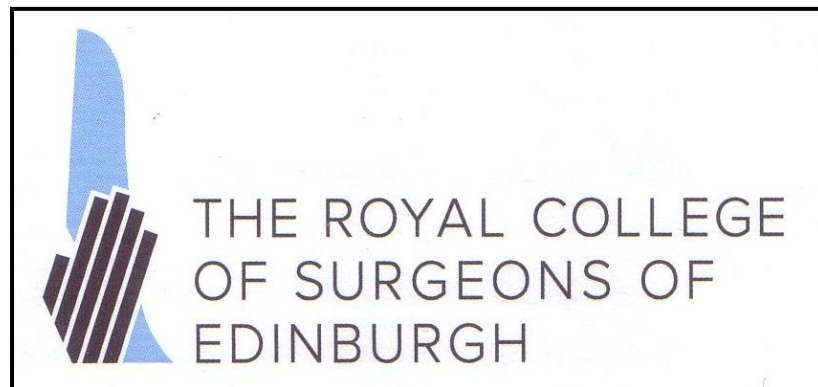


William Young MARTIN



William Young Martin

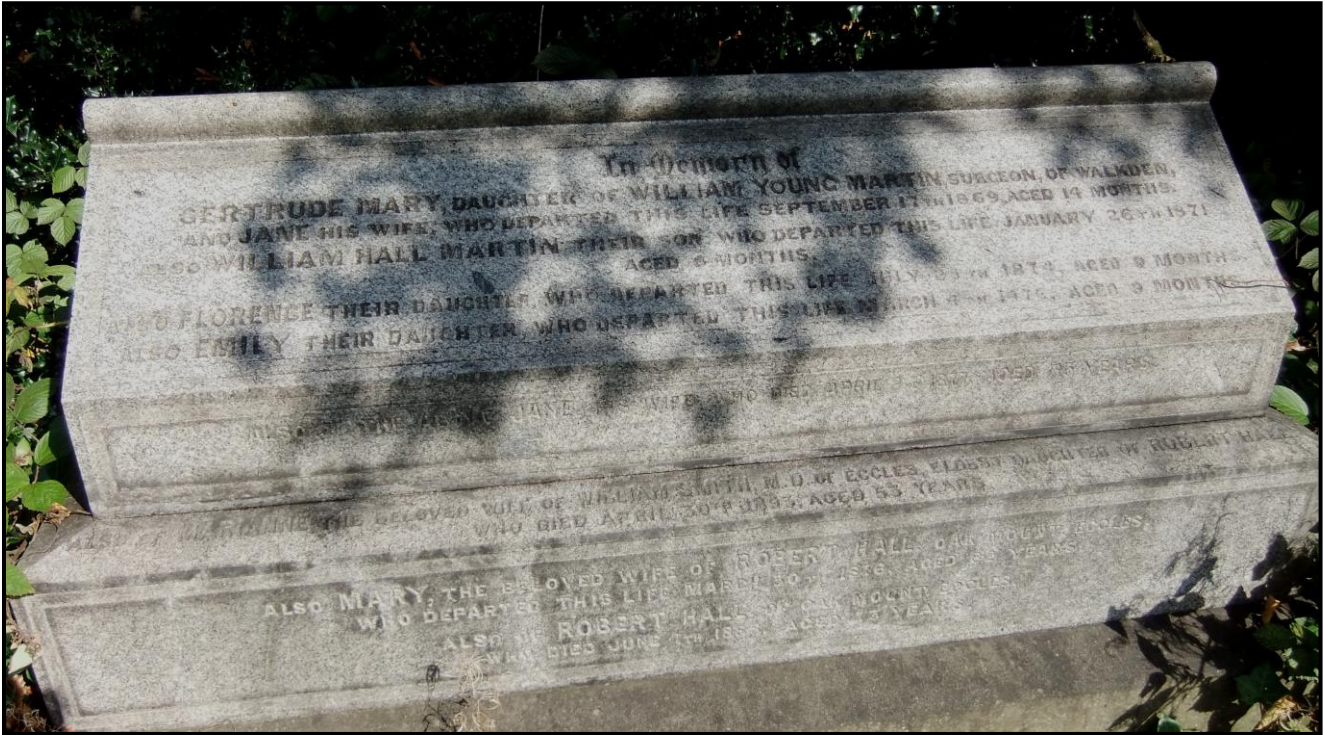
Baptised: 24 February 1843

Died: 3 June 1911

*G. P. and SURGEON
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE*



William Young MARTIN



In memory of GERTRUDE MARY daughter of WILLIAM YOUNG MARTIN surgeon of Walkden and JANE his wife who departed this life September 17th 1869 aged 14 mths. Also WILLIAM HALL MARTIN their son who departed this life January 26th 1871 aged 6 mths. Also FLORENCE their daughter who departed this life July 28th 1874 aged 9 mths. Also EMILY their daughter who departed this life March 4th 1876 aged 9 mths. Also of the above JANE his wife wd April 2nd 1877 aged 33 yrs. Also of MARIANNE the beloved wife of WILLIAM SMITH M.D. of Eccles, eldest daughter of ROBERT HALL who died April 30th 1893 aged 53 yrs. Also MARY the beloved wife of ROBERT HALL, Oak Mount, Eccles, who departed this life March 30th 1876 aged 62 yrs. Also ROBERT HALL of Oak Mount, Eccles, who died June 7th 1888 aged 73 yrs. (Plots c33 & c33a)

This coping headstone lies to the right as you enter the churchyard through the gates, just a few paces beyond the bench. It is a light grey granite and catches the full sun most of the day. What makes it a little unusual is the reference to eight people buried within that site. And yet, there is no mention of the burial of **William Young Martin** there. The sadness is the number of his children who all died at a very young age.

The fact that William Young Martin became a doctor and surgeon is of little surprise, given that his father, **Thomas**, was a doctor also. He was married on 4 March 1830 at St. Mary the Virgin, Deane, Lancashire. The marriage record shows:

Thomas Martin - Surgeon, this Parish [Deane]
Margaret Young - Spinster, this Parish [Deane]
Witness: Abrm. Boardman; Thos. Nicholls
