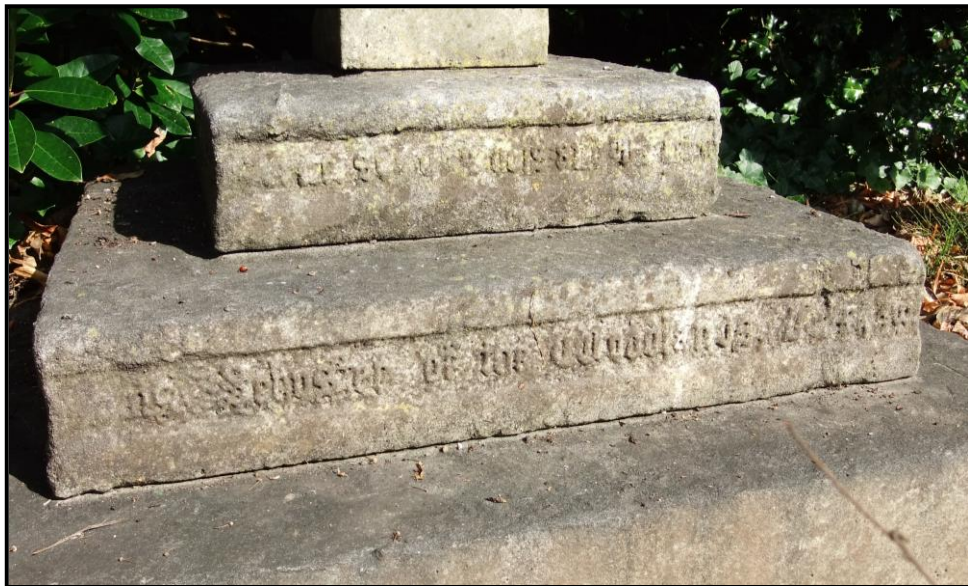


Louis SCHUSTER



Born: 15 August 1835

Died: 11 September 1882

COTTON MERCHANT

Born BRUSSELS: Died INTERLAKEN: Buried WORSLEY



Louis SCHUSTER

When you enter the churchyard from the car park and look to your right, just beyond the bench, you will see this memorial stone, facing south. It is a cross standing on a 3-tier plinth. The words carved into the stone are now quite difficult to read, particularly since they are in an old Germanic style of script.



There is a further inscription on a coping stone at the front of the plot. An official transcription reads:

Illegible. Also ARNOLD LOUIS SCHUSTER their son died October 5th **1954**. Aged 81 yrs. (c36 & 36a)

Research has found that the original stone was erected in memory of **Louis Schuster**. An interesting name, given that the etching is Germanic in style. In fact, a suitable summary of some of the key moments in his life would be - *Born Brussels, Belgium; Died Interlaken, Switzerland; Buried Worsley.*

Louis Schuster was born in Brussels, Belgium, on 15 August 1835, a son of Henry Schuster (1794-1872) and Adelaide Trostorff, his second wife.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
58	April 20 th 1861	Louis Schuster	offul & Bachelor age		Merchant	Stock-stead Hindleton	Henry Schuster	Merchant
		Margaret Birley	offul & Spinster age			Acadley Hindleton	Richard Birley	Merchant
Married in the <i>Parish Church of Hindleton</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <i>Licence</i> or after _____ by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>Louis Schuster</i> <i>Margaret Birley</i>		in the Presence of us,		<i>Richard Birley</i> <i>Frederick Schuster</i> <i>Adelam Birley</i> <i>Robert Birley Junr</i> <i>Frederick Schuster</i>		

1861 census: 18 Park Road, Seedley.

Residing as a Lodger, 25, at the home of Elizabeth Gratrix, 41, a widow. **Louis** was a Merchant.

1871 census: 8 Sandy Lane, Pendleton.

Louis Schuster	Head	M	35	Commission Merchant	
Margaret	Wife	M	30		
Pauline Frances	Daur		5		b. Pendleton
Richard Henry	Son		4		b. Pendleton
Maurice	Son		3 mo.		b. Pendleton

+ 2 nurse maids; 1 cook; 1 waitress; 1 gardener.

