

James ROSCOE



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Baptised: 19 December 1852

Died: 8 July 1922

COLLIERY PROPRIETOR

COAL FACTOR

J. P.

CHAIRMAN - WORSLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL



James ROSCOE J.P.



Born 19 December 1852. Baptised 3 June 1853 at Fletton, Hunts.

Burial: 12 Jul 1922 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England

James Roscoe -

Age: 69 years

Abode: Chaseley, Longley Road, Worsley

Grave: 1223 N.P. Brick Grave

Buried by: H.W. Thorne

Burial: 7 Apr 1943 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England (Died 3 April 1943)

Victoria Annie Roscoe -

Age: 84 yrs.

Abode: High Lawn, Colwin Bay / late Worsley

Buried by: I. Renshaw

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1884. Marriage solemnized at St. Peter's Church in the Parish of Rochdale 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.
39	May 31 1884	James Roscoe Victoria Anne Sarah Jones North	31 25	Bachelor Spinster	Colliery proprietor	London Road Oldham 3 Sussex st	James Roscoe Thomas North	Colliery Proprietor Manufacturer

Married in the Parish church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by A. Chubb or after Banns by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, James Roscoe in the Presence of us, Edith Amanda Lily Alexandra North

1861 census: 12 Kent Street, Leicester

James Roscoe	Head	M	41	Engineer
Mary	Wife	M	40	
James	Son		8	

+ 6 siblings

+ 1 servant

1871 census: 6 Beal Street, Leicester

James Roscoe	Head	M	51	Civil Engineer	b. Worsley
Mary	Wife	M	50		b. Little Hulton
James	Son	S	18	Clerk	b. Fletton

+ 4 siblings

+ 1 servant

(1881 census: Old Peel Hall., Little Hulton)

James Roscoe	Head	M	61	Colliery Proprietor and Farmer empl. at collieries 220 men and 52 boys Farm 160 acres statute measures	
Mary	Wife	M	60		
Elizabeth Ann	Daur	Un	25		b. Fletton
Thomas	Son	M	23	Farmer	b. Leicester)

1881 census: 185 Shaw Road, Oldham

James Roscoe (Jnr)	Boarder	Un	26	Colliery Proprietor	b. Peterborough
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1891 census: Brackley House, 58 Hulton Lane, Little Hulton

James Roscoe	Head	M	38	Colliery Proprietor	
Victoria A.	Wife	M	31		

+ 1 servant

1901 census: Chaseley, Longley Road, Worsley

James Roscoe	Head	M	48	Colliery Agent	b. Peterborough, Hunts
Victoria Ann	Wife	M	42		b. Rochdale

+ 1 servant

1911 census: Chaseley, Worsley

James Roscoe	Head	M	58	Coal Factor	b. Fletton, Hunts.
Victoria A.	Wife	M	52		b. Rochdale

+ 2 servants

Married 27 years. No children.

ROSCOE James of Chaseley Worsley **Lancashire** coal factor died 8 July 1922 Probate **Manchester** 12 September to Victoria Annie Roscoe widow Stanley Halsall buyer and Ralph Thomas Mallalieu coal factors manager. Effects £26897 16s. 1d.

ROSCOE James.

Personal Estate £19,181 16s. 3d.

25 March. The Will of James Roscoe late of Peel Hall Little Hulton near Bolton in the County of Lancaster Colliery Proprietor who died 1 August 1890 at Peel Hall was proved at Manchester by George Roscoe James Roscoe Thomas Roscoe and William Edwin Roscoe all of Little Hulton Colliery Proprietors the Sons the Executors.

