mrs. Bentley, Eshald House, Oulton died aged 19 months, and intered at Oulton on the top of his mother.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> Henry Morton sent down to Hull with our Robert. He had not been away without his father or mother before in his life.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Emma Banks and George Nichols was married at Oulton Church.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> George Kendal of Shipley was laid in Leeds cut and some time during the night their boat sunk and 3 of their children were drowned, and him and his wife and one lad was saved. They was loaded with stones. It's not an old boat either.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Our Robert started for Treeton to stand for Milly's child and it turned out a wet day.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> He came home and brought with him Elizabeth Cusworth, and his Sarah was so poorly as to have the doctor. With grief, I suppose, because he had spoiled his new coat, and the lads had too at home it was so wet and Bob forgot his umbrella.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> Mr Casson left the Woodlesford Station.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Edwin came from London, it being the day before Whit Sunday, and Aunt Bessy came too.
- May 25<sup>th</sup> I have heard tell of my old friend, Tom Abson, being at Oulton feast, but I did not get to see him again.
- May 27<sup>th</sup> Edwin went back to London and took with him our dear little Josey. He had been here 9 months. My sister Sarah and Aunt Bessy went to Leeds to send them of, and the dear child made all sing again for his Aunt Sarah when the train started. He paid 10 shillings far
- May 30<sup>th</sup> Joseph Frith was 21 and loose of his apprenticeship at Sheffield.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> I am nine and twenty years old this day.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Mr. Charles Calverley was married to Miss Calverley of Oulton, and a grand stir there was. There never was such a village and Church since it was built. Scholars and teachers had a tea the day after up at the Hall. I was there both the days. Got my tea in the Park.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Cousin Jane Wilson had a boy scalded to death at Leeds, about 3 years old, at a hot water tap.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Prudence was over at Woodlesford from Aberford with a lot of cricket players and he went to Mary Denkin's and told her that cousin Mary Ann was confined of a son on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. They call him Charles Metcalf Prudence.
- July Jane Smally was married at York.

- July 7<sup>th</sup> My sister Milly came over from Treeton and her baby, Bob Ned with her.
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Old Mrs. Hebden died at Kid Hall, Leeds. She was Aunt to Mr Blacklock where our Milly used to live, and Milly was there at the time of her death. She was seventy four.
- July Mary Ann Wright of Oulton died in Scotland. She was married and lived there. She has left 5 children and the last one is dead. She was an old companion of sister Sarah's.
- July 31<sup>st</sup> Ann Parkin had her little girl shot at by George West of Oulton. Just 6 year before their boy was shot by Joseph Flockton. Both in the face, but neither time was anything but powder.
- August 10<sup>th</sup> Mr. Sewill of Treeton died very suddenly at Masborough Station. He had booked for Leeds and fell down and died directly aged 70.
- August 18<sup>th</sup> Mary, wife of John Gowen, died at Leeds aged 50. She had been ill for a long time. She was took to Ripon to bury.
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> My sister Elizabeth came from London with her 4 bairns, and Polly Lee with her. They left London at 10 A.M. and got in to Leeds just after 3. Polly had been 2 years with them.
- August 24<sup>th</sup> Poor old Jonny Davy went to the Wakefield Union, it being Monday, and 29<sup>th</sup> he died, it being Saturday. So he had not a very long stay with them. He was 63 years old.
- August 28<sup>th</sup> Doctor Nowel was turned out of the odd men's club and Mr Jewison made Doctor.
- August 31<sup>st</sup> Brother Joe has been at Wakefield and brought word of Aunt Bessy Chadwick went into Scotland a week today since and staid 13 week.
- September 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. George Bentley left Woodlesford for Hunslet and I have lost a good friend.
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Ann Cockerham has had smallpox. They are very much stirring in Oulton.
- September 4<sup>th</sup> Mr. John Farrer of Oulton died aged 57. He was organist at the church upwards of 30 years, and was Steward for Mr. Calverley at the time of his death.
- September 7<sup>th</sup> My sister Elizabeth started from here to Woodhouse Mill for Darnall to see Anne with 2 of her children, Johny and baby Martha, and a very rough morning it was, wind and rainy.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> John Forest of Oulton died of smallpox aged 20.
- September 15<sup>th</sup> Our Lizzie came home from Darnall and she brings word that Frith is blind of one eye and nearly of the other.  
Anne Forrest of Oulton, sister to John, died of smallpox. Very bad cases. She was 17, and neither of them was taken into the church.
- September 21<sup>st</sup> Sister Elizabeth went from here to Leeds with her 3 children to go by an excursion train to London. They left Leeds at 12 P.M. and was at their own home by half past 6 at night. She left us her little girl Mary Elizabeth.
- September 29<sup>th</sup> There is another of Henry Forest children and a grandchild dead, so that makes in all 4 of them in a fortnight.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> I have been as far as Temple Newsome Lodge, but they would not admit me for the woman said I was not right, but I gave that to understand I was as right as her. She begged my pardon before I left her. Jim Flockton took me. If I did not get in it was a out for me.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> Sister Ann Frith's are leaving Darnall for Fullwood near Sheffield. I don't know what sort of a place it is, but it's called Sunny Bank Cottage.

*October 17<sup>th</sup> Cousin Bessy Haigh of Brotherton Lock died aged 78. Mr Shay's oldest sister.*

*October 23<sup>rd</sup> John Crook of Oulton died aged 60.*

*October 27<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah got a letter from Aunt Bessy from Glasgow.*

*October 31<sup>st</sup> Joseph Dews of Goole died. He was turned of 70 years old.*

*November 8<sup>th</sup> There was a coal boat sunk in our lock, it being about 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, and a sad day it was for us for there was no rest here for they were at it till 9 at night, and then they got her up and out of the Lock, and it was 12 before father could go to bed. She belonged to Mr. Shaw of the Golden Lion Inn, Hunslet.*

*November 9<sup>th</sup> Henry Morton went to Castleford to his brother John's. He is the sole Master now he has bought all the place about 6 months since. He gave a thousand pounds for it.*

*November 10<sup>th</sup> Thomas Robinson died, of Oulton, aged 70 years. Poor Jessie is a widow.*

*November 22<sup>nd</sup> Poor old Mary Brear of Oulton had a slight stroke this morning at Sarah Kidd's.*

*November 25<sup>th</sup> Some ill disposed person or other has stolen poor old Martha Brook's sign down at Oulton. What could be their motive I don't know, for she has had it up ever since I can tell. It has grieved poor old Matty.*

*November 30<sup>th</sup> Our Mary has gone to Hunslet to stop a week at my old friend Mr Doulton's.*

*December 1<sup>st</sup> Our Screw came down at 1 A.M. this morning and brought us a paper to post up that every vesel are to shew a light from dark to light in the morning so as they can be seen by each other.*

*December 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fred Bentley was married at London to a Miss Ennis of Scotland, and he has taken her name. It's now Bentley Ennis because she is an heiress and has an estate.*

*December 6<sup>th</sup> Ned Hutchinson of Woodlesfield died of smallpox. He has left a wife and 5 children. He was 39.*

*December 7<sup>th</sup> Mrs Bentley of Hunslet has had our Mary to Doctor Teal of Leeds for him to look at her eyes, but he said he could not do anything for her. If ever she got her sight again it would come of itself, but it would be by chance.*

*December 12<sup>th</sup> Tom Todd has a Barber's Pole out of the door at Frank Dickinson's house at Oulton.*

*December 15<sup>th</sup> Poor old Mary Grime of Oulton is dead. She was 85 years old and was our Mary's Godmother.*

*December 19<sup>th</sup> Cousin Sarah Metcalf was confined of a son at Oulton. Christened at Rothwell William Day. William Day Metcalf a bad young devil.*

*December 24<sup>th</sup> Cousin Charlotte Denkin came home poorly from Wakefield of Rhumatic.*

*Benjamin Mathewman died November 14<sup>th</sup> 1863 aged 78. Uncle Billy's old Master at Selby.*

*December 28<sup>th</sup> Joseph Frith came.*

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*January 2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Frith went home, it being Saturday night. He had been a few days at the Lock.*

*January 14<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Hawley died aged 78, Frith's Aunt. She died at London.*

*January 19<sup>th</sup> Ansom Simpson died at Castleford. He went to Wood Nook Lock when my father left, and from there to Castleford where he died aged 65.*

*January 20<sup>th</sup> My nephew William Metcalf went Mate to John Tarpin at Hull first with he stopt a week.*

*January 21<sup>st</sup> Sam Cusworth died at Thornes very sudden. He had hurt himself with lifting a great weight. He was 28 years old and left a wife and 3 children. Joe and Milly*

- came to his funeral, and Milly fell and hurt herself over her knee and is very lame now she has got here.
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> Michal Flockton and his men have finished paving the pavement on our Lock Hill. They have just been five weeks over it.
- January 27<sup>th</sup> Wood Higgins' men are altering Ann Abson and Benjamin Walker houses at Oulton.
- January 29<sup>th</sup> Sister Milly left us. She went to Masborough and Joe met her there with a cart for she was very lame.
- February 4<sup>th</sup> Bessy Parkin, John Moore's daughter, of Oulton died at Rhodes Green aged 49.
- February 10<sup>th</sup> Cousin Mary Denkin was vaccinated by Henderson.
- February 12<sup>th</sup> Henry Forrest died at Oulton aged 46.
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Mother has been at Oulton and brought us a fine tale. Mr Wood Higgins has been in a bad house and had his watch taken from him at Leeds.
- February 20<sup>th</sup> William, son of Tom Whitehead, and Jane Stead married. Same day James Barber's wife died at Oulton aged 31.
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> Johny Moor of Oulton died aged 79 and he was interred on the 25, just 15 years after his wife that day.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Air and Calder New Laws. The gates was closed at 3 on Saturday and 4 on other days. I hope they will stick to them.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> Robert, son of Robert Flint of Oulton, fell down in a fit while at work at Goole and died. He was interred at Wakefield. 54 years old.
- March 12<sup>th</sup> Bradfield Dam burst 8 miles above Sheffield and killed and drowned a deal of people. I should say the numbers will never be known. It was 6 feet deep, was the water in Sheffield streets. It just missed Frith's property in the water.
- March 19<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah and Mary Denkin went to Aberford and walked both ways, it being Good Friday.
- March 21<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday. All was covered with snow. I did not see a soul all the day out of the door.
- March 28<sup>th</sup> Mr. Robert Farrer, corn miller of Oulton, died aged 64 years. Same day Mr. Bentley's little girl died aged 6, the second girl, Maria Edith.
- March 29<sup>th</sup> The foundation stone for the Leeds new Infirmary was laid, it being Easter Monday.
- March 31<sup>st</sup> Sister Sarah has been at Leeds and they asked after my father in the Office, and she told them he was rather better. So they said we had had a man all the month and there was only a fortnight allowed, so they would have to stop the wage for the man. So they gave her 1 pound 14 shillings and 8d. and kept 1 pound 12 for the man.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Hopton died at Leeds. Ann Curtain left home for Stockton. She has gone to live with the Moorhouses of Londonderry.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> John Smith, my Uncle's oldest brother, died at Pontefract aged 72 years.
- April 5<sup>th</sup> Mr. Stewart Calverley got a son at London.
- April 7<sup>th</sup> Mary Blacklock got a letter to say that it was supposed her brother Ben was lost at sea as they had not been heard of since the beginning of March.
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Michal Smith is dead, of Lakes. He died at Foxholes Lock.
- April 11<sup>th</sup> My nephew Joseph came to be lock keeper for my father.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> All Robert Farrer's men were paid of, he having left them in such debt they were obliged to give up the Mill at Fleet.

