

# Annie Ellen SCHOLFIELD



Also of EMILY their second daughter wife of Sir  
WILLIAM STEPHENS who died February 8th 1932 aged  
66 yrs

Born: December 1868

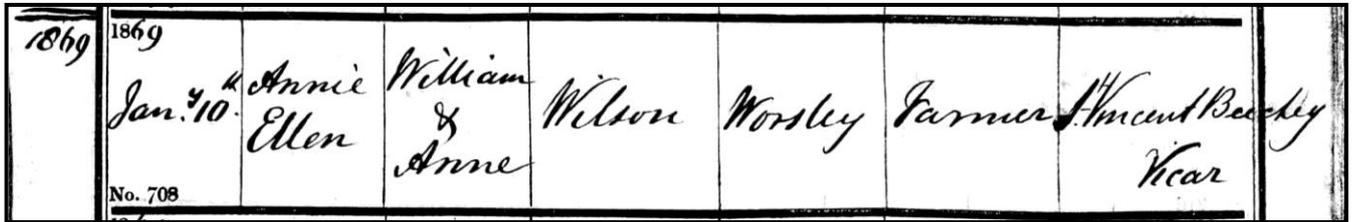
Died: 4 November 1926

*DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM WILSON*



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Now here's a strange thing! Beyond the bench near the gates to the car park, and about half way along the perimeter towards the road, there are two coping stones, one behind the other. The one at the front is much larger and consequently it partially conceals the smaller one behind, mainly covered by undergrowth. Along the top ridge it says "In Loving memory of". On the flank it says " *Annie Ellen wife of William Clegg Scholfield - of Blackburn and daughter of the late - William Wilson J.P. of - Born December \* 1868- Died November 4th 1926*". [Plot D26b]



Following the customary route of looking at the national censuses, we find her mentioned on each occasion from her birth in 1868 and prior to her marriage.

### 1871 census: Old Warke, Worsley

|                       |       |   |    |                     |            |
|-----------------------|-------|---|----|---------------------|------------|
| <b>William Wilson</b> | Head  | M | 44 | Auctioneer & Valuer | b. Worsley |
| Anne                  | Wife  | M | 43 |                     | b. Bolton  |
| Thomas                | Son   |   | 19 | Warehouseman        | b. Worsley |
| William H.            | Son   |   | 17 | Auctioneer's Clerk  |            |
| Eliza                 | Daur. |   | 8  | Scholar             |            |
| Emily                 | Daur. |   | 5  | Scholar             |            |
| <b>Anne E.</b>        | Daur. |   | 2  |                     |            |
| + 2 servants          |       |   |    |                     |            |

One's attention is drawn to the residence - The Old Warke. And also to her siblings - **Anne Ellen** appearing to be the youngest, at least before 1871. Her father, **William Wilson**, was an Auctioneer & Valuer and was born in Worsley. But the Baptism record states that he was a Farmer! More on that further on.

The earlier census of **1861** gives us further information which, taken together with 1871, paints a fuller picture - though clearly omitting Annie Ellen.

### 1861 census: Old Warke, Worsley

|                       |        |   |    |                     |
|-----------------------|--------|---|----|---------------------|
| <b>William Wilson</b> | Head   | M | 34 | Auctioneer & Valuer |
| Anne                  | Wife   | M | 33 |                     |
| Thomas                | Son    |   | 9  | Scholar             |
| William Henry         | Son    |   | 7  | Scholar             |
| Frederick             | Son    |   | 5  | Scholar             |
| Francis Egerton       | Son    |   | 3  | Scholar             |
| James Ramsden         | Son    |   | 1  |                     |
| + 4 servants          |        |   |    |                     |
| Alice Wilson          | Sister | S | 37 |                     |

All the family was born in Worsley. **William** and Anne had eight children - Thomas (baptised 14 March 1852); William Henry (bp. 19 Mar 1854); Frederick (bp. 27 Jan 1856); Francis Egerton (bp. 10 Jan 1858); James Ramsden (bp. 25 Dec 1859 - buried 3 Dec 1863); Eliza Dorning (bp. 25 Dec 1862); Emily (bp. 6 Aug 1865); and Annie Ellen (bp. 10 Jan 1869). In each case, the residence was the same (Worsley), the mother's name was spelt either Ann or Anne, and the occupation was either Farmer or Victualler.

