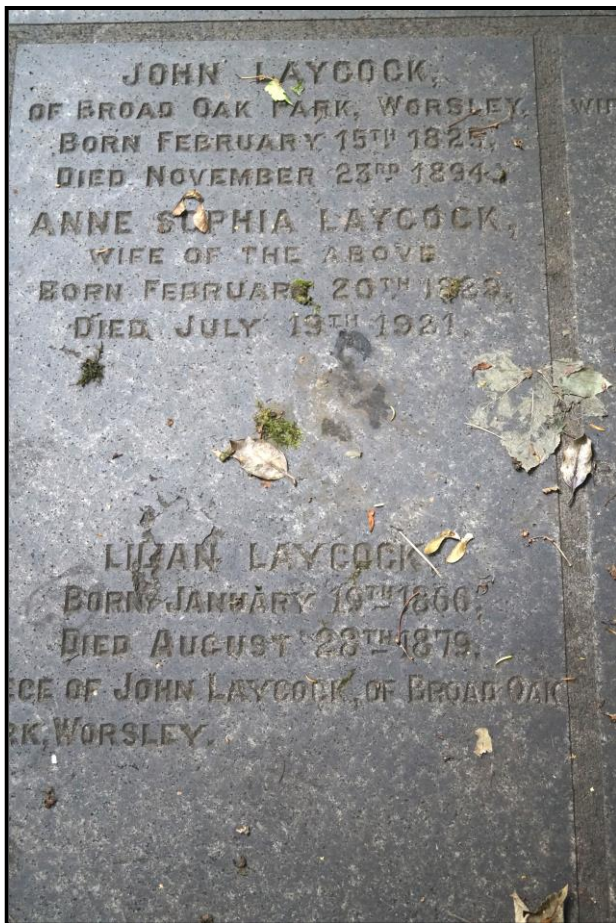


John LAYCOCK



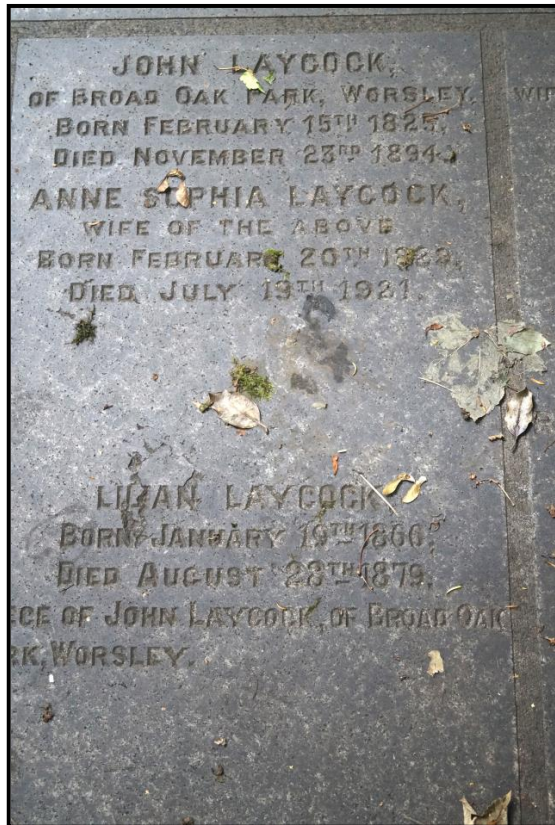
Born: 15 February 1825

Died: 23 November 1894

*MERCHANT
DIRECTOR OF A. & S. HENRY*



John LAYCOCK



As you enter the churchyard from the main car park, turn right and follow (carefully) the perimeter fencing and the vaults and stones along it. You will quickly come across a very large, square slab of black marble laid flat on the ground. The etching is very clear and there is an etched border around it. It bears the names of John and Anne Sophia Laycock, with Liliam Laycock; and also Clara Sophia (Gill) and Elsie Clara (Gill).

John LAYCOCK

John was born on 15 February **1825** in Sabden, near Whalley. He was 'registered' at the Baptist Church there on 20 November **1826**, and was the son of **Joseph** and **Martha** (Entwistle) Laycock. On the same day of his registration was also Grace Laycock, a sister, who had been born on 17 August 1822. His father, Joseph, was a Printer.

Joseph Laycock married Martha Entwistle in Whalley on 9 March 1822.

1841 census: Millhouses, Failsworth.

Joseph Laycock	40	Block printer
Martha	35	
Grace	18	
John	16	
Ann	13	
Benjamin	11	
William	9	
Edmund	6	
James	4	
Enock	2	
Joseph	2 mo.	