- April 26<sup>th</sup> Henry Morton went down with our Joe to Hull, and Sarah, his mother, underwent an Operation on the same day. She had 4 doctors with her.
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Our Bob has come up with his boat from Hull with William Cowman on board. He had brought his wife up. She got drowned on the 26<sup>th</sup>, but they did not know how, no one having seen her. She was 43 years old. He took her to Skipton.
- April My sister Sarah has been to look into our old house at Oulton, for they having got the back door made up, it did not look like the same house. She had not been inside the gate since we left it, and if she had staid a few days longer, it would have been 11 years.
- April 30<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah called to see John Gowan and a stranger opened her the door, but it was his second wife. They had been married 8 weeks.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Bramham left Knostrop Lock.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Ben Walker and Agness Braithwaite was married at Rothwell, it Whitsuntide. Same day our Anne came from Sheffield with her little girl, Mary Ellen. She had not been for three years before.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Our Bob has come up from Goole with Thomas Pilkington's goods. He is going to live at Knostrop Lock.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Sister Anne went home to Fullwood and took Mary with her.
- May 27<sup>th</sup> They have pulled old Peggy Law's house down. John Ingham and family have gone into Mr Oddy's Coach house which he has made very comfortable for them till their new house is built.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> Old John Hartley of Woodlesford died aged 73.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> Mary Rickett Sharp came from Rotherham, it being my birthday, I was 30. She had not been of 7 years.
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Joseph Verity had some kind of a fit up by George Ingham's and they got him down as far as the paper mill and then took him home on one of their hand carts. Thomas Shaw is doing his duty.
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Captain Wood of Woodlesford died aged 62.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> Foundation stone was laid for the new house of Mr. Oddy's for John Ingham beer house.
- June 19<sup>th</sup> I went to Methley Church. My nephew Joe and Bill Walker took me. We went down Farrer Lane and over Oulton Stiles. They lifted my carriage over.
- June 20<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Denkin went to Askern. Mary went with her and staid one night with her. They gave her a recommendation at Odd Fellows Lodge, Woodleford.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> My father threw of his clubs he had been on 17 weeks and 4 days, and out of that we had my nephew Joseph with us eleven weeks and a few days.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> Porter Jackson went to Hallifax School.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Henry Frith went prentice to Sheffield.
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Cousin Charlotte Denkin came home from Askern and was no better but worse.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Titus Crowther died at Woodlesford.
- July 16<sup>th</sup> Joseph Verity of Swillington Bridge died aged 60 years. He is the 5<sup>th</sup> buried out of that house since he came to this Lock eleven years.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> Old William Moore Farmer of Oulton, died aged 83 years. He was intered at Rothwell.
- July 18<sup>th</sup> My nephew William Metcalf has been to Mr. Jewison with his eye, and he says if he does not mind he will lose it. He has had it bad 10 weeks.

- July 19<sup>th</sup> Same day Martha Leak of Oulton was married at Oulton.  
 Cousin Mary Denkin went to Ripon.  
 July 21<sup>st</sup> James Harrison of Oulton died aged 67.  
 July 23<sup>rd</sup> Cousin Charlotte Denkin went to a Doctor at York. One of Mr. Oddy's servants went with her. He could not tell her that he could cure her.  
 July 28<sup>th</sup> The odd fellows had a Wakefield trial with Mr. Nowel, and he beat them, and they have to pay him a year's pay instead of half a year.  
 July 30<sup>th</sup> It's published today that Mr. Lazenby has passed his examination as a Doctor in June last.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs. Verity has left Swillington Bridge house and gone to Eardsley.  
 We had our clock cleaned the same day.  
 August 2<sup>nd</sup> My mother started from here to go to Sheffield and Fullwood, and Elizabeth met her at Swinton Station and went home with her.  
 Mr. Bottomley and family left Woodlesford to go into America. They took 5 children and left one.  
 August 3<sup>rd</sup> Our Bob's came up, first time after being turning 3 weeks and a few days. They got a dog kenel at the time.  
 August 6<sup>th</sup> Our Joe has come from Hull and told us Lavinia Shay has got married again to a fisherman. Also that our Bob has got a new watch and guard.  
 There is fine to do in Leeds for the Judge comes there for the first time today.  
 August 7<sup>th</sup> James Barber is married. She is a stranger.  
 August 8<sup>th</sup> Thomas Shaw entered the house of the late Joseph Verity at Swillington Bridge.  
 August 15<sup>th</sup> Mother and sister Mary came home from Fullwood. Mary had been 12 weeks and mother 2 at Frith's.  
 August 22<sup>nd</sup> Sister Sarah started for London and took the child with her, Mary Elizabeth, then staid there till Thursday, then came back again 25<sup>th</sup>. They were 4 days from here, a short stay for them.
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> Oulton School feast and it was such a wet day they had no play for the children.  
 September 3<sup>rd</sup> Old Mary Hartley of Woodlesford died aged 77.  
 September 8<sup>th</sup> Poor old Bessy Baily got her discharge from the Horseshoes, so she had not a long stay after the death of old James Harrison.  
 September 10<sup>th</sup> Joseph Myers and Sargison was hung at Armley Gaol, the first that ever was hung at Leeds, and let us hope the last.  
 September 18<sup>th</sup> My sister Amelia came from Treeton with 2 children, Amelia and Robert Edward, and went back on 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
 September 24<sup>th</sup> Leeds Banking Company was broke up.  
 September 29<sup>th</sup> John Morley of Oulton died aged 41 years.
- October 1<sup>st</sup> Our Sarah took back the ham our Joe had bought of a man named Wheatley. She met him at Thomas Collins, Woodlesford, and he took it back and returned her the money, for it was bad. We had it about a month before cutting into it. She paid 27 shillings for it and got 25/10 back.  
 October 5<sup>th</sup> Miss Farrer of Oulton was married to Mr. Mason.  
 John, son of Mark Davey of Oulton, died aged 47.  
 October 8<sup>th</sup> John Hartley and Easter Atic of Woodlesford was married at Leeds.  
 October 9<sup>th</sup> Old Mary Harrison died at Oulton aged 81 years.

- October 11<sup>th</sup> My father had a gate collar broke about 8 o'clock at night. Our Sarah fetched Tom Shaw and the Screw came down at half past 9, and all the men were throng with it till 1 o'clock A.M.. Then they got the gate shut and the Screw with our Bob got through, and it was past 1 when my father and John Shaw came in.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> Maria Flockton or Oulton died aged 48.  
Also on the same day, George, son of Hannah Hutchinson of Oulton, aged 78.  
Oulton bell has gone 3 times today.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> John Woodcock of Oulton died aged 45. He had been in Oulton 28 years.
- October 18<sup>th</sup> Thomas Metcalf of Swillington and Eliza Mathews was married at Swillington.
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> My sister Elizabeth was safely delivered of a fine son at half past 11, it being Sunday night  
Ann Davis Curtain's at hers.
- October 24<sup>th</sup> We have heard they are intering Medly Burton of Rothwell today.
- October 25<sup>th</sup> Our Joe had liked to have his boat sunk at Kipax Lock. She got her head under the gate and they had all the cloughs drawn. The water was running into the forecastle.  
William Cockerham of Oulton died of brain fever aged 20 years. He was only ill 3 weeks. He helped to build the new Boot and Shoe Inn at Woodlesford.
- October 26<sup>th</sup> Thomas Hirst, Mrs Burnet's nephew, came on Furlough from London. He had been in Canada 6 months.
- October 31<sup>st</sup> James Hesker of Leeds went to Wood Nook Lock.
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> Our Sarah has been to Leeds with Mrs. Burnett to Mr. Tom Teal with her eyes, but he gave her only poor hopes, one was entirely gone.
- November 7<sup>th</sup> My aunt Martha Metcalf died aged 68, and intered on the 9<sup>th</sup> at Oulton.  
Cousin Walter Chadwick's daughter Anne died at Wakefield aged 2 years and seven months.
- November 9<sup>th</sup> Mary, daughter of Samuel Armitage of Oulton, died aged 38 of Typhus fever.  
On same day Dudley Walker, son of the Calverley guidance, aged 10.
- November 10<sup>th</sup> My father has just come in and told us that Henry Ploughman died yesterday. He was a coal man, 56.
- November 14<sup>th</sup> Mr Bartholomew came to look round with Mr. Shaw.  
Ben Smith of Oulton died aged 58. My Uncle's brother.
- November 16<sup>th</sup> A little girl, sister to the above Dudley Walker, died aged 8.
- November 19<sup>th</sup> Poor Bill Morley of Oulton died at Harrigate aged 4. He was at John's funeral in September.
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Joseph Forrest's wife of Oulton died of Scarlet Ena. She was confined on Thursday, the fever took her on Friday, she died Sunday. She was only 23 and left 3 children.
- November 21<sup>st</sup> There has news come that Jim Barber's wife has set off and left him and not before the time.
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> William Rodes of Oulton died aged 49.
- November 24<sup>th</sup> There has been a County Court trial at Wakefield with the Odd fellows William Kay of Oulton being the complainant wanting his sick pay and would not have Mr Jewison sign his note but, however, he lost the day.
- November 26<sup>th</sup> Mother has been at Oulton and Uncle Billy told her Mr Jewison is not going to take pay of those men in the new delight that's in the odd fellows.
- November 28<sup>th</sup> Thwaite Lock was begun to be lengthened November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> Old Mrs Wildblood of Oulton died aged 74,

