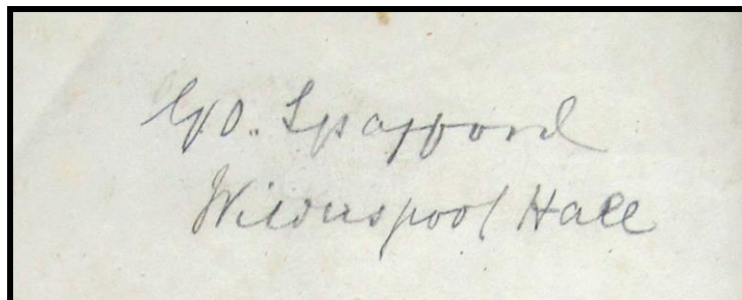
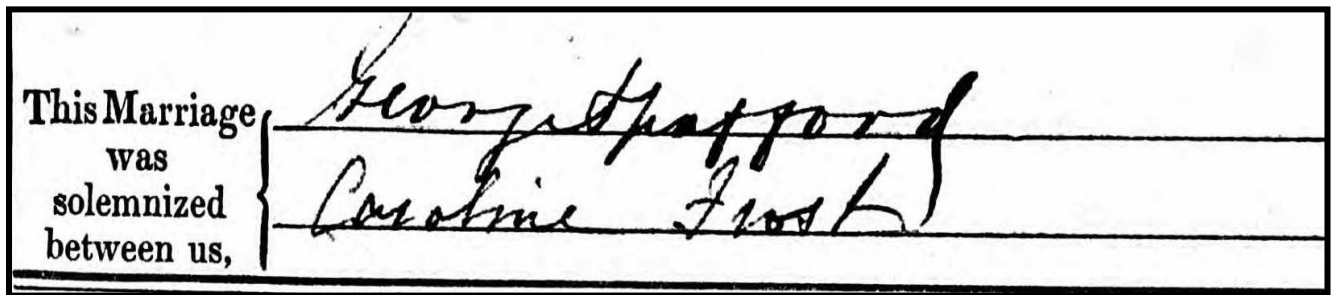


# The SPAFFORD Family



Signature of **George Spafford**, Wilderspool Hall, on the inside. George Spafford's great grand-nephew, Andreas du Toit, having returned from South Africa was the last member of the family to live there before it was demolished. On the inside cover of ...

## Rev. F. O. Morris

### A Natural History of British Moths

"A Catalogue of British Insects, In All Orders" dated 1865, containing 48 pages is bound into the rear of volume three.

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Also **LOUISA ALICE EVERARD** (q.v.)  
*beloved wife of the above*  
and third daughter of **GEORGE & CAROLINE SPAFFORD**  
*who fell asleep April 14<sup>th</sup> 1949 aged 87 yrs*  
**CHARLES HENRY SPAFFORD**  
*5th son of GEORGE SPAFFORD*  
*of Wilderspool, Barton-upon-Irwell*  
*died March 1<sup>st</sup> 1939 aged 82 yrs*  
[i.m.o.] **FREDERIC CHRISTIAN SPAFFORD**  
*nephew of the above CHARLES*  
and beloved husband of **MARGERY SPAFFORD**  
*of Bethersden, Kent*  
*died September 14<sup>th</sup> 1950 aged 73 yrs.*  
(H2633 & 2634, vault)

Burial: 20 March 1869 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire

### **Florence Maud Spafford**

Age: 7 mo

Abode: Wilderspool House, Barton

Buried By: Charles Lowe Curate

Burial: 25 September 1893 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire

