

John Wesley LAWTON



Baptised: 1852 Leeds

Died: 22 January 1898

G. P. and SURGEON



John Wesley LAWTON



This cross headstone is on the right hand perimeter as you enter the churchyard from the car park, behind the bench.

Inscription:

In
Loving Memory
of
JOHN W. LAWTON M.R.C.S.
of Heathmount,
Eccles Old Road, Pendleton
who died
January 22nd **1898**
aged 45 yrs

Also of **HARRIET BURTON**
beloved wife of
JOHN W. LAWTON
who died March 26th **1945**
aged 87 yrs. (Plot C38)

Although Harriet's name appears on the headstone, she was not buried in the churchyard. In fact, she was buried in the district of Wensleydale, North Yorkshire, her native county.

John Wesley Lawton was born in the second quarter of **1852**, in Leeds, the son of **Joseph Lawton**, a Wesleyan Minister, born Farnworth, and **Julia Sarah Yapp**, born London. Joseph himself was baptised on 11 November 1809 at St. Mary, Deane, Bolton, the son of William and Betty.

1840. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St. Luke, Chelsea in the County of Middlesex								
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.
49	5 th August 1840	Joseph Lawton Julia Sarah Yapp	28 Minor	Bachelor spinster	Wesleyan Minister	5 Robert Street Chelsea 5 Robert Street Chelsea	William Lawton George Yapp	Steward Gent.
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Established Church of England</u> by me, <u>[Signature]</u>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>Joseph Lawton</u> <u>Julia Sarah Yapp</u>				in the Presence of us, <u>G. Yapp</u> <u>J. Yapp</u>				

Joseph Lawton had married **Julia Sarah Yapp** on 5 August **1840** at St. Luke, Chelsea, by Licence. As will become apparent from reading the various censuses, the family led a very itinerant life. This can be seen in the different places where their children were born.

In the **1851** census, the family was living at Springfield Terrace, Leeds. The family was young then. George was 6, Albina 4; Joseph was 2 and William 1. There were 2 servants. Already their travel log was becoming extensive - Farnworth, Chelsea, Birmingham and Leeds - and it was to expand even more.

By the time of the next census, **1861**, they had moved to Burnley, via Middlesex and Sunderland.

1861 census: 8 Hargreaves Street, Burnley

Joseph Lawton	Head	M	51	Wesleyan Minister	b. Farnworth
Julia Sarah	Wife	M	41		b. London
George Yapp	Son	Un	16	Clerk. Broker Office	b. Birmingham
Albina Eliza	Daur.		14	Scholar	"
John Wesley	Son		9	Scholar	b. Leeds
Julia	Daur.		6	Scholar	b. Poplar, Mdx.
Louisa	Daur.		4		b. Sunderland
Ada	Daur.		2		b. Burnley
Evelina	Daur.		2 mo.		"
+ 2 servants					

In **1871**, Joseph, Julia and five of their children were then living at an address in Torquay. One of the children was a son, Joseph, aged 22, already a Surgeon and L.R.C.P. He had not appeared in the census of 1861.

Their second son, John Wesley, appeared separately in the census.

1871 census: Camden Town

John Lawton Boarder 18 Medical Student

Joseph Lawton died on 9 February **1875**. In his will, probate was granted to Julia, his widow.

<p>LAWTON Joseph.</p> <p>Effects under £3,000.</p> <p>Resworn April 1877 under £2,000.</p> <p><i>Administration of Goods, and the will of Joseph Lawton, deceased at the Principal Registry July 1880.</i></p>	<p>20 April. Administration of the effects of Joseph Lawton late of Bellevue in the Parish of Brading in the Isle of Wight in the County of Southampton Wesleyan Minister who died 9 February 1875 at Bellevue was granted at the Principal Registry to Julia Sarah Lawton of Bellevue Widow the Relict.</p>
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Just five years after his death, Julia Sarah died - not on the Isle of Wight, but in the county of Hereford. Another location added to the list! In her will, probate was granted to **John Wesley Lawton**, who we now learn was at the London Hospital.

<p>LAWTON Julia Sarah.</p> <p>Personal Estate under £1,000.</p>	<p>23 July. Administration of the Personal Estate of Julia Sarah Lawton late of the Bar Gates Leominster in the County of Hereford Widow who died 25 February 1880 at the Bar Gates was granted at the Principal Registry to John Wesley Lawton of the London Hospital in the County of Middlesex Surgeon the Son and one of the Next of Kin.</p>
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But within a year he had relocated to Manchester.