- December 4<sup>th</sup> There was 3 funerals at Oulton today, all children.
- December 5<sup>th</sup> Father was summonsed to Odd fellows for arbitration with Doctor Nowel and Falkenham's wife.
- December 6<sup>th</sup> Alfred Mirfin died at Leeds Lock aged 44.
- December 7<sup>th</sup> John Ingham opened the new Boot and Shoe Inn at Woodlesford. Thomas Benton of Methley built it.
- December 8<sup>th</sup> Our Joe came down this morning and told us that William Whitehead had sent us our meat on Saturday night as usual. Sam, his prentice, gave it to a man on board George Colling's Screw, but they did not bring us it. George said he had not seen it. That would be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of this month. They had since sent any. He also told us he had pulled out a young woman at Thwait. He was laid on the Locker and heard her fall in and got her out alive and took her to Thwaite Mill house where she lived.
- December 11<sup>th</sup> James Morton has been here and told us they had had a robbery at their house. He said Mr. Edward Calverley gave George Cockerham a coat and Sarah had been lining it and gone into Ben Smith's and when she came back it was gone and they did not know how.
- December 12<sup>th</sup> Cousin Charlotte Denkin went to Fulwood.
- December 13<sup>th</sup> Frank Armitage died at Clump Cliff, Oulton aged 47 years, just a month after his sister Mary.  
New windows have been put round the altar at Oulton Church.
- December 17<sup>th</sup> Mr Dwerryhouse was made President of New delight. Ben Smith held that Office from the first up to the time of his death.
- December 24<sup>th</sup> There was a summond meeting at the odd fellows about all their sick pay and Nowell sent in his resigning.
- December 25<sup>th</sup> Xmas day. Sister Elizabeth and Edwin christened 2 of their children Martha Metcalf and Edwin Charles William at Islington Church, London. Martha was a year and half old.
- December 26<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Combs was found dead in her bed at Woodlesford. She was 48 years old and had been poorly a day or 2.
- December 28<sup>th</sup> Our Joe and Mr. Herdsman, 'Knocker off', had a few words and he went and reported Joe to Mr. Hodgson. So he told Joe he should suspend him for a month, but he said he would leave altogether first and so he did same day.

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- January 2<sup>nd</sup> George Burwell of Oulton and Sarah Ann Spencer was married at Leeds Parish Church.
- January 3<sup>rd</sup> The new laws came to Woodlesford Lock.
- January 4<sup>th</sup> Brother Joe went to Fullwood to Anne's. He staid a week.
- January 7<sup>th</sup> Margaret Harrand of Oulton died aged 55.
- January 8<sup>th</sup> The water was drawn off to put in new sills to our low gates. There was 40 men working. They found 10 shillings at the bottom. They commenced at 12 o'clock on Saturday night and finished about 9 on Sunday night. W.H.Bartholomew Esquire was there too.
- January 9<sup>th</sup> Mr. Barman left Swillington Bridge bar and went to Hunslet Moor bar.
- January 11<sup>th</sup> We had a new gate strap put on our top gate at Woodlesford Lock. It had laid here a year.
- January 14<sup>th</sup> Brother Joe and John Harrison of Oulton went to Leeds to transact a little business.

- January 24<sup>th</sup> Brother Joe went to Leeds to go on board his boat again after being away a month. They went down loaded for Hull the same night. William Cowman had been with her from Sheffield the same day. Miss Frith sat for his portrait.
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Corbutt's wife died at Hull.
- January 26<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Bentley had all the widows in Oulton and Woodlesford at their house to tea, it being her birthday, and gave them each a 2lb. of tea and ½lb. sugar. There was in all five and thirty at Ashaldwell House.
- January 29<sup>th</sup> John Simpson died at Ferry Bridge very sudden aged 49. Intered on the 31<sup>st</sup> at Fryston.
- February 7<sup>th</sup> Admiral Brear came from London, he had been 2 months at Mr. Scott's at Oulton House, London.
- February 14<sup>th</sup> My nephews William and Joseph Metcalf got their ears boxed at Goole for the good of it.
- February 17<sup>th</sup> Sarah Walton of Woodlesford died.
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> There was a fine to do at Leeds owing to Doctor Chorley and his 2 pound of dripping. He had put his cook, Eliza Stafford, into Armley Jail a month for giving the bit of drip to someone. This was when she came out she got a deal of money subscribed and given to her and they had to call the soldiers to quell mob. She was a woman of 54 years of age. There was a man lamed and imprisoned over it.
- February 25<sup>th</sup> John Sutcliff went down for the last time with the Fly Boat loaded for Hull, and left when he got down.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> We have had the Clenser at Woodlesford Lock tail 2 days. She had been at the Bridge a week or 10 days previous to coming here.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Brother Joe was crossing over a ship at Hull and fell into hold and hurt his leg, grazing it all down against a piece of iron.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> The Screw was coming down and it was moonlight and they had not the Bridge turned off at Bullocks, and the Screw run into it and broke it, knocking the old woman down. It was George Collins' Screw, but he was ill at home.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> Brother Frith died of a cancer in his mouth. He had been ill with it about 2 years. It cut a hole in his chin larger than his mouth, and he bled to death laid on poor Charlotte Denkin's shoulder. No one but her and Anne with him, but he went without a struggle aged 58. They had been married a year within a month. Sister Sarah went there March 11<sup>th</sup> and they intered him on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and March 16<sup>th</sup> she left there for Treeton and came home on Friday night, 17<sup>th</sup>. (Intered at Fulwood.)
- March 26<sup>th</sup> Jack Harrison sent us half a pig for Joe. It weighed 12 stone.
- March 29<sup>th</sup> Bill Abbott had come and told us his Mate had got drowned at New Bridge. John Millner his name.
- March 31<sup>st</sup> Tom, son of William Bradley, died at Oulton aged five years and 10 months.
- April 5<sup>th</sup> Brother Robert has thrown out of the Ark at Woodlesford because they fined so heavy.
- April 8<sup>th</sup> Mother has found Miss Garth's death in the paper at Halton. She was 54 years old.
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Father got a bill to post for a caution to the Boatmen for William Binks had stopt our Lock nearly an hour and had to pay 20 shillings on the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- April 11<sup>th</sup> John, son of John Maykin of Leeds, died aged 18 years.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> Aunt Bessy came from Wakefield, it being Easter, as she is going to Glasgow again latter end of this month.

- April 15<sup>th</sup> Joseph Sharp of Oulton died aged 60.  
My nephew William Metcalf went to Mr. Nunegley of Leeds with his eyes, and he says he can do him good only he must be careful.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> The new Fly Boat called the Hebble went up first time, John Crowther Master.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Our Sarah has brought word from Oulton that a lad of Joe Mirfin's and Bill Clarkson's lad has been caught stealing pigeons at Factory house. And when she got home she pulled a child of Henry Walton's out of the cut and saved him from being drowned.
- April 24<sup>th</sup> William Moor of Oulton had a sale of all his farming stock. I bought 3 hens.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> Our Joe has gone down and said he was going to leave his boat and going into America.
- April 26<sup>th</sup> Our Joe took charge of a new Fly Boat at Goole and William Abbott gone to his.
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Hannah Hutchinson of Oulton died aged 66 years.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> Joseph Robinson went to Hull with our Bob.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> Our Joe came up first time with the Fly Boat Calder from Goole, loaded with loose bark, it being Saturday. And at night my nephew William was proposed at the Odd Fellows Lodge, Oulton.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Leak of Oulton had a sale and left the Old Masons Arms, and Mr. King entered it. He was Mr. Calverley's Coachman.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Our Joe went down first time.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> I went to Our Bob's door at Oulton for the first time of 2 year all but a month.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Our Mary has just finished me a Gurnsy smock. It has cost her 7/6 and I have bought her a black shawl for knitting it. One pound 7 shillings in all.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Bessy Furguson has been with Ned Sharp to fetch the music. He had bought it of them and given them a pound for it.
- May 27<sup>th</sup> My nephew William Metcalf was made an odd man at Oulton in the Amacitia 5 shillings
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Ann came from Fullwood and brought Freddy with her. It was a very wet day and they both got cold.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> John Rickett died at Rotherham aged 66 years. He had been ill for 10 years.  
Sister Ann and Sarah went to Rothwell to Mr. Jewison's to get father's discharge after being on his clubs 5 weeks.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> Sister Amelia came from Treeton with Rose, it being Whit Sunday and Sam 31.
- June 5<sup>th</sup> Brother Joe went down to Castleford with his new boat to get weighed. 75 tons.  
There was a break down with Cock Boat at Oulton feast, at least the boats that run round. One man died and lots of children were hurt. The first accident that ever I knew at feast.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> Sister Anne has taken ill and had to have Mr. Jewison, and he charged her 10/6.
- June 10<sup>th</sup> My nephew William went to Mr. Nowell with his eye, and he said he would do. He paid £1:1:0.
- June 20<sup>th</sup> Our Joe has come up and told us that Mr. Ibbottson was dead, Billy Shay trustee.
- June 21<sup>st</sup> Our Sarah has been here for the first time of 2 years. Sister Anne went home with Freddy to Fullwood, she had been 3 weeks with us.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> Mrs. Carter's little girl, Amelia, died at Hunslet aged 3 years and 3 months.  
Squire Greenwood went to London on a trip to sing at Christal Pallace and was at our Lizzie's by 10 past 4 in the morning.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> Our Bob came here today first time for 2 years.

- July 1<sup>st</sup> Our Joe sailed down here first time with his new boat.
- July 5<sup>th</sup> William Cowman has gone up with John Tasker and his goods on board. He has come from Castleford to Leeds Lock.  
Jack Turpin's boat, the Fly, has gone down with a man on board called John Thompson. Turpin has got suspended for being drunk.
- July 6<sup>th</sup> Our Sarah has been at Leeds and Joe was up and he told her Curtis had got his shoulder put out the night before.
- July 8<sup>th</sup> Woodlesford Lock was stoped at 6 o'clock P.M. untill Monday, and both the low gates taken out and taken to Swillington Bridge to be repaired. Old George Ingham had low sills put in too.
- July 14<sup>th</sup> We had a new gates \_\_\_ put on for up gate.
- July 15<sup>th</sup> My sister Lizzie and all her family left London at 10 A.M. and got into Leeds at half past 5 P.M., where sister Sarah was to meet them and they came by the last train at night. They had set all their things of by the Packet to Goole, and they got to Woodlesford on Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> by our Bob from Goole. Edwin has gone to work at Leeds and we are having them all till they can meet with a cottage.
- July 16<sup>th</sup> We have got a letter from sister Anne and she says she has been at Treeton and Joe and Milly had left Mr. Watkins and he was working for Hopswood. He had been at Watkins 14 years and a half. They had gone to Boa hill.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> Brother Robert went down from Leeds loaded with machinery for Grimsby. The first time he has been with the fly Humber.
- July 19<sup>th</sup> Betty, wife of George Ingham, died aged 62 years.
- July 21<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth and Emma Harrison got their money, and their father had been dead 12 months. He left each £50.
- July 26<sup>th</sup> Robert Whitehead of Woodlesford died aged 60 years, and was intered at Oulton.
- July 28<sup>th</sup> Cousin Charlotte Denkin came home from Fullwood. She had been with sister Ann 7 months.
- July 31<sup>st</sup> I have been at Oulton and they are putting a town pump down beside Fleet Lane end. The water is to be carried from H. Wrigglesworth's quarry.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> Our Bob has gone to Bradford for first time with the Fly Boat Ouse. Sarah went too.
- August 4<sup>th</sup> Our Joe and Issabella Burwell was married at Leeds. A rum wedding too.
- August 5<sup>th</sup> Young Samuel Armatage died at Smeaton. He had been ill a long time. Aged 41.
- August 11<sup>th</sup> Mother went to Hannah Bell of Methley with her bad finger. Sister Sarah went with her.
- August 14<sup>th</sup> E. Wrigglesworth went to Castleford on trial.  
Same day Sister Anne and Needham came by a trip.
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Mother fell down stairs and shook and bruised herself badly at ½ past 5 in the morning.
- August 18<sup>th</sup> George Collins' Screw No.2 was coming up and when at Allerton Boat a tube burst and the fire man was badly scalded. When they got to Fleet they took him to Leeds in Bleasby's light cart to the Infirmary, it being in the morning, and he died at 4 in the afternoon. Our Joe helped to carry him in. He came from Huddersfield and was 44 years old. His own neglect.
- August 18<sup>th</sup> Sister Bella went to Batley.  
Same day Ned Whittaker was summoned to Wakefield by Ann Perkin at Oulton. She said he had taken liberties with her and it cost Ned above 3 pounds.  
On the same day was the School feast at Oulton Hall.