The *London Gazette* reported on 6 January 1874:

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us the undersigned, Sigismond James Stern, Francis Joseph Schuster, Samuel Leo Schuster, Louis Schuster, Frederick Leo Schuster, and Sigismond Anthony Fulda, in the trade or business of Merchants, carried out in the city of Manchester, and in Bradford, in the West Riding of the county of York, and in Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, under the style or firm of Leo Schuster Brothers and Co., was this day dissolved, by mutual consent; and that the business in Liverpool will be continued by us, the said Sigismond James Stern, Francis Joseph Schuster, and Samuel Leo Schuster, under the same style or firm; and that the business in Manchester and Bradford will in future be carried on by us, the said Louis Schuster, Frederick Leo Schuster, and Sigismond Anthony Fulda, and the undersigned Leopold Fulda, under the style or firm of Schuster, Fulda, and Co.—As witness our hands this 31st day of December, **1873**.

Sigismond James Stern.

Francis Joseph Schuster.

Sam. Leo Schuster.

Louis Schuster.

Frederick Leo Schuster.

Sigismond Anthony Fulda.

Leopold Fulda.

This announcement effectively split the business into two parts: one centred on Liverpool and the other on Manchester and Bradford.

1881 census: Fulshaw Park, Wilmslow.

Louis Schuster	Head	M	45	Merchant	b. Belgium
Margaret	Wife	M	40		b. Manchester
Pauline F.	Daur		15	Scholar	b. Pendleton
Arnold L(ouis).	Son		7	Scholar	b. Pendleton
Margaret A(melia).	Daur.		2		b. Wilmslow
Lionel R(ober).)	Son		1		b. Wilmslow
Margaret Beckwith	Cous.		14	Scholar	b. Staffs.

+ 2 nurses; 1 cook; 1 waitress; 3 maids.

At all times, Louis was referred to as a Merchant. No specific commodity is ever mentioned, but the supposition must be that it was in cotton. Leo Schuster was the son of a cotton merchant. He moved to England in 1808, and in 1820 formed the trading company Leo Schuster, Brothers & Co., cotton merchants based in Manchester, Bradford and Liverpool. Other members of the Schuster family migrated to London and became involved in Banking. One interesting point referenced below related to a building on the site of the University of Manchester. It is the **Schuster Building** which houses the Department of Astronomy and Physics. *Sir Franz Arthur Friedrich Schuster FRS; FRSE (12 September 1851 – 14 October 1934) was a German-born British physicist known for his work in*

spectroscopy, electrochemistry, optics, X-radiography and the application of harmonic analysis to physics. Schuster's integral is named after him. He contributed to making the University of Manchester a centre for the study of physics. [wikipedia]. Sir Arthur was the second son of a cousin of **Louis**. [see below]

Louis and Margaret had 6 children:

Pauline Frances was baptised on 14 March 1866 at St. Mary, Eccles, by Robert Birley. Married Ernst Walter H. F. Von Mach in the first quarter of 1891 at Christchurch, Hants.

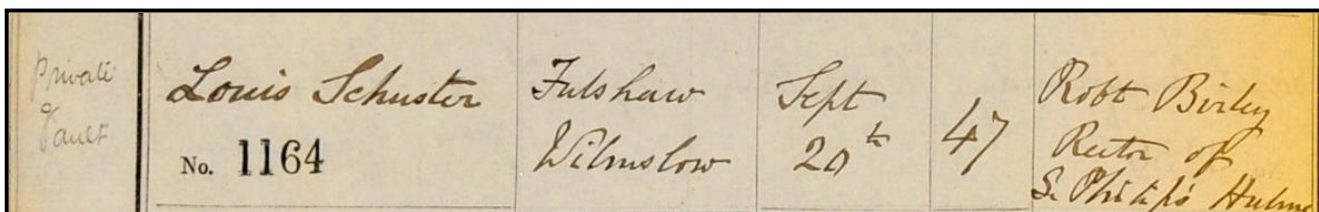
Richard Henry was baptised on 6 May 1867 at St. Mary, Eccles, by Robert Birley. He died in 1936.