Nothing much changed between 1871 and 1881, although **William** was not at home at the time the census was taken. In fact, he was at 29 Marylebone Road, Marylebone, the home of a lodging house keeper. His occupation was registered as Land Agent/Valuer, born in Worsley, Lancashire.

**1881 census: Old Warke, Worsley**

|                 |       |    |    |                        |
|-----------------|-------|----|----|------------------------|
| Anne Wilson     | Wife  | M  | 54 | Wife of William Wilson |
| Thomas          | Son   | Un | 29 | Cigar Merchant         |
| Francis E.      | Son   | Un | 23 | Auctioneer's Clerk     |
| Eliza D.        | Daur. |    | 18 | Scholar                |
| Emily           | Daur. |    | 15 | Scholar                |
| <b>Annie E.</b> | Daur. |    | 12 | Scholar                |
| + 1 servant     |       |    |    |                        |

Again, nothing worthy of mention seems to have happened between censuses. Interestingly, though, her father, **William**, has become a J. P. and his occupation continues to be involved with land and he is still an Auctioneer. Since one of his sons was baptised Francis Egerton, it does perhaps give some understanding as to where he was working.

**1891 census: Old Warke, Worsley**

|                       |       |   |    |                              |
|-----------------------|-------|---|----|------------------------------|
| <b>William Wilson</b> | Head  | M | 64 | J.P.; Land Agent; Auctioneer |
| Annie                 | Wife  | M | 63 |                              |
| Eliza D.              | Daur. | S | 28 |                              |
| Emily                 | Daur. | S | 25 |                              |
| <b>Annie E.</b>       | Daur. | S | 22 |                              |
| + 2 servants          |       |   |    |                              |

| 1899. Marriage solemnized at <i>St. Mark's Church</i> in the Parish 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.     |
| 363  | <i>April 12<sup>th</sup> 1899</i> | <i>William Clegg Scholfield</i> | <i>full</i> | <i>Bachelor</i>        | <i>Insurance Surveyor.</i> | <i>Old Hall, Whitefield Stand</i>  | <i>William Worth Scholfield</i> | <i>Insurance Superintendent</i>   |
|  |                                   | <i>Annie Ellen Wilson</i>       | <i>full</i> | <i>Spinster</i>        |                            | <i>Old Warke, Worsley</i>          | <i>William Wilson</i>           | <i>Auctioneer and Valuer</i>      |
| Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ or after <i>Banns</i> by me, |                                   |                                 |             |                        |                            |                                    |                                 |                                   |
| This Marriage was solemnized between us,   |                                   | <i>William Clegg Scholfield</i> |             | In the Presence of us, |                            | <i>William Wilson</i>              |                                 | <i>F. H. Hodgkinson Incumbent</i> |
|  |                                   | <i>Annie Ellen Wilson</i>       |             |                        |                            | <i>Mabel Hamerton Wilson</i>       |                                 |                                   |

This wedding certificate helps us to understand better the two families. William Wilson was definitely an Auctioneer and Valuer, rather than a Farmer, as had appeared in the Baptism Registers. William Clegg Scholfield was an Insurance Surveyor and his address at the time was Old Hall, Whitefield Stand. His father was an Insurance Superintendent and we now learn that his father had a middle name.

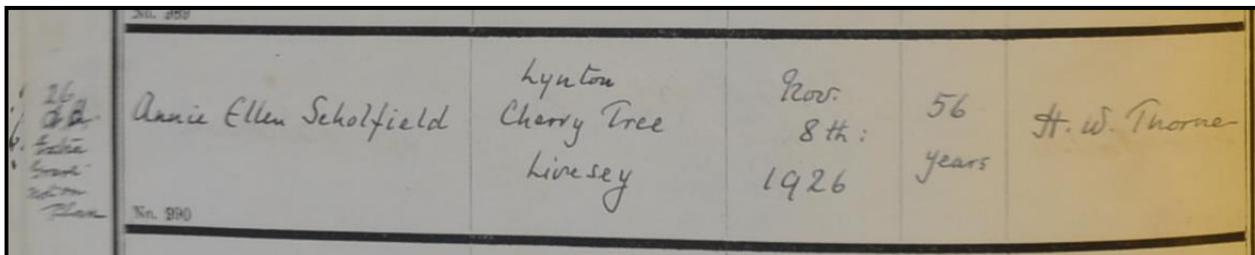
**1901 census: 2 Beech Villas, Guest Road, Prestwich**

|                       |      |   |    |                    |            |
|-----------------------|------|---|----|--------------------|------------|
| William C. Scholfield | Head | M | 27 | Insurance Surveyor | b. Heywood |
| <b>Annie E.</b>       | Wife | M | 31 |                    | b. Worsley |
| + 1 servant           |      |   |    |                    |            |