### **George Spafford**

Age: 74 years

Abode: Barton

Grave: Number Private Vault

Buried By: A. Spafford

Burial: 14 May 1906 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire

### **Caroline Spafford**

Age: 82 years

Abode: Wilderspool Hall, Davyhulme

Grave: Number Private Vault

Buried By: F. D. Cremer, Vicar of Eccles

Burial: 22 January 1916 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire

### **George Oswald Spafford**

Age: 67 years

Abode: Clifton, Bristol

Grave: Number Private Vault

Buried By: A. Spafford, Rector of Bromborough

Burial: 6 August 1930 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire

### **Caroline Frost Spafford**

Age: 75

Abode: Wilderspool Hall, Daveyhulme

Grave: Number Vault H 2633 not numbered on plan, extra grave

Buried By: Lionel du Toit, Curate of Rochdale Parish Church

Burial: 4 March 1939 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire

### **Charles Henry Spafford**

Age: 82

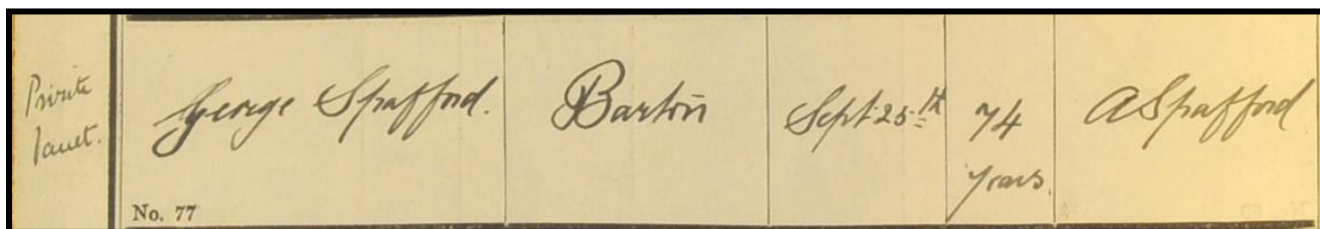
Abode: Wilderspool Hall, Urmston

Grave: Number Vault H 2632, 2633, 2634

Buried By: Lionel du Toit

**George SPAFFORD** was baptised in Wymondham, Leicestershire, on 23 December **1818**, the son of Samuel Spafford (1792-1846) and Elizabeth Spafford (1792-1834, née Howsin). Four of their children were all baptised at Manchester Cathedral on 25 June **1826** – they were George, Howsin, Elizabeth and Frederick. The occupation of Samuel was a Brewer. In his early years, he had been a Miller and a Farmer. Samuel and Elizabeth were married by licence on 23 March **1814** at Cromwell, Nottinghamshire. By the **1841** census, the family had moved to Young Street, Deansgate, Manchester (but clearly by 1826). When Samuel died in **1846**, he was buried on 18 June 1846 at St. Oswald, East Stoke, Notts.

When George died on 21 September **1893**, he was living at Wilderspool Hall, Barton-upon-Irwell. He was buried at St. Mark's on 25 September 1893.



So what do we know of his life? He married **Caroline Frost** by Licence at the Cathedral Church of Manchester on 24 November **1847**. We know that his father had died by this date and the marriage certificate shows that he had been a Miller. The father of Caroline was James Frost, a Cotton Spinner, of Ardwick.

1847. Marriage solemnized at the Cathedral Church in the Parish of Manchester 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.
363	November 24 <sup>th</sup> 1847	George Spafford Caroline Frost	29 24	Bachelor Spinster	Merchant	Ardwick Ardwick	Samuel Spafford James Frost	Miller Cotton Spinner
Married in the <u>above Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Licence by me, <u>Edward Birch</u>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>George Spafford</u> <u>Caroline Frost</u>		in the Presence of us,		<u>Robert Owen</u> <u>John Birch</u> <u>John Birch</u> <u>John Birch</u>		

**1847: Manchester Courier - Saturday 27 November 1847.**

*On the 24th inst., the Cathedral, by the Rev. Edward Birch, M.A., Incumbent of St. Saviour's, George Spafford, Esq., of Newton House, Longsight, to Caroline, daughter of James Frost, Esq., of Ardwick.*

Like numerous other business men who are buried here, **George Spafford** was keen to subscribe to various local charities and international disasters. On 15 March **1849**, he began an annual subscription to the *Fund for Building the North Wing of the Manchester Royal Infirmary* (along with the Earl of Ellesmere and hundreds of others). Then, on 16 July **1850**, he made a donation towards the building of a *Monument to the Memory of the late Sir Robert Peel*. Furthermore, on 4 October **1850** he made a donation to the *Manchester Eye Hospital*, and on 7 December **1850** it was reported that he had donated to the *Manchester Deaf and Dumb School*. His philanthropy continued with further donations and subscriptions to the *Manchester and Salford Sanitary Association* (1852), *Collyhurst New Church (St. Michaels's-1854)*, *Inundations in France* (1856) and the *Manchester and District Provident Society Special relief Fund* (1862).

By the census of **1851**, **George** and **Caroline** were living in the township of Chorley, in the parish of Wilmslow. George Oswald Spafford was now 2 years and Edward James Spafford was 8 months. The family also had 3 resident servants. His occupation was Cotton Yarn Commission Agent. By **1861**, another 6 children had been born and the family now resided at Wilderspool House, Barton. They now had 6 servants, 2 as nurses and 2 as Farm Managers. He was still recorded as a Cotton Spinner and a Commission Agent in Yarns.