Maurice was baptised on 18 February 1871 at St. Luke, Weaste. Buried 14 Nov 1874, at St. Mark, by Robert Birley.

Arnold Louis, born 4 July 1873, and baptised on 7 August 1873, at St. Luke, Weaste, by Robert Birley. Married Amy Kathleen Farrell on 22 July 1902 at St. Leonard, Streatham, Lambeth. Home address was Wood Hill, Pendleton. Ashes were buried at St. Mark on 20 October 1954.

Margaret Amelia 1878-1966. Married Charles Nelson at St. George, Hanover Square, on 17 February 1910.

Lionel Robert 1879-1966. Married Audrey Maria Charlotte Bruce on 4 November 1914 at Christ Church, Cheltenham.



<p>SCHUSTER Louis.</p> <p>Personal Estate £63,881 0s. 8d. Resworn April 1883 £64,396 1s. 9d.</p>	<p>17 November. The Will with a Codicil of Louis Schuster late of the Woodlands Fulshaw Park Alderley Edge in the County of Chester and of the City of Manchester Merchant who died 11 September 1882 at Interlaken in Switzerland was proved at Chester by Richard Kennedy Birley of Stafford House Ellesmere Park Eccles near Manchester in the County of Lancaster Frederick Leo Schuster of Oatlands Alderley Edge and Sigismond Anthony Fulda of the Oaks Fallowfield near Manchester in the County of Lancaster Merchants the Executors.</p>
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The third child of Louis and Margaret was Maurice, Sadly, he died at a very young age and was buried in the same plot on 14 November 1874. Again the service was conducted by Robert Birley, Rector of St. Philip's, Hulme.

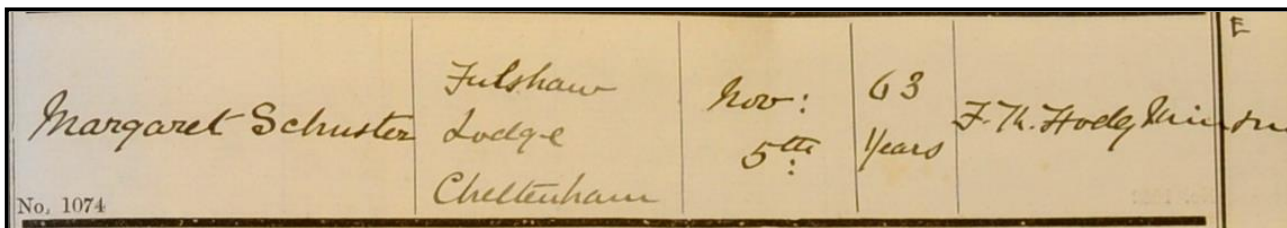
Margaret Schuster lived for a further twenty years or so. Curiously, ne trace has been found of her or her family in the 1891 census. She was buried at St. Mark on 5 November **1903**.