- August 19<sup>th</sup> My nephew William went to Fullwood, staid a week.
- August 24<sup>th</sup> I went down to Goole with our Bob, it being Thursday night, and we came up on Friday night. I was sat on deck all the time, they made me a house that Jack built. I enjoyed it very much. Sarah was on board.
- August 25<sup>th</sup> Our Joe went to Batley to see Bella and he called to see Mrs. Booth, late Hewitt.
- September 1<sup>st</sup> Charles Cockerham and Jane Harrand married.
- September 4<sup>th</sup> Sister Elizabeth got dining table of E.Ferguson.  
Same day they finished painting our house at Woodlesford Lock.
- September 6<sup>th</sup> Edwin and our Lizzie entered their house in Rufus Street, Hunslet. They had been 8 week.
- September 7<sup>th</sup> Sarah Maykin of Leeds died aged 25.  
Same day Mr. Hamilton had a tipsy party, Oulton.
- September 9<sup>th</sup> Sister Bella came from Batley and went down to Hull with our Bob. Joe was there.
- September 10<sup>th</sup> Our top canal was drawn and a man called us up at 5 A.M. There was a narrow boat nearly sunk just above the Paper Mill. It was 3<sup>rd</sup> time.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> My father went to Hunslet to see Lizzie.
- September 17<sup>th</sup> Sisters Mary and Sarah went to Hunslet and from there to Armley and staid all night.
- September 25<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah went to fetch Mary from Armley and went forward to Bradford as she had gone to see my Aunt at Mrs. Worsnipe's.
- September 28<sup>th</sup> Cousin Polly Denkin left Ripon. She had been fifteen months.
- September 29<sup>th</sup> Thomas Billton's wife died at Woodlesford aged 53. She was his third wife. He did not live with her.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> There has not been such a hot day for a many years as this has been.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> Exhibition at Wakefield closed.
- October 16<sup>th</sup> There was a wedding at Hunslet Church from Farnley. Emma Shilton and her late husband's brother.
- October 18<sup>th</sup> There was a fire at Wilkinson Mill, Hunslet.  
Lord Palmerstone died same night aged 80.
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> Our Joe and Bella was here for the first time on a Sunday since they were married, and it's 15 week since Joe was here.
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> John, son of Edward Metcalf, died at Leeds aged 18. He had a cancer in his throat.
- October 24<sup>th</sup> I have been at Oulton and found they are laying a fine new causeway from the Church gates around by the Lodge, and it looks very nice.
- October 28<sup>th</sup> Thomas Shaw proposed Brother Edwin Wrigglesworth into the odd fellows club at Oulton. He paid 2/6.
- November 1<sup>st</sup> John Harrison sold the 3 Horse Shoes to Mr. Bentley for six hundred pounds at Oulton.
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> There is news come that John Whittaker is dead in India. Formerly of Oulton, aged 39.
- November 6<sup>th</sup> Our Mary, Sarah and I went to spend the evening at Tom Shaw's at Swillington Bridge and we sat down to such a supper as I never saw before and landed home just at 12 o'clock.
- November 11<sup>th</sup> Edwin Wrigglesworth came from Hunslet to be made an Odd fellow at Oulton.  
Tom Shaw went to Mr Jewison with him and he paid 12/6. He was just turned 30 years of age. Tom had paid 2/6 to propose him, making it 15 shillings in all.

November 16<sup>th</sup> John Lee of Woodlesford died aged 74.  
November 25<sup>th</sup> Our Robert proposed his son Joe an odd man.  
November 30<sup>th</sup> Our Sarah took Mary E, Wigglesworth home to Hunslet and brought Martha.  
Our Mary went too.

December 4<sup>th</sup> Our Edwin finished taking little Joe's portrait and began our Mary's same time.  
December 5<sup>th</sup> Henrietta Burwell came from London with 3 children, youngest 6 weeks old. Born at Gurnsey.

December 10<sup>th</sup> Our Sarah has been at Oulton and John Moore went through the Lodge gate and told my Aunt they had been burying the last of 17 cows in the Park of the plague. It makes meat dear.

December 13<sup>th</sup> William Burnett's Keel has gone down with the new captain on board. He sold her last week.

December 21<sup>st</sup> My father is cutting our berry tree in the garden with a hedging bill.

December 22<sup>nd</sup> Our Sarah has got a letter to say that William Rickett is as bad as can be alive, and his mother had gone to Devonport to see him, and when she got there he had been dead half an hour. This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December. She had gone 400 miles.

December 23<sup>rd</sup> Our Bob's Joe was made an odd man aged 19.

December 24<sup>th</sup> Old Robert Whittaker died at Oulton aged 76.

December 25<sup>th</sup> We have Joe and his wife and Elizabeth and Edwin and all their children here, but we have not been so merry as we had anticipated, for our Sarah is being sorrowful having heard the sad news of William's death. A very green Xmas.

December 26<sup>th</sup> Our bob's Joe went Mate to his Uncle Joe.

December 31<sup>st</sup> Our Sarah left home to go to see her friends at Rotherham and got safe there.

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January 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas West left Oulton to go live at Millford. They have taken a flower mill.

January 5<sup>th</sup> Old Bill Higgins died at Wakefield and was brought to Oulton to inter aged 71 years.

January 9<sup>th</sup> William Drake, Mr Calverley's game keeper, went to Leeds and was not seen after 5 o'clock that day. February 3<sup>rd</sup> found drowned on foundry dam, Hunslet. He was 58 years of age and had been 3 weeks and 4 days in the water.

January 10<sup>th</sup> Emma, daughter of William Whitehead, died at Leeds aged 23 years of abscesses and cancer.

January 19<sup>th</sup> George Hart of Swillington died aged 30 years.

January 21<sup>st</sup> Old Betty Clarkson of Oulton died aged 84.

January 24<sup>th</sup> George and Emma Thompson went to the 3 Horseshoes at Oulton and Jack Harrison went to Hull.

January 29<sup>th</sup> George Ingham and Bessy Firth was married at Methley. He is 74 and she is about same age.

January 30<sup>th</sup> Poor old Mary Wright was found dead in her bed this morning by Miss Hinchcliff, the School Mistress at Oulton. She was 71 that day. Her daughter Sarah was confined the night before and Eliza was not able to come to her funeral.

February 7<sup>th</sup> Woodlesford. There was a dreadful thunder storm and it broke a hundred and 4 squares of glass in Mr. Oddy's house, but no further damage.

February 11<sup>th</sup> Edwin came from Hunslet and said he had got work after being out six weeks. A poor look out for them.

Same day Polly Denkin and Thomas Hirst was asked first time at Oulton Church.

February 12<sup>th</sup> Old George Lord died on board at Leeds.

- February 14<sup>th</sup> Anne Lord and Mary Buterel left M.A.Cockerham.
- February 24<sup>th</sup> Jane Storey of Oulton died of smallpox. She had been confined only a day or 2 when they broke out and died before fortnight end, and baby too. She was 26 years old.
- February 26<sup>th</sup> Our Sarah has been up to Leeds with Joe and Bella. They have been buying furniture at £10 for a bedroom and put it into Ann Burwell's house.
- February 27<sup>th</sup> I have been at Oulton and Myers Flint is flitting out of the Lane into Billy Moor's house.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Mother has been to Oulton and they told her Mrs. Aldam of Sheffield was dead on Monday.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> George Cockerham removed out of the Bridge house to the one in Morton's Yard, Oulton.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> Cockel Colin was married at Leeds.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Thomas Hirst of Castleford and Polly Denkin was married at Oulton and at noon they started of for Sheffield and Fullwood and took our Mary with them to stay with sister Anne a bit.
- Our Bridge rail was broke, Woodlesford Lock. I heard them do it but father was poorly.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Our Joe has come down and told us that Admiral and Henrietta Harrison's little boy was dead at Liverpool aged 6 years 6 months.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> Old Joseph Ingham of Oulton died aged 71, and on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Hannah, his wife died also She was 74, and they were both interred together.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> James Hesker died at Wood Nook. He was digging the garden, it being Sunday afternoon, and was struck dead on the spot. He was taken to Leeds to inter and was 51 years of age.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> Bessy, wife of old James Simspon, died at Woodlesford. She was 8\_\_ years of age.
- March 21<sup>st</sup> Old Mary Winterbottom of Oulton died aged 81.
- March 26<sup>th</sup> Mother and sister Sarah went to Bradford to see my Aunt Sally and found her nicely.
- Old Mr Dawson died at Oulton.
- March 30<sup>th</sup> Hannah Rickett came to Woodlesford Lock for first time.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> William Harrand was married second time at Bristol.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> My father threw of club after being on 5 weeks and 5 days.
- Our Joe left Bella to stay a \_\_\_ with us and we heard Mary A. Matthews was wed on Good Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> of March.
- April 8<sup>th</sup> Joseph Newsome of Wakefield was poisoned by a Taylor names Rigg aged 63.
- April 12<sup>th</sup> I went to Oulton and broke down and had to go to Greaves' shop to get mended.
- April 15<sup>th</sup> Tom Shaw was coming through Oulton, it being Sunday night, and met Sam Harrison and wife opposite School, when 3 men went up and asked for money. Because they would not comply they got hold of Mary and they all had a struggle and Tom got his head hurt in the skuffle. \_\_\_\_\_
- April 16<sup>th</sup> Our Lizzie commenced a school at Hunslet.
- M. Ann Lee went to place at Battley.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Job Greenwood was blown into the canal half way betwixt our Lock and Swillington Bridge and was drowned. Tom Shaw got him out, but he was dead. Interred at Oulton aged 57 years.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Sister Sarah and my niece M.E.Wrigglesworth went to see Polly Denkin Hirst at Castleford.