1851 census: Blackburn Street, Radcliffe.

Joseph Laycock	Head	M	50			
Martha	Wife	M	48			b. Sabden
Grace	Daur.	S	28	Dress Maker		b. Sabden
John	Son	S	26	Book Keeper		b. Horwich
Ann	Daur.	S	23	Bonnet Maker		b. Horwich
Benjamin	Son	S	21	Engraver		b. Horwich
William	Son	S	19	App. Salesman		b. Horwich
Edmund	Son	S	16	App. Salesman		b. Horwich
James	Son		14	App. Salesman		b. Horwich
Enock	Son		12	Scholar		b. Horwich
Joseph	Son		10	Scholar		b. Failsworth
Martha Ellen	Daur.		3			

+ 1 servant

Joseph Laycock died on 10 July 1854.

1851. Marriage solemnized at <u>the Parish Church</u> in the <u>Parish</u> of <u>Clapham</u> in the County of <u>Surrey</u>								
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.
215	July 14 th	John Laycock	full	Bachelor	Clerk	Manchester	Joseph Laycock	Book-binder
		Anne Sophia Grelletier	full	Spinster	-	Clapham	Henry Grelletier	Book-binder
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>License</u> or after _____ by me, <u>Mary Lewis - Curate</u>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>John Laycock</u> and <u>Anne Sophia Grelletier</u>		in the Presence of us, <u>Henry Grelletier</u> and <u>James Gordon Thorne</u>						

1861 census: 10 Windsor Place, Cheetham, Manchester.

John Laycock	Head	M	36	Merchant's Clerk		b. Sabden
Ann S.	Wife	M	32			b. Westminster
Clara S.	Daur.		8	Scholar		b. Manchester
Martha E.	Sist.		13	Scholar		b. Manchester

+ 1 servant.

1871 census: Park Hill, Broad Oak Park, Worsley.

John Laycock	Head	M	46	Commercial Clerk	
Anne S.	Wife	M	42		
Clara S.	Daur.	S	18		
Lilian Laycock	Niece		5		

+ 2 servants

1872. Marriage solemnized at <u>S. Mark's Church</u> in the <u>Parish</u> of <u>Worsley</u> in the County of <u>Lancaster</u>								
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.
194	August 8 th	Richard Dutton Gill	21	Bachelor	Gentleman	Worsley	Richard Gill	Manufacturer
		Clara Sophia Laycock	20	Spinster	-	Worsley	John Laycock	Accountant
Married in the <u>Church of S. Mark</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>License</u> or after _____ by me, <u>Thomas Buckley vicar</u>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>Richard Dutton Gill</u> and <u>Clara Sophia Laycock</u>		in the Presence of us, <u>Thomas Gill</u> and <u>Isabel Hindler</u>						

In the same census, **1871**, Martha was living at 100 Elizabeth Street, Cheetham, aged 68. With her were Grace 48; Martha E.23; Edmund 36, a Warehouseman; and James 34, a Yarn Dealer. All 4 were unmarried. Ten years earlier, in the **1861** census, she was living at the same address, with 3 of the same children. William (29) was there at that time, but Martha E. was not.

Martha (Entwistle) Laycock died on 18 February **1878**.

1881 census: Park Hill, Broad Oak, Worsley.

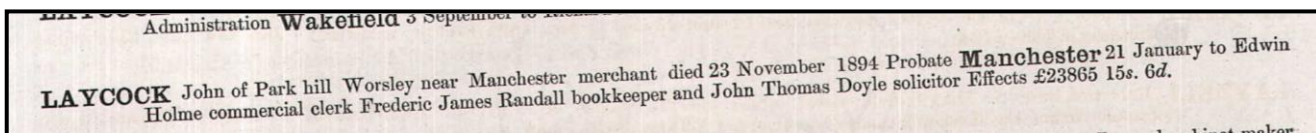
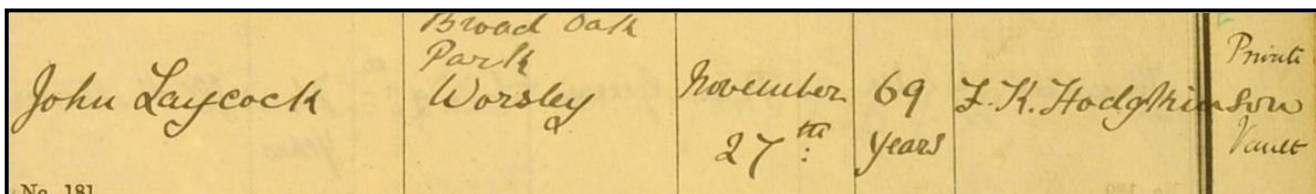
John Laycock	Head	M	56	British & Foreign Merchant
Ann Sophia	Wife	M	52	
Richard Preston Gill	S-in-L.	M	30	Retired Cotton Manufacturer
Clara Sophia Gill	Daur.	M	28	Wife
Richard John Gill	G'son		7	Scholar

1891 census: Park Hill, Broad Oak Park, Worsley.