1901 census: "Bron Hendre," Dudley Road, Hastings, Sussex

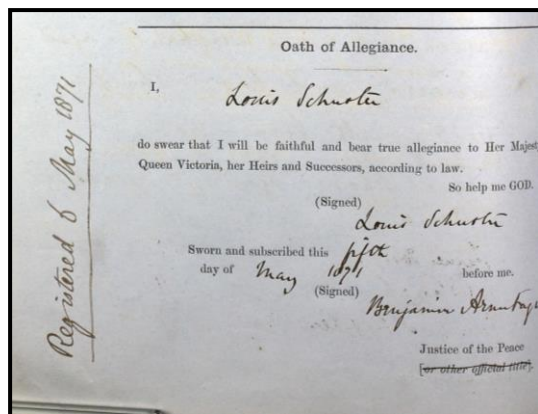
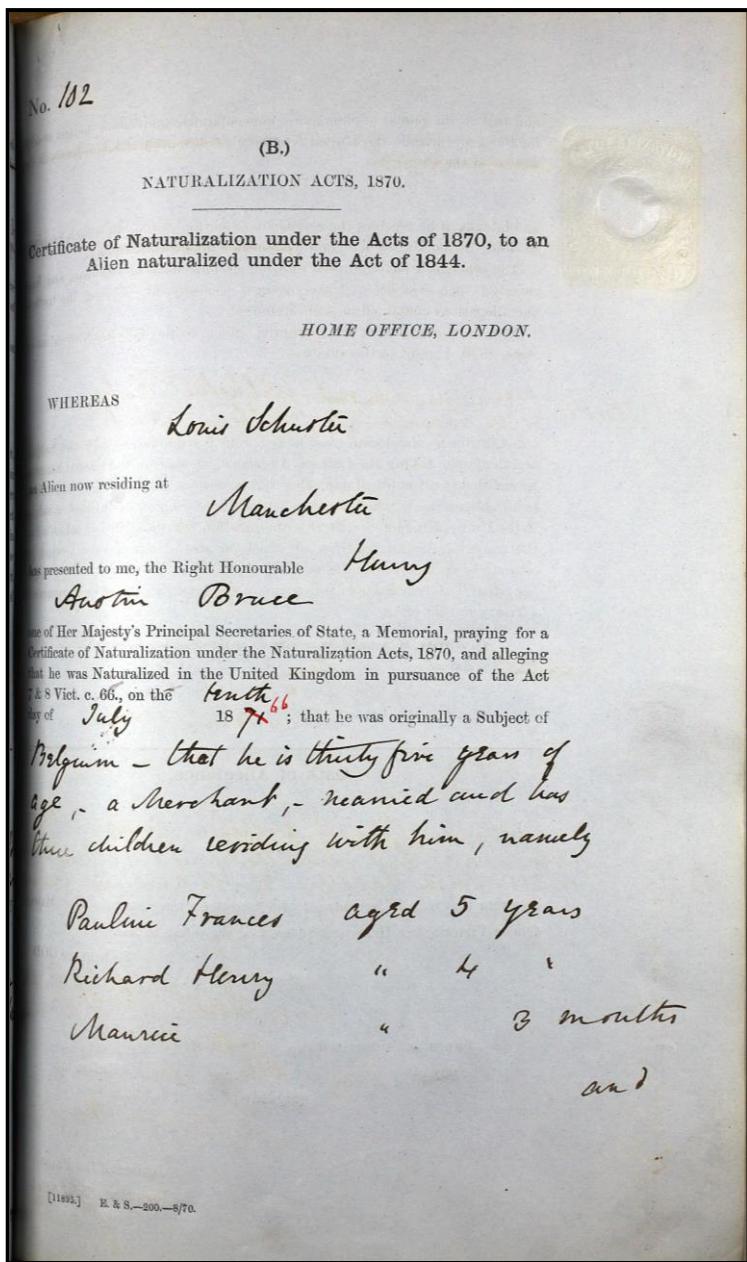
Margaret Schuster Head W 60 Living on own Means

Margaret A. Daur. S 22

+ 3 domestics



One other service was held for the Schuster family when the ashes of Arnold Lewis Schuster were interred by T. Billington on 20 October 1954 at the same site. His address had been given as Fair Winds, 7 Hatherly Road, Cheltenham, Glos.



Louis Schuster became a Naturalised Citizen on 5 May 1871.

The Certificate stated: that *he was originally a Subject of Belgium - that he is thirty-five years of age, a Merchant, married and his three children residing with him, namely*

- Pauline Frances, aged 5 years*
- Richard Henry, aged 4 years*
- Maurice, aged 3 months.*

His Oath of Allegiance was made on 5 May 1871 and registered on 6 May 1871.

Margaret BIRLEY

Margaret BIRLEY - 11 June **1840**. Pendleton. Daughter of Richard Birley 1812-1874.

Baptism: 9 Jul **1840** St Saviour, Chorlton on Medlock, Lancashire, England

Margaret Birley - [Child] of **Richard Birley** & Amelia Garforth (Kennedy)

Born: 11 Jun

Abode: Chorlton upon Medlock

Occupation: Cotton Spinner

Baptised by: P.J. O'Leary Offg. Minister

Richard Birley was baptised at Blackburn on 1 July **1811**, the son of Joseph Birley, Gentleman, and Jane, his wife.