Married by Licence; With Consent of those whose Consent is required in that Behalf by Law
by: William Hendrickson Curate of West Houghton

The fact that his wife's maiden name was *Young* accounts for that appearing as the middle name of William Thomas, their son - a common occurrence at that time.

The first national census of **1841** records that **Thomas** and Margaret were living in Clegg Houses, Buckley Lane, Little Hulton. Thomas and Margaret were given as 30 years of age, and their children were Ann (10), Alice (8), Jane (5), Thomas (3), and Margaret (3mo.). Thomas was a Surgeon.

These five children all appeared in the 1851 census.

1851 census: Buckley Lane, Little Hulton.

Thomas Martin	Head	M	42	Gen Practitioner; I.S.A. London b. Tyldesley
Margaret	Wife	M	40	b. Farnworth
Ann	Daur.	U	20	Domestic (bp.1830 St. John, Farnworth)
Alice	Daur.	U	18	Domestic
Jane	Daur.		15	Domestic (bp.1835 Peel)
Thomas *	Son		12	Scholar (bp.1838 Peel)
William (Young) *	Son		8	Scholar (bp.1843 Peel)
Robert +	Son		6	Scholar (bp.1845 Peel)
John	Son		4	Scholar (bp.1847 Peel)
Margaret	Daur		10	Scholar (bp.1840 Peel)
Richard (Johnson) *	Son		1	(bp.Richard Johnson 1849 Peel)

(+ = became Vicar of Irlam, 1872; * = became doctors)

1861 census: Long Causeway, Farnworth

Thomas Martin	Head	M	52	Surgeon & Licentiate of Apothecaries Hall, Lond.
Margaret	Wife	M	50	
Margaret	Daur	Un	20	
William	Son	Un	18	Medical Student

Thomas, Anne, Robert and Richard were all living together on Buckley Lane, Little Hulton. Alice, by this time, had married Robert Harrison.

In the UK Medical Register for **1863**, **Thomas Martin** was listed as having registered on 1 January 1859 (that being the first year of such registration) and was practising in Little Hulton and Kearsley. His qualification was 'Lic. Soc. Apoth. Lond. 1832', this being one of the main routes for medical training at that time.