**1855**: *Manchester Times* – Saturday 27 January **1855**.

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that the cotton factory and premises situate in Stalybridge, and known by the name of the Water-street Mills, together with the steam engines, boilers, and fixtures, and also the running and other machinery in and about the same, and now in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Threlfall, are the sole property of me, the undersigned **GEORGE SPAFFORD**, and that the said Thomas Threlfall has no property or interest in the same otherwise than as tenant thereof.—As witness my hand this eighteenth day of January, 1855.  
**GEORGE SPAFFORD.**

He continued to make donation to disaster funds also. In March **1855**, he donated to the fund for the *Inundations in Holland*, which had led to the loss of life and to the destruction of property.

As with many other business men in the city, his premises were not excluded from nefarious crimes. On Friday 2 October **1863**, Charles Williams was charged with *'breaking into Mr. George Spafford's warehouse, Brown-street, and stealing five pieces of calico. ... A police sergeant went into the shop of a pawnbroker and found the prisoner there, attempting to dispose of three of three of the stolen pieces of calico.'* He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, since he had a previous conviction.

In the census of **1871**, the family was still resident at Wilderspool House and there were now 10 children. (The eleventh had died very young, aged 7 months). **George** was simply recorded as a Merchant. There were now 4 servants. Come **1881**, the family was officially living at Wilderspool. George was a Cloth Commission Agent, but by now 3 of their sons (Edward, Howsin and Charles) were also Commission Agents and Arthur was a Merchant's Clerk. **George** was recorded as being born in Melton Mowbray.

On Monday 21 October **1878**, at the Sessions Courts, Minshull-street, George Spafford was sworn in ad Foreman of the grand jury. There were 102 prisoners appearing, 84 charged with felony, 10 with misdemeanours and 6 as *'incorrigible rogues.'* The following statement makes for interesting reading: *'24 can neither read nor write; 16 read only; 11 read and write, 42 are of imperfect education, and 5 are well educated.'*

When we get to **1891**, there were only 2 children living at home – Charles Henry (34) and Caroline Frost (35)., with 2 servants. **George** was a Merchant in Cotton Goods. Just two years after the census, he died.

On Wednesday 25 May **1892**, he took the oath and qualified as a Justice of the Peace for the Salford Hundred.



## WILL.

**SPAFFORD** George of Wilderspool house Barton-upon-Irwell Lancashire and of Manchester yarn and cloth commission agent died: 21 September 1893 at Wilderspool house Probate **London** 3 April to Caroline Spafford widow Effects £50768 17s. 6d. resworn May 1895 £41033 1s. 7d.

**1893:** *Manchester Courier* – Saturday 30 September **1893**.

*The Late Mr. George Spafford.* - We regret to announce the death of **Mr. George Spafford**, which took place on Thursday last week at his residence, Wilderspool House, Barton-on-Irwell, his 75th year. The deceased gentleman was the founder of the cotton yarn agents and merchants, Messrs. George Spafford and Co., of this city. At one time or another he was associated with several cotton spinning concerns, notably a mill which was at one time well known in Manchester as "Ogden's." For many years **Mr. Spafford** was one of the best known members of the Manchester Royal Exchange, and throughout Lancashire commercial circles. The deceased gentleman was a staunch Conservative in politics, and took an active part in support of that party in the neighbourhood of Eccles. **Mr. Spafford** was a county magistrate. He married Miss Frost, a Manchester lady, by whom he leaves several sons.

**George Spafford** was buried at St. Mark's on 25 September **1893**, aged 74 years.

Print Inset.	George Spafford.	Barton	Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	74	A Spafford
No. 77				years.	

**1906:** **Caroline Spafford** was buried at St. Mark's on 14 May **1906**, aged 82 years.

Print Inset	Caroline Spafford.	Wilderspool Hall Bury Hulme	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	82	F. D. Cramer
No. 1321			1906	years	Vicar of Eccles.

## CHILDREN:

George Oswald Spafford	(1848-1916)
Edward James Spafford	(1850-1928)
Howsin Spafford	(1852-1926)
Frederic Spafford	(1854-1919)
Caroline Frost Spafford	(1855-1930)
Charles Henry Spafford	(1857-1939)
Bessie Howsin Spafford	(1858-1903)
Arthur Spafford	(1860-1932)
Louisa Alice Spafford	(1862-1949)
Albert Spafford	(1865-1951)
Florence Maude Spafford	(1868-1869)

**George Oswald Spafford:** Born on 20 November **1848** and baptised at St. Saviour, Chorlton, on 19 February **1849**. No spouse. He died on 17 January **1916** at 7 Gloucester Row, Bristol. He had been a Merchant and was Managing Director of the Great Western Cotton Company. He had been attended by 2 servants. In his will he left £8216 9s. 4d. to the Reverends Albert Spafford and Ernest Vores Everard (q.v.), clerks.