- April 24<sup>th</sup>* Sister Ann Frith left Fulwood for to live at Sheffield. Mary was with her same time.  
*April 25<sup>th</sup>* Mrs. Malalew, formerly Caroline Moore, called here and told us Harriett had buried her husband John North. He died week after Fieldhouse.
- April 26<sup>th</sup>* Joseph Frith, second son of James Frith, was married to Miss Turnell at Sheffield.  
*April 27<sup>th</sup>* Aunt Sally died at Bradford with Eliza Worsnipe, and was interred at Farsley Cemetery 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Mother went with Hannah to Bradford and our Sarah and Aunt Bessy went to Farsley and a bitter day it was.
- April 28<sup>th</sup>* Edwin is now a free member of the Odd fellows, Oulton, 1866.
- May 7<sup>th</sup>* John Flockton died at Woodlesford aged 58.  
*May 11<sup>th</sup>* Henrietta, daughter of Thomas and Charlotte Shaw born.  
*May 12<sup>th</sup>* Kate, daughter of Jooseph and Isabella born at Leeds.  
*May 19<sup>th</sup>* Bessy Flockton died at Leeds. Formerly of Oulton, aged 72, she was an old companion of my Mother's and our Mary's godmother. Interred at Rothwell on Whit Tuesday. Mother and Aunt Bessy went.
- May 20<sup>th</sup>* Metcalf Cusworth came from Treeton for the first time by himself, and went to Hull with Bob.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>* Young Mr. Harrison of Woodlesford died suddenly at Beedal aged 25. He passed by here only a week before and gave me a bit of tobaca.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>* Sister Mary came from Sheffield and brought Mary Ellen Frith with her. Needham came with them. They brought the bed and chair.
- June 4<sup>th</sup>* The masons of Oulton went out on strike.  
*June 16<sup>th</sup>* No.3 Joe Metcalf left his Uncle Joseph at Goole. Mary Ellen Frith had gone down with our Bob the day before.
- June 27<sup>th</sup>* My father had to go to Leeds to see Mr. Bartholomew about the Bridge rail been broken. The man said he had to pay 15 shillings for it. Henry Morton went down with Joe.
- July 1<sup>st</sup>* We had the water of to put a new clough in at the far side wall, Woodlesford Lock. Joseph, son of Benjamin Smith of Oulton was married at Leeds same day. Princess Hellena.
- July 21<sup>st</sup>* My sister Anne came from Sheffield.  
*July 16<sup>th</sup>* Old Parkinson died aged 78. Mrs. Legat's father, Oulton.  
*July 30<sup>th</sup>* Abraham Thompson of Oulton died in his 59<sup>th</sup> year. He had been under Mr. Calverley all his life.
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>* Sister Anne went home and took Mary Ellen with her. She had got us all our berries while she was here and took Joe 16 quarts of rosehips.
- August 4<sup>th</sup>* Billy Cowman's Fly Boat got stuck below George Ingham's Lock and was nearly sunk. His cargo was flax of the best kind.
- August 10<sup>th</sup>* Polly Hirst, late Denkin, was very ill of inflamation in her bowels at Castleford.  
*August 16<sup>th</sup>* Our Bob went down with a load of furniture belonging to a Clergyman. He was taking them to Saxby and when they got there they could not even get a pint of beer. William said it was like Fullwood.
- August 18<sup>th</sup>* They say cheap John has got killed at Horsforth Station. He had broke tetotal.  
*August 19<sup>th</sup>* A London steamer was run down and 26 persons drowned in the Channel. She was called the Bruiser, struck by the Steamer Haswell.

- August 23<sup>rd</sup> I went to Hunslet in my carriage, Jim Flockton took me. Mary and Sarah went with us and Lizzie's 2 little girls. It was the feast. We staid till Wednesday night.
- August 27<sup>th</sup> Emma Shaw went to live at Huddersfield.
- August 28<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Calverley sent me a rabbit.
- August 29<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Stewart Calverley was confined of a daughter at Oulton Hall. She has a collier's wife from Oulton to nurse it.
- August 31<sup>st</sup> Our Sarah has been to Leeds and Mr Hodgson told her for the future she was to go on the first day of the month in rather an ungentle manner, for she had met Mr. Henry Smith just before and he had shook hands with her like a gentleman.
- September 1<sup>st</sup> Father threw of the club after 9 days on.
- September 4<sup>th</sup> Father has been down to the brewery and they told him Mr. Neild had resigned his office as Cashier after 2 years service. Tom Metcalf took his place, David Mathews' son-in-law.
- September 6<sup>th</sup> We had John Hughes here and he took my new boots to put on the last and dropt one of them overboard as he went over the gates.
- September 8<sup>th</sup> Our Bob got his big toe badly crushed at Goole. He got a man to go with William at our Lock.
- September 9<sup>th</sup> Isaac Cockerham of Oulton came here to ask where Dick Gosney was. His brother William had dropt down dead aged 38 years.  
Our Joe came up this morning and told Mary and Sarah they were to follow him by the train as they were going to Christen Kate, so they went and Jack and M. Ann Harrison met them at Station and they had a nice party and our Sarah says she never saw such a lot of children in her life. Our Sarah and Mary Ann Godmothers, and Jack Godfather. At Leeds Parish Church. I was in my chair all night.
- September 15<sup>th</sup> Jack Harrison has gone up to Rothwell to load Speedwell with coal and by the time he had got well up, they went to tell him George Burwell had got the other boat onto Fleet dam. He came down and got her of and went back again.
- September 19<sup>th</sup> Our Joe has come up. He has been laid on the moorage a week at Hull.
- September 20<sup>th</sup> Our Sarah has been at Castleford and found Polly Hirst very poorly indeed. She thinks she will not be long here. She has 2 or 3 complaints and dropsy in her legs and feet, but she was up.
- September 24<sup>th</sup> Our Bob's William went down bate boat and Jos Taylor with him. There was a fush and when they got to Castleford he was ashore with a rope and got it round his leg, and if Jos had not cut it, it would have taken his leg of by his ancle. But fortunately the bone is only cracked and crushed sadly. He had to be carried into Scotchmans and staid there till his Uncle Joe came up and they got him on board and brought him up here, and our Sarah went for Doctor and to tell his Father and Mother.  
And during the day the dog eat our cock and would have had a hen too, but we caught him and at night William Bradley came and took William home in my carriage.
- September 27<sup>th</sup> Young John Farrer was married and Joe Flockton same day.  
Mary Burley, Aunt Becka's granddaughter, died at Altofts of typhus fever.
- September 28<sup>th</sup> Polly Hirst, late Denkin, died this morning at Castleford. She has gone very sudden at last. She is 28 years old and been married better than 6 months.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> Our Sarah, Mrs. Curtain and Lizzie Denkin has been to Polly's funeral. She was intered in the cemetery Casleford, it been Sunday. She was 3rd wife.

- October 1<sup>st</sup> Sister Sarah has been to Leeds to receive Father's wages on the first of the month instead of last.
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> Our Joe has gone up with his left hand tied up. He cut it and it's took to gathering. When they got to George Ingham's Lock, Henderson was there and he lanced it.
- October 4<sup>th</sup> Our Bob threw of club. He had been on 3 week.
- October 8<sup>th</sup> Our Bob went on board first time after being lame.  
And same day there was a great meeting about the Manhood Suffrage on Woodhouse Moor, Leeds.
- October 15<sup>th</sup> Jim, son of Jane Harrand, was drowned in Parkinson Quarry, formerly Dobson Pond. 22 years old, and buried at Oulton on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>.
- October 16<sup>th</sup> My nephew William Metcalf came down here first time after being lamed. Just 3 weeks today since he was taken home in my carriage.
- October 17<sup>th</sup> Foundation stone laid for a school at Oulton belonging to the Methodist free Church.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah and William Metcalf left home for Sheffield and staid a week. He threw of club.
- October 25<sup>th</sup> Old John Hollinson has gone up with timber. He had been with Fly Boats about 13 years and left to go to a Keel.
- October 26<sup>th</sup> Tom Simpson died at Ferry Bridge aged 55. He had not been a fortnight of the screw. J.Howard only there at funeral.
- October 30<sup>th</sup> George Collings got badly used in Bowman Lane and 19/6 taken out of his pockets.
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Ann Burwell went to London to Henrietta.
- November 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs. Stewart Calverley left Oulton Hall for London after being confined of her second child, a girl.
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> Our Bob came here from Leeds and Sarah had come expecting them going down, and Bob had a goose, so they made it to stay here and we had a fine treat with it. There was 11 of us to dinner.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> Our Bob took my Father's old watch to Goole and got us 10/- for it. They only offered 7/- at Leeds.
- November 12<sup>th</sup> There was a Navey Boat man paid Mr Taylor, Master of the Pottery, and he had him up and they gave him 4 months at Wakefield. Our Sarah saw him through our room window, then they followed to the Bridge.
- November 16<sup>th</sup> This has been a fearfull rainy day and we have such a flood as no one ever can remember. All our low pond was full. Tom Shaw's had to go out of their house at the Bridge. It's running out of Pottery Yard into the cut on yard side and over the fields with it on this side.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday we have the water up to our kitchen at back door, all in the garden. We had to go John Ingham's at 12 o'clock last night for our Mary was so frightened we were all going to be washed away. Mother, Mary and I and the child, Mary Elizabeth, and Father and Sarah staid in the house all night. The water flowed up to 2 o'clock and then was at a stand till 3, and when they looked out at ½ past 3 it had fallen about 3 inches. Oulton was all flooded too.
- November 18<sup>th</sup> Tom Simpson's screw has gone up and Henry Partington had got to be Captain, and he told Father George Pilkington was unshipped.
- November 19<sup>th</sup> The Bridge over Leeds Road at Oulton has given way owing to the flood.
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Tom Harrison has gone down and he told us he got 6 women out of the water all alive. They were all clung to each other. There was 25 fell in and there is 6 that is not found.