The burial registers for St. John the Evangelist, Farnworth with Kearsley, Lancashire, records that on 11 December **1862 Thomas Martin**, of Hulton, was buried in the churchyard, aged 53 years.

WILL

*MARTIN Thomas 2 January 1863. The will of **Thomas Martin** late of Little Hulton in the County of Lancaster, Surgeon, deceased who died 6 December 1862 at Little Hulton aforesaid was proved at Manchester by the oaths of Margaret Martin of Little Hulton aforesaid. widow, the relict (during widowhood), Ann Wolfendale (wife of the Reverend James Wolfendale, Independent Minister), of Tutbury, in the county of Stafford, and Alice Harrison (wife of Robert Harrison, Druggist) of Farnworth in the county of Lancaster, the daughters, the Executrixes.*

In **1871**, Margaret, his widow, was living at Buckley House, on Buckley Lane, Little Hulton. She was 60 years of age and she was with Richard J. (now a General Practitioner) and a general servant. Ten years later, in **1881**, she was living with her daughter Margaret (40), who was married to Joshua Cross, at 161 Wellington Road, Stockport. He was an Accountant. Margaret died in November **1883** and was buried at St. John the Evangelist, Farnworth, in her 73rd year, on 17 November, aged 72.

24	William Young	Thomas	Martin	Little Hulton	Surgeon	J. P. H. Esq.
No. 1281	son of	Abice				

William Young Martin was baptised on 24 February **1843** at Peel Chapel, the second of five sons of Thomas and Margaret.

The censuses of **1851** and **1861** (above) show **William Young** at home with his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth, living in Little Hulton, then Farnworth. In the latter census, he was a Medical Student.

1866. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Eccles in the County of Lancaster								
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.
459	June 11 th 1866	William Young Martin	off full age	Bachelor	Surgeon	Little Hulton	Thomas Martin	Surgeon
		and Jane Hall	off full age	Spinster		Eccles	Robert Hall	Gentleman
Married in the above Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Licence or after by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		William Young Martin		Jane Hall		in the Presence of us,		Robt. H. Hall Robert Martin Elizabeth Thomas Hall

In **1865**, he was registered as a Doctor in the U.K. Medical Registers. And then, on 14 June **1866**, he married Jane Hall, daughter of Robert Hall of Eccles. The marriage took place at St. Mary the Virgin, the parish church of Eccles, and was by Licence.

The *Blackburn Standard* reported this on 20 June **1866** as follows:

On the 14th instant, at the Parish Church, Eccles, by the Rev. J. Pelham Pitcairn, M.A., vicar, assisted by the Rev. J. Spicer Wood, of Little Hulton, WILLIAM YOUNG MARTIN, Esq., M.R.C.S., of Little Hulton, to JANE, second daughter of ROBERT HALL, Esq., of Eccles.

The *Bucks Herald*, of 15 December **1866**, reported that an explosion of gas occurred at the Cannel Mine of the Bank Collieries, at Little Hulton, belonging to Mr. John Wright. 21 men and boys were waiting at the piteye (sic) to be brought to the surface. Whilst they were waiting, a fall of roof occurred and the gas, of which this particular mine had plenty, accumulated in the hollow created within the roof and immediately exploded. A current of air drove the fire towards where the men were waiting. All the men were rescued within an hour. They were badly burned about the head, face, and upper parts of the body. Two of the party were severely injured. All were attended to by Mr. **William Young Martin** and Mr. Charlton, surgeons, of Little Hulton, and Mr. Johnson Martin, surgeon, of Farnworth. [Johnson Martin was, in fact, Richard Johnson Martin, a younger brother. Ed.]

The *Bolton Chronicle* of 22 January **1870**, when reporting on the death of Mr. Harrison Blair, formerly of Kearsley House and the owner of a vitriol works in that district. wrote:

The illness which eventuated in his death commenced about two months ago, and was of an exceedingly painful character. He was attended by Messrs. Richard and William Young Martin, surgeons, of Little Hulton, and the eminent physician Sir Henry Thompson, of London, was also consulted. ... The disease, however - which consisted of abscesses in the bladder - proved to be incurable, and Mr. Blair expired shortly after five o'clock on Sunday morning last [the 16th] lamented by all in the district.