John Laycock	Head	M	66	Director of A. & S. Henry & Co.
Anne S.	Wife	M	62	
Richard J. Gill	G'son	S	17	Apprentice to Manchester Trade
Edmund L. Gill	G'son	S	16	Apprentice to Manchester Trade

+ 2 nurses and 2 domestics.

John Laycock died at Broad Oak Park on 23 November **1894** and was buried in the churchyard on 27 November. He left a substantial will.



The *Illustrated London News* of Saturday 16 March **1895** reported:

*The will (dated Feb. 23, 1893) with a codicil (dated Aug. 13, 1894) of Mr. **John Laycock**, of Park Hill, Worsley, near Manchester, Merchant, who died on Nov. 23, was proved at the Manchester District Registry on Jan. 21 by Edwin Holme, Frederic James Randall, and John Thomas Doyle, the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to £23,865. The testator bequeaths his furniture and effects for life, and £500 to his wife, Mrs. **Anne Sophia Laycock**; and there are some specific gifts to his daughter and two grandsons. The residue of his real and personal estate he leaves upon trust for his wife for life, and then to pay £500 per annum to his daughter Clara Sophia Gill, and annuities of £30 each to his granddaughters. The ultimate residue is to be divided between all the children of his daughter.*

A & S Henry & Co Ltd was founded in **1805** in Manchester by Alexander Henry in partnership with his brother Samuel. Their Uncle, Alexander Henry (born 1766 of Scottish parents), had emigrated to America from Ireland in 1783, establishing himself as a merchant in Philadelphia. The younger Alexander Henry also emigrated from Ireland and joined in his uncle's business but returned to England in 1804 rapidly establishing his company in marketing and distributing the products of the cotton industry from Manchester. Henry & Co (Dundee) Ltd, to Asiatic Jute Co Boston, USA. The company expanded opening branch offices in Bradford, Belfast, Leeds, Huddersfield and Glasgow

to act as collecting stations for textile products of all kinds. In 1858 an office was opened in Dundee at 51 St Andrews Street although all business continued to be carried out through Glasgow until c.1903.

Anne Sophia LAYCOCK

19	Anne Sophia born July 20	Henry & Anne Maria	Grellier	Gerrard St	Book Binder	Gro. H. Hine
No. 868						

Anne Sophia GRELLIER was born on 20 February **1829** and was baptised on 29 March 1829 at St. Anne, Soho, Westminster. She was the daughter of **Henry** and **Anne Maria Grellier**, a Book Binder, of Gerrard Street. Henry Grellier himself had been born on 6 April **1801** to Peter and Sophia Grellier and was baptised at St. James, Piccadilly, on 3 May 1801. **Henry** married **Anne Maria Shinn** at St. Anne, Soho, by licence on 17 May **1828**. Henry died in the 3/4 quarter of **1871**, and was buried at Norwood Cemetery, Lambeth, on 22 September 1871.

Somewhere, somehow, John Laycock met Anna Sophia Grellier and they married in London on 14 July **1851** and moved to Manchester.

John Laycock's widow **Anne Sophia** survived him for 27 years and died on 19 July **1921**. By then, she had moved to live in St. Anne's on Sea. In the **1901** census, the record shows that she had already relocated to South Promenade, St. Anne's on Sea. She was living aged 72 on her own means, with her grandson Richard J. Gill, aged 27, and 2 servants. No trace has been found of her in the 1911 census.

Anne Sophia Laycock	Duneside S. Promenade St. Anne's on Sea	23 rd July 1921	93 Years	Gro. H. Hine	Private Vault
No. 450					

LAYCOCK Anne Sophia of Duneside Fairhaven **Lancashire** widow died 19 July 1921 Probate **London** 10 October to Charles John Ernest Hall solicitor and Frank William Gill manufacturer. Effects £5792 12s. 9d.