- November 26<sup>th</sup> They tell me there is a boat in Thorp Hall pasture and stuck fare for the Temple as she can be.
- November 27<sup>th</sup> Mr. Nowel's wife died at Woodlesford aged 31, and a lad of William Ingham's was killed in the Quarry at Oulton aged 14 years, Frank Wade his master.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> There was a report came this morning that one of the Fly Boat men was drowned at Castleford, and it was William Partington of Leeds, aged 39. They took him to Wakefield to inter. Our Bob was there.
- December 1<sup>st</sup> William Metcalf, my nephew, went to Hull to take charge of a vesel, but came up to Goole with Uncle Joe.
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> Went on board his own Boat at Goole, it being Sunday night. And my mother is 78 years old today, and William 22 years and 6 months old when first made a Captain, and Dick Gosney is his Mate.
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> A coal boat came down the old river. She had gone over the dam during the flood. Tom Noble on board.
- December 5<sup>th</sup> John Crowther and George Pilkington fell overboard in Knostrop cut. There was a fush then they stopt all night.
- December 7<sup>th</sup> Our Joe was going down to Hull and grounded on Wittoy sands, and a narrow escape they had. They was there from 11 A.M. till 4 P.M., Bella on board. They were all very much frightened. Packet grounded first and only with her Joe.
- December 12<sup>th</sup> An explosion took place at Oaks near Barnsley. Nearly 400 poor souls perished, it being Wednesday.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> Thomas Collins and Harriet Moor married.
- December 17<sup>th</sup> Mr. Bartholomew has been to look at the Bridge over the Beck at Oulton, and the Road is to be stopped, and Tom Shaw is to be architect over it.
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> There was a man sadly hurt by a fast train at Woodlesford Station. It was Kippax Schoolmaster. He died on Xmas day and was 31 years old.
- December 24<sup>th</sup> Henry Frith came to the Lock.
- December 25<sup>th</sup> Dick Gosney was married at Leeds, it being Xmas day, and we had Jabez and Elizabeth Worsnip came.
- December 26<sup>th</sup> Harry Frith went down to Hull with our William.
- December 28<sup>th</sup> George Cockerham died at Oulton aged 44.
- December 30<sup>th</sup> Sister Milly came from Treeton and there was a boat came down the old river. It had become fast.
- December 31<sup>st</sup> Our Sarah went to Mr. Bell's about Mary having got from London, it being thick with snow there. Hannah Rickett came from Woodlesford.

*So now ends the year 1866, a very remarkable year. E. Metcalf.*

## 1867

- January 5<sup>th</sup> There was a man got badly hurt with loose machinery in the Warehouse at Leeds and is dead.
- January 6<sup>th</sup> Charles Cockerham died at Oulton.
- January 7<sup>th</sup> Charles Dobson went down the old river with a boat that was sunk during the flood at Waterloo.
- January 8<sup>th</sup> There was a great fush and our Joe and Jim Cald was going down with the Screw for they could not come the night before, and they both run into Ferry Bridge and broke their hatches and like to upset.
- January 9<sup>th</sup> Our Edwin came to work for Price at the Brewery, Oulton.

- January 11<sup>th</sup> Our Bob went down loaded for Hull.
- January 19<sup>th</sup> We have been clear of ice for the first time today since this year came in.  
Polly, daughter of Admiral and Henrietta Harrison, died at London aged one year and 5 months.
- January 20<sup>th</sup> Mr. Hamilton took our Mary 26 shillings to our Bob's.
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> George Colling called us up. Our Bob had been at Goole the day before to get settled and he had sent Sarah some money.  
They was intering at Goole the same day, James Swift, aged 55.  
And there had a Packet gone down to Hull and one come up too. Our Joe was turning at Goole.
- January 26<sup>th</sup> Our Bob came after being froze at Hull a fortnight.
- January 27<sup>th</sup> Old Jacob Morley died at Oulton aged 72.
- January 29<sup>th</sup> They have been intering old Richard Green at Garforth today. He was 74 years old. He married Uncle John's wife's mother.
- January 30<sup>th</sup> Jim Burwell started from Oulton to London.
- February 1<sup>st</sup> Our Sarah took our Mary hearthing she had knit to Miss Bentley's, Hunslet. They bought it of her.
- February 5<sup>th</sup> Jane, wife of Admiral Brear, died aged 52.
- February 11<sup>th</sup> We got a letter from Elizabeth Cusworth and she says her father's have left Treeton and gone to live at Catcliff at Mr. Platt's Nursery, Gardeners near Rotherham.  
Nancy Verity of Oulton died aged 68 years.
- February 18<sup>th</sup> McDonald, Station Master, got his leg taken of at Holbeck Station and died in a week. He had not been at Woodlesford long.
- February 21<sup>st</sup> I spent 8 shillings in 3 hens and a cock. I have now 6 hens.
- February 24<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Denkin came down stairs first time. She had been confined to her bedroom 10 months. Mr Jewison was her doctor. She is 26 years of age.
- February 27<sup>th</sup> Sister Sarah and Bella went to Rothwell to get Kate vaccinated, but Mr. Henderson was not at home.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> John Parkin of Oulton got hurt at Robin Hood and died during the night in our house, aged 35 years.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> I have been at Oulton, 17 weeks since I was there before.  
Betty Crowther died at Oulton.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Tommy Wrigglesworth, blacksmith, of Oulton died aged 49.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> We have heard today there was a woman named Bridget O'Brien robbed Curtis Calverley of his watch and other things, it being Sunday night March 4<sup>th</sup>, and he caught her.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Mr. Tom Jewison has been cutting our Robert's Sarah's head and took out a win. It's size of an egg. Our Mary and William Greaves was there. She bore it well.  
Joseph Frith's wife was confined of a son at Sheffield.
- March 12<sup>th</sup> Fanny Johnson, Mr. Shay's sister, died at Sheffield and was intered at the general cemetery the 17<sup>th</sup>, aged 60 years.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> William Moxon was tried at Hull for stealing 15 gallons of ale when he had been at Kirkstall, and was sentenced to 3 months had labour. Master of Keel Effort.
- March 26<sup>th</sup> We have got a letter from our Ann and she tells us Joe Cusworth got paid of on 16. Frost had killed all in the garden so that his master could not afford to pay him.
- March 30<sup>th</sup> Thrown of the club to begin on 1<sup>st</sup> of April, he had been on 5 week and 1 day. It's my Father I mean.

- April 6<sup>th</sup> *It's in the paper today that Sid Pratt is dead.*
- April 7<sup>th</sup> *We have heard today that Mr. Calverley has bought Rothwell Church and the dews at Oulton is only half now.*
- April 8<sup>th</sup> *Our Lizzie has been singing at a concert at Hunslet.*
- April 9<sup>th</sup> *Our Bob came up light from Hull to Goole. To him they can pull the rabbit's head off with their fingers.*
- April 15<sup>th</sup> *Bill Clarkson of Oulton has been ill using his wife and she has him up today. They have given him 3 months.*
- April 24<sup>th</sup> *We have heard old Sandy is dead at the Foxholes Lock in Wakefield Dike.*
- April 27<sup>th</sup> *Our Joe has been at Oulton and brought us word Edward Whittaker had got married.*
- April 29<sup>th</sup> *William and Mary Bradley went to live at Sty Bank, Rothwell. It's a lovely place for the old folks.*
- May 6<sup>th</sup> *Old George Ingham went to live at Foxholes and John Ellis came to his lock same day. He had been 32 years in \_\_\_\_ house. He came in 1835.*
- May 7<sup>th</sup> *James McWilliam and Ann Howson married at Rothwell Church.*
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> *Charles Brearly went up with the new Fly Boat Arrow for the first time.*
- May 24<sup>th</sup> *Our Robert went up with his boat Ouse. He had been six weeks and 2 days in Goole turning. Sarah went to them when they had been a week.*
- June 10<sup>th</sup> *Young Jim Flockton got an offer at Oulton feast.*
- June 13<sup>th</sup> *Jim Burwell has got back from London.*
- June 17<sup>th</sup> *Old Mary Burwell died at Leeds aged 88 and was brought to Oulton to inter from her son George's.*
- June 20<sup>th</sup> *Ann Curtain and Tom Hirst was married. She is the 4<sup>th</sup> wife. Poor Poll Denkin was 3<sup>rd</sup> and only lived 6 months, and has not been dead 9 months now.*
- June 24<sup>th</sup> *Richard Curtis' boat went up for the last time with him as he had sold her to the merchants.*
- July 11<sup>th</sup> *My nephew W. Metcalf walked home from Leeds with his dog Victoria, and she died on the road and he took her home and buried it in garden.*
- July 13<sup>th</sup> *Our Bob has come up from Hull with a fresh Mate. His son Joe had left him the day before up at Hellinshaw's. They had differed. John Rolleson's son was with him.*
- July 16<sup>th</sup> *Mrs. Simpson got a son, late Miss Bentley.*
- July 20<sup>th</sup> *Ann Burwell came to Oulton from London.*
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> *Daughter of the late Jonny Wrigglesworth of Oulton died aged 21. She was out the day before.*
- July 26<sup>th</sup> *Our Bob's Sarah sent a new half sovereign to change at Sam Wildblood's by Lizzie Bradley, and Mary Campsel took it and changed it. Then she ran after the girl and took the change from her and gave her a bad one and told her it was bad, and she would not give it up when Sarah went to tell her that it was not the one she sent, and old Sam took her part.*
- July 27<sup>th</sup> *Our Sarah went to Bradford.*
- July 28<sup>th</sup> *Thomas and M. Ann Prudence and Lizzie Metcalf all came from Aberford. Mr Fox had fetched Lizzie from Ledsham School to live with him. She had six months to stay, but he got her in and thought he could get her out, so she has lived with him since last Christmas as Kitchen maid.*