The U.K. Medical Register in **1871** recorded him living in Little Hulton and listed his qualifications.

Date of Registration 5 February 1867. Qualification: Mem. 1865; Lic. Midwif. 1867; R. Coll. Surg. Eng.; Lic. R. Coll. Phys. Edin. 1868; Lic. Soc. Apoth. Lond. 1868.

The census of **1871** showed the first record of William Young as father and head of household.

1871 census: "The Limes", Chorley Road, Worsley.

William Young Martin	Head	M	28	Surgeon.LHRE;MRCS;ISA	b.Little Hulton
Jane	Wife	M	27		b. Manchester
Edith Margaret	Daur		4		b. Little Hulton
+ 2 servants					

This information appears to suggest that the couple had only had one child at the time the census was taken on the night of the 2 April 1871. And even when we look at the census for 1881 (taken for the night of 3 April 1881), there were only two children recorded. The fact that the national census, originating in 1841, is taken only every ten years, can distort the truer picture. Fortunately, the gravestone paints a much fuller picture of the family. And a tragic one it is! For engraved upon it are the names of four other children who all sadly died in infancy, and therefore their names, indeed their very existence, are not recorded in these national records.

At this point, it is better to look immediately at the census for 1881.

1881 census: 21 Manchester Road, Worsley

William Young Martin	Head	M	38	General Practitioner	LRCS
Sarah E.	Wife	M	27		
Edith Margaret	Daur.		14	Scholar	
Jane Hall	Daur.		9	Scholar	
+ 3 servants					

A couple of points stand out. Firstly, the two daughters Edith Margaret and Jane Hall. Edith was baptised at St. John the Baptist, Little Hulton, on 7 May 1867. She died on 2 April 1911 in Salford. Jane Hall was baptised on 25 August 1871 at St. Paul, Walkden. The second fact is that **William Young** was married - but to Sarah E.!

So let us unravel this strange sequence of events. First of all, the headstone tells of three daughters and one son who all died at a very young age. As we know, they were all buried in our churchyard.

Gertrude Mary - d.17/9/69, aged 14 months

William Hall - d.26/1/71, aged 6 mo. Bp. 4 October 1870 St. John the Baptist, Little Hulton

Florence - d.28/7/74, aged 9 mo. Bp. 22 October 1873 St. John the Baptist, Irlam, by Robert Martin.

Emily - d.4/3/76, aged 9 months.

Secondly, what had happened to Jane? The parish burial register at St. Mark's recorded:

Burial: 6 April **1877 St. Mark**, Worsley, Lancashire

Jane Martin -

Age: 33 yrs.

Abode: Walkden

Buried by: Charles Heath Vicar of Walkden

The *Manchester Courier* on 7 April **1877** reported her death thus:

MARTIN April 2nd, at The Limes, Walkden, in her 34th year, Jane, the beloved wife of William Young Martin, F.R.C.S.,Ed., and second daughter of Robert Hall, of Oak Mount, Eccles.

18 months later, **William Young Martin** married a second time.

1878. Marriage solemnized at <i>Saint Mark's Church</i> in the <i>Parish</i> of <i>Worsley</i> in the County of <i>Lancaster</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
331	<i>September 19th</i>	<i>William Young Martin</i> <i>Sarah Elizabeth Whittle</i>	<i>full</i> <i>full</i>	<i>Widower</i> <i>Spinster</i>	<i>Surgeon</i> —	<i>Walkden</i> <i>Worsley</i>	<i>Thomas Martin</i> <i>William Whittle</i>	<i>Surgeon</i> <i>Surgeon</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ or after <i>Licence</i> by me, _____								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>William Young Martin</i> <i>Sarah Elizabeth Whittle</i>		in the Presence of us,		<i>William Whittle</i> <i>Elizabeth Spots</i> <i>William A. Hall</i> <i>Thomas Bewell, M.D.</i>		

The ceremony took place at St. Mark's, on 19 September **1878**, and was conducted by the Earl of Mulgrave. Sarah Elizabeth would have been about 24 years of age.