Strangely, the census for **1911** has no record of this couple. However, the **1891** census, taken eight years before the marriage, helps us a little with the background of William Clegg Scholfield. It shows his father William W. (aged 47), mother Jane (40), two sisters Margaret (21) and Beatrice (19), with 2 servants, all living at 57 Old Hall, Stand. William A. C. Scholfield was at this stage 17 and a Fire Insurance Clerk. William Worth Scholfield had in fact died before the marriage of his son. William Worth had married Jane Ann Rothwell in Bury in the third quarter of 1869. Details of his will and

probate show that he died on 13 April 1893 at Old Hall, Whitefield. His estate was left to his widow, Jane Annie Scholfield, and two others, both business men.

*Kelly's Directory* for **1905** listed William Clegg Scholfield as a resident inspector for Guardian Assurance Co. Ltd. of 65 and 67 Church Street, Blackburn. This does help to confirm the whereabouts of **Annie Ellen** at the time of her death in 1926. The church Burial Register gave her residence at that time as Lynton Cherry Tree, Livesey. Her will pinpointed that address as Blackburn, confirming that given on the coping stone.



**SCHOLFIELD** Annie Ellen of Lynton Cherry Tree near **Blackburn** (wife of William Clegg Scholfield) died 4 November 1926 Probate **London** 10 January to Walter Bertram Snape printer. Effects £1244 15s. 7d.

So what became of her husband William Clegg? It does seem rather strange that, in her own will, **Annie Ellen** did not leave her estate to William Clegg. The inscription on the headstone states that she was the wife of William Clegg, not the widow. A will has been found for a William Clegg Scholfield. This relates to William Clegg Scholfield, who died on 10 February 1943. The death record in the National Indexes gives his age as 69, therefore born about 1874. The probate record shows that the estate was granted to Elsie Scholfield. At the time of his death, he was living in Birmingham.

**SCHOLFIELD** William Clegg of 548 Kingsbury-road Erdington **Birmingham** died 10 February 1943 at The General Hospital Birmingham Probate **Llandudno** 16 August to Elsie Scholfield widow. Effects £3723 16s. 1d.

The national marriage indexes reveal that an Elsie Milnes married a William Clegg Scholfield in the last quarter of 1926, possibly at Prestwich Registry Office. Can this be true? The same time of year as the death of **Annie Ellen**?

**This puzzle remains to be solved!**



## POSTSCRIPT

**STEPHENS** dame Emily c/o District Bank Limited King-street **Manchester** and of The Southlands Hotel **Harrogate** widow died 8 February 1932 at Cheadle Royal Hospital Cheadle Cheshire Probate **Manchester** 28 May to The District Bank Limited. Effects £12038 4s. 5d.

**Emily (née Wilson) Stephens** was the second daughter of **William Wilson**. She was baptised at St. Mark's on 6 August **1865** by St. Vincent Beechey.

And then, at the age of 42 years, she was married at St. Mark's.

| 1907. Marriage solemnized at <i>St. Mark's Church</i> in the Parish of <i>Worsley</i> in the County of <i>Lancaster</i> .   |                         |                         |                         |                 |                     |  |                                    |                               |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Columns.  | 1                       | 2                       | 3                       | 4               | 5                   | 6  | 7                                  | 8                             |
| 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. |
| 90  | <i>February 12 1907</i> | <i>William Stephens</i> | <i>71</i><br><i>age</i> | <i>Widower</i>  | <i>Knight</i>       | <i>Fairhope Eccles, Old Road Bouldston</i> | <i>William Stephens (deceased)</i> | <i>Merchant</i>               |
|   |                         | <i>Emily Wilson</i>     | <i>42</i><br><i>age</i> | <i>Spinster</i> | <i>-</i>            | <i>Old Worsley Worsley.</i>                | <i>William Wilson</i>              | <i>Land Valuer.</i>           |
| Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <i>Established Church</i> by <i>William Wilson</i> or after <i>Banns</i> , by me, <i>Thomas Stephens</i> in the Presence of us, <i>William Wilson</i> and <i>Emily Wilson</i> .<br><i>William Wilson</i> <i>W.A. Manchester</i><br><i>Thomas Stephens</i> <i>John Harrop</i><br><i>John Schofield</i> <i>Worsley</i> |                         |                         |                         |                 |                     |  |                                    |                               |