- July 31<sup>st</sup> *Joseph Henry Metcalf came home from Sheffield. He had been a week and Milly took him to see Lizzie's chap.*
- August 1<sup>st</sup> *Our Bob has come up and told us they had a case of machinery fell and he had a narrow escape of being killed with it. He went down same night to Goole to get timed.*
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> *Our Anne went down with Joe and Bella to Hull and was very poorly when they got there.*
- August 6<sup>th</sup> *A man was killed at Methley Station. He married Mrs. Leak's daughter of Oulton and lived at Leeds.*
- August 8<sup>th</sup> *Miss Jewison and Mr. Heaps was married at Rothwell. A very grand affair, I suppose.*
- August 9<sup>th</sup> *Our Joe came up this morning and he brought our Anne in. She had been ill all the time they had been down. We have had to get Mr. Tom Jewison to her, she is very ill indeed.*
- August 13<sup>th</sup> *This is Oulton School feast. I have been. William Metcalf took me into the Park and it's been fine. M.E.Wrigglesworth, my niece, has been for the first time. My nephew Joe went down to his father and met him coming up. When they got here Bob staid and Joe took the boat to Leeds. Then at ½ past 9 John Frith came. This was on Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, and during the day Jim and Hary came to see us. They was married.*
- August 17<sup>th</sup> *Brother Robert went to Sheffield.*
- August 19<sup>th</sup> *Mother has gone up with Joe to Hunslet feast.*
- August 20<sup>th</sup> *Mary, wife of cousin John Smith, died aged 44.*
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> *Brother Robert came from Sheffield and on the 26<sup>th</sup> he went to Goole to his boat. They all went to dine at Sty Bank yesterday of steak pie. Bob had made it.*
- August 29<sup>th</sup> *Hannah Barber has had a stroke. Our Ann has called and they told her, but she can talk.*
- August 30<sup>th</sup> *Sister Anne has gone home. She had been 7 week all but 3 days. She had a very narrow escape, poor lass, this time. We thought she would never get better at one time. And when she got to Sheffield they told her they had brought Mr. Frith home dead just before. His wife and he went to Burlington on August 27<sup>th</sup>, and he died on the pier the day after.*
- August 31<sup>st</sup> *Our Sarah left home for Armley feast, came to Leeds September 2<sup>nd</sup> and did the business there, and home at night.*
- September 11<sup>th</sup> *Our Sarah has been to Oulton with Mary. She has gone to be House Keeper for Bob's Sarah. She is on board and she called to tell Mr. Whitehead to send no more meat for us on the same day.*
- John Camsel fell through the roof of Mr. Bentley's kiln. He was painting the Malt Shovel, Oulton.*
- September 24<sup>th</sup> *William Attack died, of Woodlesford aged 68.*
- October 8<sup>th</sup> *Our Milly came from Sheffield to see Mrs. Blaclock.*
- October 11<sup>th</sup> *John Frith got a daughter at Rotherham.*
- Jeremiah Walker died at Oulton aged 73.*
- October 13<sup>th</sup> *Our Bob came from Wakefield to Oulton to see how Mary, Polly and the pig was coming on. He had left Sarah on board by herself and Bob's dog.*

- October 17<sup>th</sup> Sarah Cusworth came to Leeds from Sheffield by herself, and then went forward to Rochdale to live with Mrs. Salts as nurse. Sister Sarah set her of.
- October 25<sup>th</sup> Mary Sharp came from Rotherham and staid all night.
- October 26<sup>th</sup> Robert Robinson and Chrise Smith married at Oulton.
- October 27<sup>th</sup> We had the water drawn of the low Pond to get the stones out of our Lock tale from Sunday morning to night, Woodlesford Lock. J.Shaw the overlooker.
- November 1<sup>st</sup> Edwin had to come home. There is no work.
- November 12<sup>th</sup> Joe Goodhall went to Wakefield for a month for threatening to take his sister's life.
- November 14<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Howson of Woodlesford died aged 57, and was intered at Oulton on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, after a week's illness of brain fever.
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Edwin began working at the Plow works at Hunslet.
- November 25<sup>th</sup> They have found a young lad belonging to John Speck of Leeds in our Locktale. He fell in last night about 8 o'clock, and no one either saw or heard him till the man missed him when they got down with the boat, for he had got ashore to come and get Lock ready, and must have slipped in for it was very dark. He was near 16 years old, and had only gone to the man that afternoon. They took him up to John Ingham's for the Inquest to go over him tomorrow when father is to go. They brought it an accidental.
- November 26<sup>th</sup> I am sorry to say we have lost our William's little dog, Jinny. We have had him 3 days, and this morning he set of like a hare down the cut side, and where he has got to we can't tell. We are all very sorry.
- November 27<sup>th</sup> Our Bob's Sarah came on shore this morning to go home and has taken Mary with her to Oulton.
- November 28<sup>th</sup> Uncle Billy has sent for our Sarah to go as poor Aunt is very ill and not likely to get better.
- December 1<sup>st</sup> Frost set in and lasted a week.
- December 9<sup>th</sup> My father laid on the clubs  
And the same day our Bob killed one of their pigs. 16 stone.
- December 10<sup>th</sup> Mr. Hamilton sent me an iron bedstead by John Chadwick to have set up in the house.
- December 13<sup>th</sup> Poor Aunt Nancy died at Oulton. She had laid in bed a day or 2 over a fortnight. Our Sarah had just been a fortnight with her. She was 78 years old, and never had any bairn.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> We had the Bishop of Ripon at Oulton Church preaching, and a grand sermon there was from 3<sup>rd</sup> Ch. In Phillipians, 10 and 11 verses. The odd fellows walked in procession, and a nice full Church there was. The sum collected was £15:13:4, for the benefit of Church building society in this Diocese.
- December 17<sup>th</sup> Aunt Nancy was intered from the Lodge, and George Collings had a little boy died.
- December 18<sup>th</sup> Betty Grime of Oulton died aged 53.  
We had Mr. Hamilton and 3 daughters came to Woodlesford Lock to see my father. Our Sarah had gone to Leeds to see Joe.
- December 24<sup>th</sup> Harry Smith came from Sheffield to Woodlesford Lock.

## 1868

- January 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Batty of Woodlesford was married at Oulton.
- January 4<sup>th</sup> John Greaves stopt the Lock half an hour and went and reported Bob Hirst would not him have his turn up Kill Lake turn down.

- January 5<sup>th</sup> David Mathews has taken a Brewery in the North. Tom and Mary Ann and husband have gone to it.
- January 6<sup>th</sup> Sarah Cusworth left us for Leeds. She had been here 10 days. Her Mistress was at Ilkley with the baby.  
Job Collings' daughter died at Leeds aged 15.
- January 7<sup>th</sup> Our Bob launched his boat down from Leeds by himself. Joe had gone to help William. Dick Gosney, his Mate was poorly at home. Then they came down too and staid till the Screw came down.
- January 9<sup>th</sup> Poor John Rollingson was going up Hull Harbour with our Joe's boat, and they turned the South Bridge over and broke his leg. He called out but they said he should have room to go, but it appears he had not. His son had a narrow escape.
- January 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Stead of Oulton died aged 69 years.
- January 14<sup>th</sup> Richard Storker of Oulton died.
- January 16<sup>th</sup> My father went to Oulton and staid all the night with Uncle Billy and came back the day after.  
Anne Elizabeth Frith went to keep house for a widower.
- January 19<sup>th</sup> Mr. Shay came to see us from Barnsley and he had W. Burnett's drab coat on. He had got wet through.
- January 21<sup>st</sup> Poor John Rolingson died at the Hull Infirmary. The Inquest brought it an accidental. A great shame.
- January 24<sup>th</sup> Sarah Marsden of Woodlesford died aged 52.
- January 25<sup>th</sup> Our Bob took a note from Mr. Tom Jewison to Mr. Bartholomew so say my father was past work, and to ask for this Lock, and he told him he would consider of it. My mother was took ill and had to have the Doctor. It was spasms and a severe cold.
- January 26<sup>th</sup> Brother Joe and Bella came from Leeds to stay a week for change of air. He had been ill with an Inflammation in his body. He had been 6 weeks ill.
- January 27<sup>th</sup> Mr. Bartholomew told Tom Shaw to pay Joe Braithwait of. He saw him come out of a public house when he ought to have been at work. He set him on again at the week end.
- January 28<sup>th</sup> Our Bob came up and told us someone had been trying to break into their cabin at Hull.  
Alfred Conell of Oulton died aged 28. Also on the same day his infant daughter aged 4 months. Put into the coffin with him. And his brother, William, had a child born and died on the same day with the above child, and all 3 interred together at Oulton.
- February 1<sup>st</sup> Our Sarah and Bella went to Leeds. It was a dreadful stormy day, there was a flood too, and she did not go into the Office as we had nothing to draw.
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> There was a cheap trip to Leeds pantomime from Sheffield for 2 shillings. Our Anne came and got of at Woodlesford to see father and mother, and returned back at five minutes to 12. Got home at 2 A.M. Beautiful night.
- February 4<sup>th</sup> There was a Concert at Oulton School, William Morton conductor. Our Sarah went and she was very well satisfied.
- February 5<sup>th</sup> Our Joe and Bella went home to Leeds after being here 10 days. He was a deal better with the change.
- February 7<sup>th</sup> I have been at Oulton and Thomas West has got into Mrs. Stead's Shop, and Joseph Stead will take up on 8<sup>th</sup>. Tomorrow he is going to lodge at Flocktons in Mrs. Crosland's house.

- February 10<sup>th</sup> Brother Joe threw of his clubs after being on 8 weeks.
- February 11<sup>th</sup> We have got a letter from Sheffield to say one of Milly's bairns was dead. She died yesterday at half past 8 A.M. It was Lilly, she was 7 years old. They took her to Treeton to poor William on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- February 12<sup>th</sup> Our William told us he has 2 pound to pay for a sack of wheat he was short at Leeds.
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Our Joe went down first time after his illness, He had been nearly 19 week at home.
- February 15<sup>th</sup> In today's paper it states that last week, the 8<sup>th</sup>, there was such an overflowing tide at Hull as there had not been for above 50 years.
- February 16<sup>th</sup> John Roper's wife died at Hunslet.
- February 18<sup>th</sup> We gave Charlotte Denkin 10 shillings for the sofa.
- February 20<sup>th</sup> We got a letter from sister Anne. She told us Mrs. Watkins was buried on the 13 at Treeton.
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> Our Bob left his boat and went on board the Witch. Jose was Captain of her and they was both sick. It was so dirty even poor dog ran away.
- February 25<sup>th</sup> Our Bob came up with the Screw. He had left his Joe to turn. And we had Tom Harrison came in to see father the same day, and when he went out to go on board he missed his footing and fell overboard, but no worse.
- February 27<sup>th</sup> Hannah Jowett of Oulton died aged 60. She had been nearly 12 years confined to the house.
- February 28<sup>th</sup> William Greaves got a certificate for our Bob. Day Bob at the Leeds Town Hall. 5 shillings.  
Mr Calverley of Oulton Hall died aged 78 years. He had only been ill 8 days.
- February 29<sup>th</sup> Robert Hirst left us after being Lockkeeper 11 week and 5 days, it being Saturday now. Woodlesford Lock.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Our Bob came and took possession of the Lock, it being Sunday. And Joe Lake was first boat he helped through on Monday morning about 7 A.M.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Mr. Calverley was buried. There was all the men and boys that worked for him in procession, with hatbands and gloves. The men carried him as they would another man on their shoulders, and the servants went before, and the Ladies followed the corpse. And Scholars had black ribbons, and the Teachers gloves, and all went to the church and he was put in the vault inside the church where his eldest son was put 27 years before all but 4 months the 1<sup>st</sup> in Oulton Church, and the father's 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Edmund takes his place now. And Mr. Dwerryhouse has been the butler, and waited on the old gentleman for nearly 30 years. He has left him £180, and on March 9<sup>th</sup> Mrs Calverley had all the servants before her and told them from that day they was to consider Mrs. Edmund their mistress, all but her 2 maids.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> We left Woodlesford Lock and came to Oulton into our Bob's house, and they went to the Lock. Mr. Bentley kindly lent us a wagon and a man to remove our things both ways. We has been 15 years all but 2 months at the Lock. My nephew William took my hens, 8 of them, and cock. Mr. Tom Shaw helped us to flit, and set all our things up and let us have a man too, and Bob one.
- March 12<sup>th</sup> Miss Ann Craven was married at Rothwell to a Caochman of Sir John Lowther's.
- March 16<sup>th</sup> My niece M.Elizabeth Wrigglesworth went first time to Oulton day school as an Infant. She is not 7.
- March 31<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth Denkin and Boys Taylor was married at Rothwell Church.