Burial: 4 Aug 1890 St Paul, Peel, Little Hulton, Lancashire, England

James Roscoe - son of Roger Roscoe

Age: 70 years

Abode: Kenyon Hall, Little Hulton

Buried by: H. E. Alderson, Vicar

Bolton Evening News Friday 1 August 1890

DEATH OF A LITTLE HULTON COLLIERY PROPRIETOR

The demise of Mr. James Roscoe, in his 71st year, took place this morning at four o'clock, after a brief illness, at his residence, the Old Peel Hall, Little Hulton. The deceased was the proprietor of the Peel Hall Colliery, having had charge of them since 1872. The deceased took to his bed on Saturday suffering from broncho-pneumonia, and has been attended by Dr. Sayers of Walkden and Dr. Mallett of Bolton. He was for the greater part of his life connected with the Midland Railway Company, as locomotive inspector, having been stationed at Derby, Peterborough and Leicester. In 1850 he became a partner with his brother William in the management of the Peel Hall collieries, and in 1872 the partnership was dissolved, when the deceased took over the concern. He was an ardent liberal in politics, and has on several occasions been President of the local Liberal club. He leaves a wife and five children, for sons and one daughter. The funeral will take place on Monday at Peel Church.

Leigh Chronicle Friday 8 August 1890

DEATH OF A LOCAL COLLIERY OWNER.

Mr. James Roscoe, gentleman well-known in Tyldesley, as the owner of the New Lester Pits in the township, as well as the New Watergate and Peel Hall Collieries, Little Hulton, died at his residence Kenyon Hall, Peel, Little Hulton, Friday last after a very short illness at the age of seventy years. Mr. Roscoe was formerly a collier at a pit which used to flourish near his New Lester Pit, but eventually took to engineering on the Midland Railway, and went to reside at Leicester. He saved sufficient money to enable him to sink the New Lester Pit which was a most successful venture, and in course of time he launched out in respect to the other collieries. At the time he worked the New Lester Colliery solely, Mr. Roscoe resided at Park House for about ten years, and when the other two started removed to his late residence. Being a great admirer of the late Rev. Dr. Hewlett, the deceased gentleman became a regular attender at Astley Church, though in reality he was a Primitive Methodist, and laid the memorial stone at the chapel of that denomination at Tyldesley. His remains were interred at St. Paul's, Little Hulton, on Monday afternoon, in the presence of several thousand people by whom the deepest respect was shown. The collieries were closed and all the workmen surrounded the grave side at the interment. The deceased gentleman, who leaves a widow, four sons, and a daughter, was highly respected by the residents the townships in which he moved so frequently.

Manchester Courier Sat 12 February 1910

FIRE £2,500 DAMAGE AT LITTLE HULTON.

Damage amounting to £2,500 was done by fire yesterday morning at Messrs. **James Roscoe** and Sons' Peel Hall Collieries, Little Hulton. The outbreak was discovered about 5.40 in the locomotive shed, and when the Farnworth Brigade arrived the roof of the building attacked had fallen in. Superintendent Entwistle devoted his attention the large wagon shed adjoining, which was saved after half an hour's hard work. Then attention had turned to the locomotives, which were very considerably damaged. It was half-past ten before the fire was got under control. The damage is covered by insurance.

Leigh Chronicle Friday 19 January 1912

Cost of Worsley Town Hall

An announcement which has been awaited with great interest by Worsley ratepayers, viz. the handsome new Town Hall and public offices, was given by Mr. **James Roscoe** (chairman of the committee) at a special meeting of the District Council on Monday. Mr Roscoe said the total amount borrowed was £10,850, and from the reserve fund at the bank they drew £3,555, making a total income of £14,405. The expenditure side composed the cost of buildings £11,055, furnishing £1,795, levelling of the grounds, etc, £576; and boundary wall, ironwork, etc, £978. making a total of £14,405. The railings round the park still had to be completed, and at the close of the present financial year they hoped, as promised at the commencement, to manage without raising the rate. They had already repaid £419 of the money borrowed. The report was considered very satisfactory, many councillors giving expression to their gratification.

Manchester Courier Thursday 6 February 1913

Mr. **James Roscoe**, of Worsley, has been elected President of the Manchester Coal Exchange, in place of the late Mr. Thomas Thrutchley.