**Edward James Spafford:** Born on 8 August **1850** and baptised at St. Saviour, Chorlton, on 1 September **1850**. On Wednesday 7 June **1882**, James Spafford, second son of George Spafford, married Eleanor, eldest daughter of Christopher Sparrow of Urmston Lodge, at St. Clement's, Urmston. He died on 23 March **1928** at the Rodney Hotel, Cheltenham, and was of 7 Pall Mall, Manchester. They had 6 children. He had been a Merchant in Cotton Goods.

**Howsin Spafford:** Born in the 1<sup>st</sup> qtr. **1852** in Alderley Edge. On Wednesday 5 September **1883**, Howsin Spafford, third son of George Spafford, married Lucy, second daughter of Christopher Sparrow of Urmston Lodge, at St. Clement's, Urmston. Howsin and Lucy had 4 children. Howsin died on 5 March **1926** at Silverthorne, London Road, Camberley. In various censuses, he was listed as a Cotton Manufacturer or Merchant.

**Frederic Spafford:** Baptised on 14 September **1853** at Chorley, near Macclesfield. On 5 April **1876**, Frederic Spafford, of Wilderspool, married Christiana Corban. Daughter of Lewis Langworthy, of Dudley House, Eccles, at St. Mary, Eccles. He and Christiana had 11 children. Frederic was a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, where he studied Law and became a solicitor. He died on 13 May **1919** at Combs, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

**Caroline Frost Spafford:** Baptised at Chorley, Macclesfield, on 3 November **1855**. She died at Wilderspool House on 1 August **1930**. She did not marry. In her will, she left her effects to Charles Henry Spafford.

**Charles Henry Spafford:** Baptised at Chorley, Macclesfield, on 20 June **1857**. He did not marry. He died at Wilderspool on 1 March **1939**. In his will, he left his effects to Charles Andries du Toit, poultry farmer, and the Rev. Lionel Meiring Spafford du Toit, clerk. Charles had been a Merchant and Manufacturer (textile Goods).

**Bessie Howsin Spafford:** Baptised on 25 December **1858** at Christ Church, Salford. On Wednesday 25 February **1891**, Bessie, second daughter of George Spafford, married Alphonse Pierre Nicolas du Toit, of the Transvaal, judge of the Supreme Court, and of the Middle Temple, London, at Worcester, Cape Colony, South Africa. She died on 7 March **1903** at Wilderspool. Although she died in the UK, in her will her address was Bremersdorp, Swaziland, South Africa. Her effects were left to her husband.

**Arthur Spafford:** Born on 8 June **1860**, he was baptised at Christ Church, Salford, on 25 August **1860**. On Wednesday 2 September **1885**, Arthur Spafford, sixth son of George Spafford, married Florence, second daughter of Joseph Rowley, of Dee Bank, Queen's Ferry, Flintshire, at the Parish Church, Hawarden. They had 4 children. He died on 23 December **1932** at Holbrook House, Highbridge, Somerset. Arthur was a Cotton Spinner and Merchant.

**Louisa Alice Spafford:** Baptised at Christ Church, Salford, on 24 May **1862**. She married Ernest Vores Everard (q.v.) on 19 November **1896** at St. Mary, Eccles. They had 4 children. She died on 14 April **1949** at Winterdyne, Waterloo Road, Birkdale.

**Rev. Albert Spafford:** Born on 19 January **1865** and baptised at St. Mary, Eccles, on 8 July **1865**. On Wednesday 21 September **1892**, the Rev. Albert Spafford, youngest son of George Spafford, J.P., married Kathleen, second daughter of the late Colonel Ozzard, late of Gosport, at the Parish Church, West Kirby. He died on 26 September **1951** at 'Kathmar', 52/54 Knightstone Road, Weston-super-

Mare. Albert and Kathleen had 3 children. He attended Trinity College, Cambridge, from **1883** and awarded his M.A. in **1890**. He was ordained priest in **1889**.

**Florence Maude Spafford:** Born on 5 August **1868** and baptised at St. Mary, Eccles, on 22 October **1868**. She was buried at St. Mark's on 20 March **1869**, aged 7 months.