April 1<sup>st</sup> Foundation stone was laid for a Church at Woodlesford by Mrs. Henry Bentley, she being the means of it being first thought of.

### 1873

August 9<sup>th</sup> My mother fell out of the doorstep and lamed herself in her 84<sup>th</sup> year.

### 1875

January 4<sup>th</sup> I planted 5 wallnuts on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January.

### 1876

August 9<sup>th</sup> Miss wood married at Oulton to C. Smirthwait.

### 1879

April 17<sup>th</sup> Benjamin Jowett enetered the new Lodge on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Sister Sarah and 38 more Witnesses went to York to be sworn before the Grand Jury. Came home at night and went again on the Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>, and was there till Thursday night. Got here about 11 P.M. and a tedious time they had of it. But they heard the sentence of death passed on the prisoner, John Darcy, for murdering poor Uncle Billy.

May 8<sup>th</sup> Tom and Hannah Smith married at Oulton. They gave sister Sarah Uncle's watch same day, and when she got home she gave it to me.

### 1881

January 17<sup>th</sup> Being Monday. Old Bessy Rimington was taken from the old house opposite to us to Woodlesford to live with Anne. She would be 87. Jack died day after aged 59 years.

June 7<sup>th</sup> Thomas Warton got his collar bone broke. The horse threw him and fell on top of him going to Harrogate for Mr. Kitson's Carriage. He was 3 weeks in Leeds Infirmary.

July 20<sup>th</sup> Mr. Irvin and Miss Bentley married at Woodlesford. He is vicar there. Mr. Heberden, vicar of Rothwell married them.

July 30<sup>th</sup> Edward Metcalf bought a watch of Tom Jackson, my nephew, and gave him 2 pound ten, and paid 4 shillings for it cleaning, and 9 pence for my name putting on same time.

October Bessy Furguson left her house and went to live in Joe Davey's parlor first week in October.

October 4<sup>th</sup> Water brought into Oulton on the 4<sup>th</sup> October. We had it in our yard here.

October Mr Wood's son married in October.

October Tom Marlin died at Stanley in October 1881.

October 14<sup>th</sup> There was a great wind and water and our Joe was going down and one of the boats had their cargo damaged, and Mr. Bartholomew discharged our Joe altogether for it, and Engineer he fined 5 pounds. They left Wakefield for Hunslet November 10<sup>th</sup>.

*December 4<sup>th</sup> Archibald, the foot man dropt down dead at Oulton Hall after eating a hearty dinner aged 20.*

*On the same day at Oulton Mr Brook Hunt and Miss Calverley was married, and in the afternoon a meat tea for all the cottage females was provided at Midland Hotel and New Masons Arms.*

## 1882

October 8<sup>th</sup> 1882

Fatal Accident at a Colliery – An inquest was held at Leeds Town Hall this afternoon, before Mr. Malcolm, borough coroner, touching the death of Major Shedon (64), miner, living at Vine Cottage, Oulton, and employed at the Glass Houghton Colliery, of which the proprietors are the executors of the late Mr. J.D. Thorpe. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, deceased was engaged working in the colliery, when about a ton of coal fell upon him. His leg was fractured, and he was taken to the Infirmary where he died on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst., the immediate cause of death being blood poisoning. No blame was attached to anyone, as the coal had been properly spragged up. No explanation could be given of the accident. A verdict of “Accidental death” was returned.

*He was cousin Sarah Metcalf's husband.*

## 1883

*January 4<sup>th</sup> John Cockerham and Sarah Ann Peder married at Oulton Church. She was Miss Calverley's maid.*

*July 1<sup>st</sup> A very severe storm. Wind, hail and rain, the oldest person could not remember such a one. Every apple and pear has a mark on with the hailstones, and the water rushed on the roads like a river, and nearly everybody had glass broken.*

*November 9<sup>th</sup> Mrs Brookhurst was confined of a daughter at Chisilhurst near London.*

*November 23<sup>rd</sup> Our Sarah has been to Mr. Mason's for my shilling, when she sent me 2 and told her they were going to live at Leeds. A bad job for me.*

*December John Cockerham has got to be the assistant Overseer of Oulton in Arthur Flint's place.*

*George Metcalf has come with a nice present for mother's birthday. She is 95..*

*December 21<sup>st</sup> A fire took place in a paraffin store in Jonny Todd's back yard, Oulton, and could not be got out till the Engines got here from Leeds. It illuminated all the village. There has not been a fire before since the Hall was burnt down in the year 1850 in Oulton.*

## 1884

*January 24<sup>th</sup> There has been a very stormy night, blowing hard from the South East, and it has blown 2 great trees down at the top of the Croft under which I, Edward Metcalf, have sat for 16 summers. Everybody seems to think about me when they see them gone.*

*February 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Mr. Stewart Calverley has died at London aged 53. Interred Folkstone.*

February 25<sup>th</sup> Mr. Hamilton came to ask our Sarah to go to Woodlesford Board School to vote for Mr. Irwin. She has been and he's got in.

## 1886

April 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs. Lazenby entered Miss Dixon's house, landlord Edward Sharp, 3 Horse Shoes. Warners had left it.

October 15<sup>th</sup> Sister Mary got mother's fifteen pounds.

## 1887

January Mrs. Nield died at Woodlesford aged 86.

January 24<sup>th</sup> Began the ground near the Lodge for the new burial dround. The Bishop of Ripon came and consecrated it on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1887. The first person buried in the New Ground was Ellen, wife of William Butler, aged 29 on the 26<sup>th</sup> of the same month near the gate.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Wharton went to live at the Iveridge Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Thorps, Mr. Timson's gardener, came into their house next door to us.

June 6<sup>th</sup> Miss Berry died. She was Miss Calverley's governess. She was at Margate aged 42.

June 21<sup>st</sup> There was a public tea for everybody, ould and young, on Jubilee day. Fifty years had Queen Victoria reigned. All scholars and teachers had a medal given in Oulton. It was held in Mr. Ellis' field, Farrer Lane.

Edward Metcalf died in June 1892. He wsa buried at Oulton on 2 July 1892.

## 1896

May 24<sup>th</sup> Tom Nusforth was missed from his boat at Goole and was found drowned in the dog and duck on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup>.

April 18<sup>th</sup> We started to receive our \_\_\_ money. Roughly a living with the wages.

December George Stead was drowned at Knostrop cut end from the Fly Boat No.10, 1894. The No.10 Big Screw came out in the Leeds Trade.

August We got a new tow rope. Three strands. I am going to see how long it will last.

## 1897

August 2<sup>nd</sup> Our Lizy and Chrissy was both married at Goole Parish Church.

November 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Left Leeds with machinery for Bombay. It was a very rough day.

November 29<sup>th</sup> Monday morning. There was a very High tide at Goole, caused by a Northerly Gale. We left for Hull having been there all night. It blew so hard and snow and rained very heavy at Boston, the tide flowed twice, that is it fell and then rose again.

## 1894

Walter Hirst was drowned at Leeds, January 29<sup>th</sup> 1894.

## 1892

Hanson Hinchcliffe died April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1892.

*George Stead was drowned at Knostrop Cut end.*

*William Cammeron was drowned at Goole, July 18<sup>th</sup> 1896.*

### **1901**

*September 9<sup>th</sup> Our William fished a woman out of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal near Monk Bridge. Her name was Emma.*

*February 28<sup>th</sup> I, Joseph Henry Metcalf, left Fly No.11 and we took possession of Woodlesford Lock March 1<sup>st</sup> 1901. We had only been there about a fortnight when I pulled a man named John Lunn out to the Lock drowned.*

*November 18<sup>th</sup> Monday. We pulled a young man out of the big Lock. He fell in on the Sunday night – he was mate of a Keel.*

*November 21<sup>st</sup> John Brook of Goole was drowned at Bulough Bridge, November 21<sup>st</sup> 1901.*

### **1903**

*February 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Pilkington took possession of Kings Road Lock.*

*November 5<sup>th</sup> William Metcalf took possession of Bulholme Lock, Castleford,*

### **1902**

*Pearce Hacket went to Fish Pond Lock 1902.*

### **1903**

*A man named Earnest Vaughan was drowned at Woodlesford Lock 1903. I pull a drowned man out of the water at Swillington Bridge in the year 1903.*

*September We found a man floating in the old river below Swillington Bridge.*

### **1918**

*July 31<sup>st</sup> We left Woodlesford Lock.*

*Same day I, J.H.Metcalf, came to Green Booth, Norden, Rochdale, to live with my son William Metcalf*

*August 25<sup>th</sup> Our Pollie and Jack and the bairns came to see us and went back on the 28<sup>th</sup>.*

*I had been at the Lock 17 years and 4 months.*

### **The Humber without a skipper.**

A ship's mate heavily fined.

The Board so Trade prosecuted at Grimsby today, Richard Baumber, mate of the steamer Conqueror for a breach of the Merchant Shipping Act.

The defendant took the vessel into the Humber without having a skipper on board, and collided with the steamer Sea King, the crew of which had to jump overboard to save themselves, one man being drowned. A penalty of £20, or two month's imprisonment, was imposed.

The Board of Trade inquiry into the collision will follow at Hull.

### **Great Rainfall.**

Bridges and houses washed away in Zanzibar.  
There was an unprecedented rainfall in Zanzibar yesterday, accompanied by a gale. Many bridges were washed away and the aqueduct broken in several places. The town water supply is now taken from the large lake formed by the rain at Springhead. Hundreds of native houses have been destroyed, and great damage has been done to Government property and lighter plant.

### A Rothwell carrier killed

Whilst driving a wherry loaded with potatoes in Hunslet Road, Leeds, Thomas Sykes, a carrier, of Rothwell, fell off the vehicle, and the wheels passing over him fractured some of his ribs and several injuries from which he died shortly after admission to the Leeds Infirmary. He was 50 years of age.

The Leeds City Coroner held an inquest at the Town Hall this afternoon, when it appeared, from the witness of his daughter, Edith Sykes, aged 23, that on the Saturday afternoon deceased jumped off the cart in order to make a call, and slipped on the tram lines, both wheels passed over him. He was conveyed to the Infirmary but was dead on arrival. He was found to have several ribs broken in addition to severe laceration of the kidneys.

The cart was driven down to Rothwell by deceased's daughter.  
A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

*Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> 1899*