Manchester Courier 14 January 1914

An event of great interest to those connected with the Lancashire coal trade took place on the Manchester Coal Exchange yesterday, when a handsome memento, presented Mr. **James Roscoe**, in commemoration of his second period of office president, was hung in the large room. The plate, which mounted an elaborately carved black oak frame, surmounted by a laurel wreath, contains the names of presidents and trustees.

The local newspapers contained several reports of accidents and deaths, occurring at the pits owned by **James Roscoe**. Sometimes these were purely accidents occurring within the mine tunnels, or even deaths by jumping across a number of coal wagons whilst the locomotive was moving! There was even a large fire at the New Leicester Colliery when 'trencherbone slack and loose coal' caught fire. The outbreak took almost two days to be brought under control and was attributed to spontaneous combustion. Numerous adverts appeared offering their coal for sale.

Manchester Courier Thursday 20 December 1900

PURCHASE OF A LANCASHIRE COLLIERY.

Messrs. **James Roscoe** and Sons, of Peel Hall and Lester Collieries, Little Hulton, near Bolton, have, it is said, acquired the Bank Colliery, Little Hulton, which has been closed nearly twenty years. There are about fifty Cheshire acres of minerals in the collieries, including rich seams of Arley, Yard, and Plodder coal, which will be tapped early in the new century by Messrs. Roscoe from their present collieries by means of tunnels. Bank Colliery was last worked by Mr. W. H. Chadwick, of Little Hulton, and formerly Messrs, Wright, and at one time employed a great number of men.

Manchester Courier Sat 26 April 1902

SCHOOLS FOR WORSLEY

At the annual meeting of the Worsley District Council on Monday, Mr. **James Roscoe** elected chairman, An Emergency Meeting was appointed to deal with the question of providing technical school, the accommodation provided at present having been described as inadequate by the Board of Education. There are about 1,000 students attending the technical classes in the Walkden, Worsley, and Boothstown districts.

Manchester Evening News 3 July 1902

HUGE BONFIRE AT WORSLEY.

Last evening a huge bonfire, 40ft. high and 25ft. diameter, was lighted on the Cross Fields, Worsley, by Councillors **James Roscoe**, J. S. Potter, and E. Noden, of the Worsley District Council, and Mr. James Atherton. About seven tons of timber were consumed in addition to 60 or 70 oil casks, and the base of the timber was surrounded by a number of tar barrels. Before the blaze was lighted, the timber was well sprayed with paraffin. Whilst the fire was burning about fifty youths, dressed in character and carrying torchlights and Chinese lanterns, paraded the village. The fire was witnessed by several thousand people from the adjoining districts. A bonfire was also kindled near the aqueduct, Barton. (Roscoe was Chairman of the Council, and the timber was provided by the Earl of Ellesmere.)

Sheffield Evening Telegraph Tuesday 29 July 1902

The works of Messrs **James Roscoe**, limited, coal, lime, and sand merchants, at Weaste, near Manchester, were entirely destroyed by fire early this morning. Much valuable machinery was destroyed. The timber wharves of the ship canal were in some danger.

Manchester Evening News Tuesday 11 November 1902

THE COST OF PATIENTS.

This morning, the Barton Board of Guardians, with the view of preventing any further cases of Smaalpox at Boothstown, have issued notices that the public vaccination stations at Boothstown, Walkden, and Worsley will be opened for vaccination and revaccination, free of charge. At a meeting of the Worsley District Council, last evening, the chairman (Mr. **James Roscoe**) reported that the man who had recently been seized with smallpox at Boothstown was progressing satisfactorily, and there had been no further cases. The charge for sending the patient to the Salford Hospital would ten guineas per week, and £1 for ambulance and conveyance.

Manchester Evening News Wednesday 11 March 1903

COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

The members who retire on the Worsley Council, and who seek re-election, are Mr. W. J. Simpson, Boothstown ward; Mr. Joseph Hall, Walkden north; Mr. Wm. Allen, Walkden central; and Mr. Thos. Rushton, Walkden east ward; and Mr. **James Roscoe**, chairman of the Council, Worsley ward. The latter will be opposed Mr. Samuel Jackson, joiner, Roe Green.