The *Manchester Courier* on 28 September **1878** announced the marriage in this way:

MARTIN-WHITTLE. On Sept. 19th, at St. Mark's, Worsley, by the Hon. and Rev. the Earl of Mulgrave, Vicar, assisted by the Rev. Charles Heath, BA, Vicar of Walkden, and the Rev. J. Cater, Curate of Worsley, Dr. William Young Martin, of The Limes, Walkden, to Sarah Elizabeth, only child of William Whittle, Esq., Park House, Worsley. - No cards.

The *Bolton Evening News* of Friday 20 September **1878** reported the wedding ceremony in more elegant terms, referring to it as a 'Fashionable Marriage at Worsley'. *"The bride wore a rich white silk dress trimmed with orange blossom, and a magnificent tulle veil. The bridesmaids were attired in elegant crème cashmeres, set off with pink, with mob caps of crème satin, trimmed with pink and autumn leaves. The church was crowded during the ceremony, and at its conclusion the bridal party and numerous guests were conveyed to Park House, for breakfast, after which the newly united couple left for London"*.

The *Newcastle Journal* on 8 December **1884** reported that The University of Durham, Department of Medicine, announced that the following had satisfied the examiners: ... **William Young Martin** ... and had been awarded the degree of Doctor in Medicine for practitioners of fifteen years' standing.

Suddenly, on Saturday 16 March **1889**, it was reported in the local press that *"On the 11th inst., at The Limes, Walkden, Sarah Elizabeth, the beloved wife of William Young Martin, in her 35th year"*.

A quick leap ahead to the census of **1891** reveals more:

1891 census: Dr. Martin's. "The Limes"

William Young Martin	Head	W	48	Surgeon; General Practitioner Reg.
Edith M.	Daur.	S	24	Living on own means
Jane H.	Daur.	S	19	Living on own means
William W.	Son		3	
Thomas W.	Son		2	
+ 4 servants				

Here we notice that **William Young** was once more a widower and that he and his second wife Sarah Elizabeth, had had 2 sons: William Whittle Martin, baptised at St. Paul, Walkden, on 15 May **1887**, (born 13 April 1887, who also became a doctor) and Thomas Whittle Martin, baptised on 21 March **1889** at St. Paul, Walkden, (He was born on 4 March 1889). There was also one daughter, Sarah Dorothea Martin, baptised on 2 March **1882** at St. Paul, Walkden, (She was born on 12 December 1881). And yet she did not appear on the census.

The burial register for St. Mark's shows:

Burial: 15 Mar **1889 St Mark**, Worsley, Lancashire
Sarah Elizabeth Martin -
Age: 35 yrs.
Abode: Walkden
Buried by: C. Heath

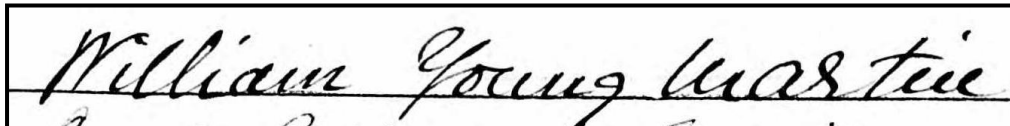
Given that the son, Thomas Whittle Martin, was born on the 4 March **1889** and that his mother, Sarah Elizabeth, had in fact died on the 11 March of that year, it may be supposed that her death could have been connected to the birth. Another tragic event in the life of **William Young Martin**.

In the mid-1880s, **William Young Martin** had involved himself in local politics in the township of Little Hulton and had served briefly on the local board. On Thursday 30 July **1891**, the *Manchester Courier* reported, under the headline *NEW COUNTY MAGISTRATE - Yesterday the county seal-keeper at Preston placed the name of William Young Martin, of Walkden, Bolton, doctor of medicine, upon the commission of the peace for the county Palatine of Lancashire*. In other words, he became a J.P.

This position was referred to in the next census of **1901**:

1901 census: "The Limes", Manchester Road.