Clara Sophia LAYCOCK

Clara Sophia Laycock was born on 14 May **1852**. In the censuses of **1861** and **1871**, she was living with her parents at ages 8 and 18. And then she married Richard Preston Gill at St. Mark's in **1872**. Richard had been baptised at St. Michael in Alkington on 1 May 1851.

1872. Marriage solemnized at *S. Mark's Church* in the *Parish of Worsley* 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.
194	<i>August 8th</i>	<i>Richard Preston Gill</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Gentleman</i>	<i>Worsley</i>	<i>Richard Gill</i>	<i>Manufacturer</i>
		<i>Clara Sophia Laycock</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Worsley</i>	<i>John Laycock</i>	<i>Accountant</i>

Married in the *Church of S. Mark* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by *Licence* or after _____ by me, *Thomas Buckley jun.*

This Marriage was solemnized between us *Richard Preston Gill* in the Presence of us *Thomas Gill*
Clara Sophia Laycock *Sarah Wainman*

Richard and Clara had 11 children:

Richard John, b. 10 May 1873
 Edmund George Laycock b. 30 June 1874
 Elsie Clara b. 1875 and d. 2 Oct 1875
 Thomas Henry b. 17 Aug 1876
 Frank William b. 26 Nov 1877
 Jeanette Sophie b. 16 Dec 1878
 Katherine Annie b. 9 Feb 1880
 Margaret Laura b. 21 May 1881
 Phoebe b. 7 Aug 1881
 Winifred b. 25 July 1885
 Mary Grellier b. 12 Nov 1890

} each baptised at Holy Rood

In the census of **1881**, **Clara** and husband Richard were living with her parents and had a son Richard.

Richard Preston Gill	S-in-L. M	30	Retired Cotton Manufacturer
Clara Sophia Gill	Daur. M	28	Wife
Richard John Gill	G'son	7	Scholar

In **1891**, two of their sons were recorded with their grandparents.

Richard J. Gill	G'son S	17	Apprentice to Manchester Trade
Edmund G. Gill	G'son S	16	Apprentice to Manchester Trade

The rest of the family was residing at The Poplars, Worsley Road. At that address at that time were:

Richard Preston Gill	Head M	40	Cotton Yarn Merchant	b. Middleton
Clara Sophia Gill	Wife M	38		b. Cheetham
Frank William	Son	13	Scholar	b. Worsley
Catherine Annie	Daur.	11	Scholar	b. Worsley
Margaret Laura	Daur.	9	Scholar	b. Worsley
Phoebe	Daur.	8	Scholar	b. Worsley
Winifred	Daur.	5		b. Worsley
Mary Grellier	Daur.	5 mo.		b. Worsley

+ 3 servants

One name that appears to be missing in 1881 was Jeannette Sophia, who was baptised at Holy Rood, Swinton, on 17 April 1879, having been born on 16 December 1878. Another missing name appears to be Thomas Henry Gill (26), since he married Sarah Elizabeth Lowe (23) by licence on 10 June 1903 at Christ Church, Sidcup, Kent. His father was Richard Preston Gill, Gentleman.

In **1885**, Richard Preston Gill appeared in the Electoral register, occupier of Hazlehurst Hall, Red Cat Lane, Worsley, at a rent above £50 per annum. Similarly, for 1889 - 1891, he owned a dwelling house The Poplars, 305 Worsley Road, and he was still there in 1895/5.

In **1901**, **Clara** was living at 13 Fairhaven Road at St. Anne's on Sea, aged 48, with Phoebe 18, Winifred 15, Mary G. 10, and 1 servant.

In **1911**, **Clara** was residing alone with a servant at 13 Fairhaven Road, St. Anne's on Sea. The details say that she was married and had had 11 children, one of whom had died. The house had 12 rooms.

GILL Clara Sophia of Anglehurst Fairhaven **Lancashire** (wife of Richard Preston Gill) died 24 November 1915 Probate **London** 14 January to Charles John Ernest Hall and James Hebert Brydon solicitors. Effects £516 19s. 8d.

GILL Richard Preston of Mid Illovo Central Natal **South Africa** died 18 December 1916 at Greip Hospital Pietermaritzburg South Africa Administration (with Will) **Manchester** 4 March to Frank William Gill manufacturer. Effects £194 4s. 11d.

Elsie Clara GILL

She was the third child and first daughter of Richard Preston Gill and Clara Sophia GILL (née Laycock). As the records show, she died on 2 October **1876**, aged 11 weeks, and was buried in the churchyard on 7 October 1875. Sadly, there is no record of a Baptism.