1881 census: Eccles Old Road.

Jno. W. Lawton Boarder U 29 M.R.C. Gen. Prac.

And in that same year, he married Harriet Burton Leethem on 24 August **1881** Selby, Yorks. **John Wesley Lawton** was 29 at that time. She had been baptised on 27 September 1857.

John and Harriet had two daughters. On 27 May **1882**, Julia was born in this area. However, she was baptised in Selby. She married (at the age of 30) Alan Waites Hansell, (29), on 11 Dec **1913** at St. James, Hope, Salford. Her husband was a Physician and Surgeon. Julia Hansell died on 30 Jan 1978, aged 95. They had a son who became a doctor.

Their second daughter, Phyllis, was born on 23 December **1884** and baptised on 25 February 1885 at St. Mary, Eccles. Phyllis married John Bentley Hansell at Thirsk in the third quarter 1916. She died on 21 October 1957 at 151 Worsley Road. John was an Electrical Engineer. They also had a son, John, (born 5 Sep 1917) who became a doctor. In the 1939 register, they were living at 121 Eccles Old Road.

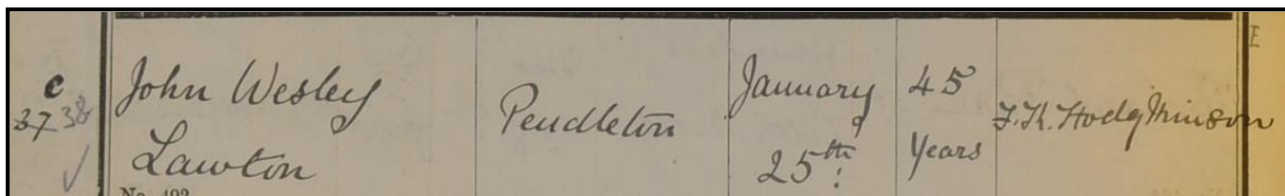
The U.K. Medical Register for **1883** gave **John's** address as Eccles, near Manchester. He was first registered within the profession on 26 August **1879**. His qualification was listed as M.R.C.S. Eng., 1879. Similar details were entered for successive registers.

By **1891**, the young family was in Pendleton.

1891 census: Heathmount, 68 Eccles Old Road Pendleton

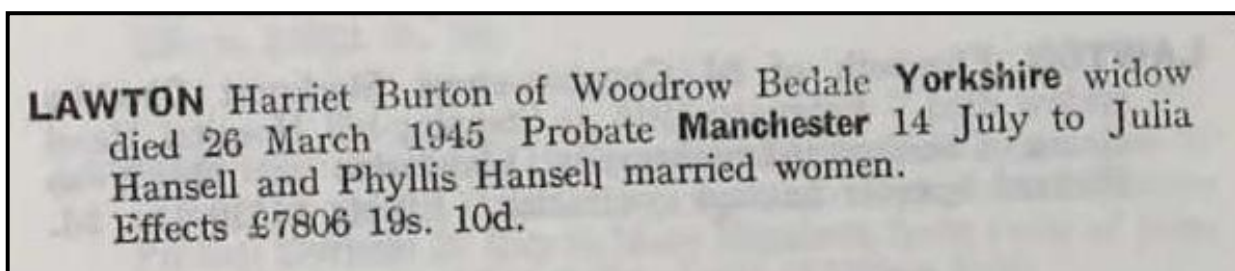
John Wesley Lawton	Head	M	39	Reg. Gen. Med. Pract.	b. Leeds
Harriet Burton	Wife	M	33		b. Selby
Julia	Daur.		8		b. Eccles
Phyllis	Daur.		6		b. Eccles
Louisa Lawton	Sister		34	Own means	b. Sunderland

By **1901**, his widow (now aged 43) and family (2 daughters) had moved across the road to the more modest 113 Eccles Old Road (now a shop). Heathmount later became the Heath Mount Hotel, then Inn of Good Hope, and by 2020 the Royal Sovereign. (by courtesy of ecclesoldroad.uk)



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LAWTON John Wesley, of 68 Eccles Old Road, Pendleton, Lancashire. Surgeon. Died 22 January 1898. Probate Manchester 21 February to Harriet Burton Lawton, widow. Effects £ 3,288 15. 7d.



The significance of the surnames of both daughters has been explained above.