Westminster Gazette Saturday 10 October 1903

COAL STACK FIRE IN LANCASHIRE.

A large stack of coal, comprising many hundreds of tons, belonging to Messrs. **James Roscoe** and Sons, colliery proprietors, adjoining their new Leicester colliery, Peel-lane, Little Hulton, near Bolton, is on fire. A stall of men have been playing water on it during last night, but the heap this morning was still blazing. Hopes are entertained that part of the coal will be saved by isolating it.

Manchester Evening News Saturday 12 December 1903

WORSLEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this society was held last evening, Mr. **James Roscoe** presiding. The report and balance sheet showed that the receipts on the last show day were £425, which was considerably less than the receipts in the previous year. Whilst the subscriptions had gone up £45, the receipts from the gate and stands were £160 less. It was decided to hold a show on the last Saturday in August

London Evening Standard Tuesday 27 September 1904

A Bolton Correspondent telegraphs:—The Astley and Tyldesley Coal Company and Messrs. **James Roscoe and Sons** have come across valuable and extensive beds of Arley coal in the Tyldesley and Little Hulton districts, near Bolton. Arrangements for tapping these seams, the discovery of which means longer period of life for the coalfields in these localities, are being pushed forward. Lord Ellesmere is also tapping team of Arley coal his Wharton Hall Collieries Little Hulton

London Gazette 7 June 1872

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership between the undersigned, William Roscoe and James Roscoe, in the business of Colliery Proprietors, heretofore carried on by them, at the New Water Gate and Peel Hall Collieries, Little Hulton, in the county of Lancaster, and at the New Lester Colliery, Tyldesley, in the said county, under the style or firm of J. and W. Roscoe, has this day been dissolved by mutual agreement. The said business will, in future, be carried on by the said James Roscoe, on his own account, and all debts due to and owing by the said partnership will be received and paid by the said **James Roscoe**. — Dated this 30th day of May, 1872.

William Roscoe.

James Roscoe.

London Gazette 25 December 1891

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us the undersigned, George Roscoe, **James Roscoe**, Thomas Roscoe, and William Edwin Roscoe, carrying on business as Colliery Proprietors and Coal Merchants, at Peel Hall Collieries, Little Hulton, and at Bolton, under the style or firm of James Roscoe and Sons, has been dissolved, by mutual consent, as and from the 31st day of December, 1891. All debts, except those relating to the business at Bolton, due to and owing by the said late firm will be received and paid by the said George Roscoe, Thomas Roscoe, and William Edwin Roscoe, and all debts due to and owing by the late firm relating to the business at Bolton will be received and paid by the said **James Roscoe**. — Dated 2nd day of December 1891.

GEO. ROSCOE.

THOMAS ROSCOE.

WM. E. ROSCOE.

JAMES ROSCOE

Manchester Evening News Wednesday 19 December 1906

At the annual meeting of the Worsley Agricultural and Horticultural Society, held at the Bridgewater Hotel, under the chairmanship of Lord Brackley and Presidency of the Earl of Ellesmere, '*On the motion of Mr. James Roscoe, it was decided, subject to the opinion of the president, to extend the area of the society to include the Parliamentary Divisions of Eccles, Leigh, Westhoughton, Radcliffe-cum-Farnworth, and Bolton*'.

Bolton Evening News Wednesday 19 April 1905

The annual meeting of the Worsley District Council was held, with **James Roscoe** J.P. in the chair, and was attended by several gentlemen. '*On the motion of Mr. Rushton, seconded by Mr. Bennett, Mr. James Roscoe, J.P., was reappointed chairman. In replying, Mr. Roscoe thanked the Council for their kindness and courtesy, and said he would endeavour to the best of his ability to carry things through for the advantage of the ratepayers and public at large*'. In June of that year, his brother Thomas, '*a member of the firm Messrs. James Roscoe and Sons, the Peel Hall and New Lester Collieries, Little Hulton, near Bolton*', was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Bolton County Police Division.