Her husband, **William Stephens** (1848-1929), died on 29 December **1929** in Salford, at the age of He had firstly married Martha Jane Fogg (1845-1898) in 1873 and they had 3 children - James Fogg (1874-1895); William Ewart (1876-1957); Thomas Smithson (1881-1961). His secon marriage was to Emily Wilson (1866-1932) with whom he had no further chidren.

In the **1901** census, William Stevens (sic) (52) was at Fairhope, 16 Eccles Old Road, a Widower and Cotton Agent. + 2 sons (William E. and Thomas S.). + 2 servants. Ten years later, in the 1911 census, he was a guest staying at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport, now aged 62, with his wife Emily 45.

Much of what is known about thim comes from the various obituaries printed about him in 1929.

*Hartlepool Northern Daily Mail* Monday 30 December **1929**:

### LANCASHIRE KNIGHT

*Death of Sir William Stephens. . Sir William Stephens died to-day after a long illness at the residence of his son in Stanley Road. Seedley. He was well known in the Lancashire cotton trade, being a member of the firm of Stephens and Sons, Manchester. He was prominent in religious and educational circles, and was for many years chairman of the Salford Education Committee He also occupied a similar position on the Licensing Committee. He was first elected Mayor of Salford in 1902, and held the post for three years He received his knighthood when King Edward visited Salford to open the No. 9 dock of the Ship Canal. Sir William was an active member of the Liberal Party.*

The *Yorkshire Post* on Tuesday 31 December **1929** added a little more about him:

## SIR WM. STEPHENS

*Life of Public Service in Salford. Sir William Stephens, thrice Mayor of Salford. 1902-5, died yesterday at the house of his son-in-law, in Stanley Road, Seedley. He was 82 years old. During his long life he had been an untiring public and philanthropic worker in his native borough of Salford. He was elected to the Town Council 1887. His work for child welfare, which in later life occupied him increasingly, earned for him the title of the "Children's Mayor." He was also one of the Overseers for the borough and represented the Council on the Armitage's Charity, the Adelphi House Secondary School, and the Manchester Port Sanitary Committee.*

*His knighthood was conferred during his Mayoralty when the late King Edward and Queen Alexandra visited the borough for the purpose of opening No. 9 Dock at the Ship Canal. He was President of the Manchester and Salford Ragged School Union. President of St. John's Hospital, Manchester, Chairman of the Greengate Dispensary, Salford (an institution which does great work for crippled children). Member of the University Court Manchester, Vice-Chairman of the Lancashire Independent College, Manchester, distributor of the Booths Charities, Chairman of the Governors of the Pendleton High School for Girls, Governor of the Manchester Girls' High School, Trustee of the Lewis Epileptic Colony, and member of the Committee of the Manchester Guardian Society for the Protection of Trade.*

*Sir William was head the firm Stephen and Southern, Yarn Agents.*

[King Edward opened the no.9 Dock On the first royal visit on 13th July 1905 - Ed.]

The *Manchester Evening News* for Friday 14 July **1905** wrote about his knighthood and the omission which occurred:

### The Mayor of Salford Knighted

*The disappointment caused by the King failing to confer upon Mr. Alderman Stephens, the Mayor of Salford, the honour of knighthood during the joyous celebrations of yesterday was today eased by the receipt of a telegram at the Salford Town Hall announcing that Mr. William Stephens will be transformed into Sir William Stephens at Buckingham Palace on an early date. Once again the King has delighted a large number of his loyal subjects, including every dweller in his manor of Salford, by a generous act. No more popular man than the future knight can be found within the Royal manor. He has deserved well of Salford, by a long course of disinterested devotion to the public weal, and the honour that has been paid to him is as popular as it is well deserved.*

[The following day, William Stephens announced that he would be going to Windsor to receive the honour, accepted by him on behalf of the borough and people of Salford. - Ed.]