William Young Martin	Head W	58	Doctor of medicine. JP.
Sarah Dorothy	Daur.	19	
Emily Ethel Martin	Visitor S	24	
Gertrude Eliz. Martin	Visitor S	22	
Hettie Martin	Visitor S	19	
+ 2 servants			



[Sarah Dorothy later married Ernest Bury; and a son, Fl. Lt. Ernest Martin Bury, R.A.F. (V.R.) 114 Sqn. died on 26 March 1942, aged 30. His name is on Panel 65 on the Runnymede memorial. She died in South Wales in 1973. - Ed.]

The U.K. Medical Register in **1907** recorded him living in Buckley House, Walkden and listed his qualifications.

Mem. 1865; Lic. Midwif. 1867; R. Coll. Surg. Eng.; Fell. R. Coll. Surg. Edin. 1875; Lic. Soc. Apoth. Lond. 1868; Lic. R. Coll. Phys. Edin. 1868; M.D. Univ Durh. 1884.

Also at the same address was another William Young Martin, (hitherto referred to as jnr.) of Buckley House, Atherton. His registration was noted from 2 April 1904. His qualifications were listed as M.B. Bac. Surg. 1904, Vict. Univ. Manc.

[**William Young's** younger brother Richard Johnson Martin (born 1850) also became a doctor. He had a son, also William Young Martin, and rather interestingly had 2 daughters whom he named Emily and Florence, just a few years after the deaths of the same named daughters of William Young, senior. I suppose there is no surprise that this younger William Young Martin also became a doctor!! *Manchester Evening News* - 30 March 1904. *Professor Boyd Dawkins, pro-Vice Chancellor of the Victoria University, this afternoon at Owens College, conferred degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery upon ... (inter alii) William Young Martin (Owens)*. - Ed.]

Some twenty years after the death of Sarah Elizabeth, William Young Martin married for a third time.



Manchester Evening News - Saturday 16 January **1909**.

*Holy Trinity, Southport, was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding at noon today. The contracting parties were Dr. **William Young Martin**, one of the best known and most highly respected of Walkden residents, and a former Chairman of the Worsley District Council, and Mrs. Lily Berwick, of Southport, widow of the late Mr. D. J. Berwick, Squire of Gopeng, Federated Malay States. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Robert Martin, of Irlam, brother of the bridegroom.*

The couple moved to Pendleton after their marriage. The census of **1911** shows their residency there.

1911 census: 48 Park Road, Pendleton

William Young Martin	Head	M	68	Doctor of Medicine
Martha Emily Martin	Wife	M	42	(Married for 2 years) b.Newton-le-W.
Douglas Ruxton Berwick	Son		9	(born Perack, Malay States)
+ 2 domestics				

Clearly there is a further story behind this marriage! Not least in the 'son' Douglas Ruxton Berwick - the son of Martha Emily and the step-son of William Young Martin.

The *Leeds Mercury* on 6 June **1911** announced:

*MARTIN - On June 3rd, at his residence, Park Villa, 48 Park Road, Pendleton, **WILLIAM YOUNG MARTIN**, M.D. and J.P., (late of Walkden), in his 68th year. (Interment at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, tomorrow, Wednesday, at three o'clock).*

Burial: **7 Jun 1911** St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England

William Young Martin -

Age: 68 years

Abode: 48 Park Road, Pendleton

Grave: W 2218

Buried by: H. E. Alderson, Vicar of Hope

WILL

***MARTIN William Young** of Park Villa, 48 Park Road, Pendleton, **Salford**, physician and surgeon, died 3 June 1911. Probate **Manchester** 31 July to Sarah Dorothea Bury (wife of Ernest Bury), William Whittle Martin, Surgeon, Thomas Whittle Martin, Medical Student and William Young Martin, Physician and Surgeon. Effects £3,266 10s. 6d. Resworn £3.131 10s. 6d.*

R.I. P.