Marriage: 2 Aug **1836** Collegiate, Manchester, Lancashire, England

Richard Birley - Merchant, Bachelor, this Parish and Township of Didsbury

Amelia Garforth Kennedy - Spinster, this Parish and Town

Witness: James Kennedy; Mary Kennedy; Jos. Birley; Eliza W. Kennedy; Jane Kennedy; Robert Hornby

Married by Licence by: Thos. Hornby Off. Min.

Notes: [Further Witnesses] T. Hamilton, G. Albert Escker, H. H. Birley, Edwd. Tootal, John Kennedy

1861 census: 4 Seedley Terrace, Pendleton.

Richard Birley	Head	W	45	Cotton Manufacturer; Magistrate; DL	b. Blackburn
Isabella Armstrong	Gov	Un	38	Governess	b. Scotland
Helen	Daur		21		b. Manchester
Mary L.	Daur		18		b. Manchester
Margaret	Daur		20		b. Manchester
Josephine	Daur		17	Scholar	b. Manchester
Richard	Son		16	Scholar	b. Manchester
Janet	Daur		14	Scholar	b. Manchester
Henrietta	Daur		12	Scholar	b. Manchester
Amelia G.	Daur		7	Scholar	b. Manchester

+ 4 domestics

Amelia died in Pendleton on 29 April **1859**. She was buried on 6 May 1859 at St. James Churchyard, Didsbury. Following the death of his wife, Richard married a second time. On the 8 May **1862**, at the Parish Church of Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks., he married Frances Jane Howson. Helen and Richard were witnesses at the wedding.

The younger Richard was the only boy of 10 children born to Richard and Amelia. Two young girls, both baptised with the first name Amelia, had died earlier at a very young age. Richard had a further 2 children to his second wife - Walter, born 1863, who died a year later, and Henry born 1865. Indeed, all their children were baptised at St. Saviour, Chorlton.

1871 census: 4 Seedley Terrace, Pendleton.

Richard Birley	Head	M	57	County Magistrate	
Frances Jane	Wife	M	49		b. London
Janet	Daur	Un	24		
Henrietta	Daur	Un	22		
Amelia Gertrude	Daur	Un	17		
Henry M.	Son		5	Scholar	

+ 6 servants

BIRLEY Richard Esq.
Effects under £35,000.

7 January. The Will of Richard Birley late of Seedley-terrace Pendleton in the Parish of Eccles in the County of **Lancaster** Esquire who died 15 October 1874 at Seedley-terrace was proved at **Manchester** by Richard Kennedy Birley of Cambridge-street in the City of Manchester Water-proof Fabric Manufacturer the Son Louis Schuster of Sackville-street Manchester Merchant and William James Harter of Chapel-walks Manchester Merchant the Executors.

In this will, note the name of **Louis Schuster**, of Sackville Street, Merchant. Richard Kennedy Birley was the brother of Margaret (Birley) Schuster.

Margaret Schuster No. 1074	Fulshaw Lodge Cheltenham	Nov: 5 th	63 Years	F. Th. Hoddy F
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SCHUSTER Margaret of Fulshaw-lodge Christ Church-road Cheltenham widow died 31 October 1903 at the hotel "St. Cloud" Ramsgate Probate **London** 1 December to Richard Henry Schuster and Arnold Louis Schuster merchants Effects £13153 12s. 6d.

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The Oxford Alumni records show:

Robert Birley 6s. Joseph of Didsbury, co. Lancaster, gent. BALLIOL COLL., matric. 30 March 1843, aged 17. BA 1847; MA 1852. R of St. Philip, Hulme 1860. Buried Dec 1897 • St James' Churchyard, Didsbury, Lancashire, England. Inscription from Crypt: "Robert son of Joseph & Jane Birley born Nov 1 1825. Died Dec 17 1897. Rector of St. Phillips Hulme for 37 yrs. Hon. Canon of Manchester Cathedral" Robert Birley, a brother of **Richard**, was therefore the uncle of **Margaret**.