On Monday 24 July **1905**, Mr. William Stephens attended an investiture at Buckingham Palace, where he received his knighthood from King Edward VII, on the occasion of the King's official birthday. The Mayor of Salford attended by special command and received the Order of Knighthood conferred by the King in commemoration of his recent visit.

### Reception of Sir W. Stephens.

*The occasion of the return of the Mayor of Salford, Sir William Stephens, knighted by the King at Buckingham Palace, was made the subject of a remarkable demonstration. Sir William was met by the Salford illuminated car that was so prettily decorated and lighted for the royal visit. He arrived at the Exchange Station from London shortly*

*before ten o'clock, and took his place on the car by the driver (Mr. C. Stancer, chief of*

*the Tramways Electrical Department), accompanied by Alderman Linsley, Chairman of the Tramways Committee. Two special cars preceded the illuminated car, and they were occupied by members of the Council and officials. ... The cars made a tour of the whole of the system and for most of the route the streets were packed with crowds who gave the Mayor an enthusiastic greeting. At several points on the route His Worship made a few remarks of thanks and at Broughton Town Hall an adjournment was made for light refreshments, when the Mayor was congratulated by Alderman Linsley on behalf of his colleagues.*

And then, in anticipation of his marriage to Emily Wilson, the Manchester Evening News on Tuesday 22 January 1907 announced:

*Sir William Stephens, ex-Mayor of Salford, is to be married next month to Miss Wilson, of Worsley. It is stated that the Bishop of Manchester will conduct the service*

The Manchester Evening News on Tuesday 12 February 1907 printed a full report of the marriage ceremony at St. Mark's.

#### MARRIAGE OF SIR WILLIAM STEPHENS.

*This afternoon the usually quiet village of Worsley wore a very animated appearance on the occasion of the wedding of Sir William Stephens, ex-Mayor of Salford, and Miss Emily Wilson, second daughter of Mr. William Wilson, J.P., auctioneer and valuer, of Old Warke, Worsley, and Manchester, at St. Mark's Church, Worsley.*

*The sacred edifice was crowded by guests and ticket holders long before the time fixed for the ceremony, and hundreds of people gathered in the precincts notwithstanding the inclement weather. As the guests assembled Mr. R. F. Coules played "Erotik," by Greig, and "Serenade," by Alidor. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. W. E. Stephens (son) as best man. The bride entered church leaning on the arm of her father, by whom she was given away. She was attired in a dress of ivory satin, relieved with chiffon, with an accordin pleated Court train lined with chiffon, and roses and shamrocks. She was accompanied by four bridesmaids, the Misses Edith and Ella Wilson, nieces of the bride; Miss Alice Stephens, niece of the bridegroom; and Miss Tongue. They each wore pretty dresses of ivory satin trimmed with lace and tassles, and had large white picture hats, with long white feathers. Their bouquets were of pink carnations and lilies. The opening hymn was "Fight the good fight," and after the ceremony "O perfect love."*

*Among those present as guests were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Manchester, the Mayor and Mayoress of Salford, Alderman and Mrs. Gibson, Alderman and Mrs. Briggs, Alderman and Mrs. Edward Holt, Councillor and Mrs. Thewlis, Councillor and Mrs. Royle, Sir T. T. Shann, Mr. and Mrs. Dempster, the Mayor and Mayoress of Eccles, Councillor and Mrs. Hurrell, Mr. T. Stuttard, Councillor and Mrs. Higson, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Atcherley.*

*The ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of Manchester, assisted by Canon Hicks, the Rev. W. Harrison, vicar of St. Mark's, and the Rev. S. T. Rees, vicar of St. John's, Pendleton.*

*At the conclusion of the ceremony the Lord Bishop gave a brief address on "love," and the wedding party then went to the residence of the bride's father. Sir William and Lady Stephens, who received many congratulations, will spend their honeymoon in Egypt, and on their return will reside at Fairhope, Eccles Old Road. The bride's travelling dress was light beaver, with a large pale blue hat trimmed with feathers, roses, and wallflowers.*

Dame Emily Stephens was buried on 11 February **1932** at St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire.

Emily Stephens -

Age: 65 yrs.

Abode: Cheadle Royal Hospital

Grave: B 29 Full

Buried by: I. Renshaw, Vicar

Unfortunately, there is no record of where Sir William Stephens was buried.