The first wife was **Jane Hall**. She was the 2nd daughter of Robert (b. 1815) and Mary Hall (b.1813). In 1871, they lived at Hope Mount, Monton. He was a Retired Builder. In an earlier census, he was a Joiner. He had married Mary Walker on 1 January 1839 at Manchester Cathedral. His WILL was proved on 13 July 1888. His address was recorded as formerly of Oak Mount, Eccles, but late of 31

Claremont Park, Blackpool. He Died on 7 June 1888. The executors were Rev. Robert Martin, Vicar of Irlam; William Smith M.D., of 48 Gildabrook Road, Eccles; and William Henry Hall of Oak Mount. Robert Hall was buried in the **Martin** family plot on 12 June 1888, age 73 yrs. Abode: Blackpool. His wife, Mary, had died on 30 March 1876, age 62. Her abode was Oakmount, Eccles. She too was buried in the **Martin** family plot.

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The second wife, **Sarah Elizabeth Whittle** was the only child of William Whittle and Sarah Whittle. William had married Sarah Barritt on 31 March 1851 at St. Mary the Virgin, Eccles. He was a Veterinary Surgeon and the family lived at Park House, Worsley. She was baptised by St. Vincent Beechey on 10 July 1853. Her father was then a Vet. and would have been born about 1826. One curious fact: in the census of 1901, William Whittle (aged 75) was living with a new wife, Elizabeth, at 7 Leicester Street, Southport!! - and in the parish of Holy Trinity!! His first wife had been buried at St. Mark's on 3 May 1876.

William died on 19 October 1908, aged 83. He had been living at 46 Ash Street, Southport. His will was proved in London on 3 December 1908. His estate was left to **William Young Martin**, physician; Sarah Dorothea Bury (wife of Ernest Bury); and William Whittle Martin, physician. William Whittle was buried at St. Mark's on 23 October 1908 by Rev. Robert Martin, vicar of Irlam.

William Whittle Martin and Sarah Dorothea Bury were his grandchildren. It is impossible to say which **William Young Martin** was the beneficiary, though a good guess is that it would have been the former son-in-law, rather than the younger man who was too far removed from the Whittle family.

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The third wife, and widow, **Martha Emily Berwick**, lived for another 48 years.

WILL

MARTIN Martha Emily of The Hollies, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire. Widow, died 5 February 1959. Probate Birmingham 14 May to William Astley Hesketh Scott, Solicitor.

The Worcester News 16 February 2005 (Fifty years ago)

IN his will, published this week, (February 1955) **Douglas Ruxton Berwick**, the founder of the Evergreen Scouts, in Bromsgrove, left £39,488 gross. He left the scout hut at Whitford Hall School to the owner, Mary Booker, for as long as she was in charge, otherwise to Bromsgrove Scout Association. Mr Berwick lived at the Hollies, in Kidderminster Road. He was a schoolmaster and died on 24 October 1954.

In the 1939 Register, he was living at The Hollies, and was listed as an Assistant Master in a Day School. His birth was officially on 16 May 1901. In April 1928, his mother and he left London by steamer that was bound for Japan. Martha (aged 58) was to disembark at Naples and Douglas (aged 26) at Marseille. Their address was The Hollies, and his occupation was Tutor.

Douglas James Berwick, his father, (born 1866) passed away on **25 November 1901** in **Perak**, due to an abscess on the liver. His will read: BERWICK Douglas James of Gopeng Perak died 25 November 1901 at Penang Straits Settlements Administration (with Will) (Limited) LONDON 5 April 1902 to Martha Emily Berwick widow the attorney of Arthur Robert Adams Effects £4338 11s. 3d. Re-sworn March 1903 £3938 11s. 9d.

POSTSCRIPT

Regrettably the gravestone for this family no longer exists and the site is not clearly identified. The full inscription on the gravestone would have read:

In affectionate remembrance of SARAH ELIZABETH. only child of WILLIAM & SARAH WHITTLE, and beloved wife of W. YOUNG MARTIN M.D. The Limes, Walkden, who died March 11th 1889, aged 35 yrs. In affectionate remembrance of SARAH, the beloved wife of WILLIAM WHITTLE, of Worsley wd April 28th 1876 in the 47th yr of her age. In loving memory of WILLIAM YOUNG MARTIN M.D. J.P. of Walkden, who died April 9th 1917 aged 28 yrs. Also of WILLIAM WHITTLE M.R.C.V.S. who died October 19th 1908 aged 83 yrs. Also of ELIZABETH, wife of the above, who died November 1st 1911 aged 83 yrs. (Plots w2218 & 2243)

