

# James BOWERS



ALSO:

Amelia Ramsay Bowers (née Lyon) - 2<sup>nd</sup> wife. Died 18 September 1877. Aged 63.

Mary Bowers (née Brundrett) - 3<sup>rd</sup> wife. Died 31 December 1891. Aged 63.

Baptised: 17 May 1849

Died: March 1890

*WARREN HALL  
MANUFACTURER*



## James BOWERS

1844:

Marriage: 14 February 1844 St John, Preston.

**James Bowers** - 25, Book Keeper, Bachelor, Pendleton

**Margaret Makin** - 19, Spinster, Edward St

Groom's Father: Late Robert Bowers, Warehouseman

Bride's Father: Samuel Makin, Pawn Broker

Witness: Thomas Makin; Mary Ann Bouker

Married by License by: John Owen Parr Vicar

1844. MARRIAGE solemnized at <u>St John</u> in the Parish of <u>Preston</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.
94	Feb 14	James Bowers Margaret Makin	25 19	Bachelor Spinster	Book-keeper ---	Pendleton Edward St.	Late Robert Bowers Samuel Makin	Warehouseman Pawn-Broker
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Church of England</u> by <u>License</u> by me, <u>John Owen Parr, Vicar</u>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>James Bowers</u> <u>Margaret Makin</u>		in the presence of us,		<u>Thomas Makin</u> <u>Mary Ann Bouker</u>		

1849: Baptism of Martha Anne at St. Peter, Swinton, on 11 February 1849. (Born 17 May 1848).

No.	When Baptized.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Baptism.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
1849	11 Feb 1849	Martha Anne Bowers 11th daughter of Margaret				Swinton	James Bowers	Manufacturer
No. 751								

1850:

Burial: 30 November 1850 St Mary the Virgin, Eccles.

**Margaret Bowers** - Wife of James Bowers

Age: 26 years

Abode: Swinton

Buried by: M. F. Smyth

1851 census: Swinton Park, Worsley.

**James Bowers** Head Wid. 33 Cotton Manufacturer

**Martha Ann** Daur. 2 At home

+ 2 servants

1852: Marriage on 22 April 1852 to Amelia Ramsey Lyon at Manchester Cathedral.

1852. Marriage solemnized at <u>St. Mary the Virgin</u> Parish Church in the Parish of <u>Manchester</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.
210	April 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1852	James Bowers Amelia Ramsey Lyon	35 37	Widower Spinster	Manufacturer ---	Swinton in the Parish of Eccles Every street	Robert Bowers Joseph Lyon	Warehouseman Gentleman
Married in the <u>above Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>License</u> or after _____ by me, <u>William Blayth Leggett</u> of the Parish of _____								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>James Bowers</u> <u>Amelia Ramsey Lyon</u>		in the presence of us,		<u>William Blayth Leggett</u> <u>Elizabeth Prampton Lyon</u>		

**1856:** Percy Harris Bowers baptised 30 July **1856** at Swinton. Son of James and Amelia (Ramsey Lyon).

No.	30	Percy Harris	James & Amelia	Bowers	Swinton	Manu- factures.	J. M. Kennedy.
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**1861** census: Light Barn Green, Worsley.

James Bowers	Head	M	43	Cotton Manufacturer	
Amelia	Wife	M	45		
James	Son		7		b. Worsley
Percy	Son		4		b. Worsley

+ 2 servants

**1871** census: Moore Lane, Swinton.

James Bowers	Head	M	53	Manufacturer	b. Manchester
Amelia	Wife	M	55		b. Manchester
Martha Ann	Daur.	S	22		b. Swinton
James	Son	S	17	Manufacturer	b. Swinton
Percy Harris	Son	S	14		b. Swinton

+ 3 servants

**1877:**

Burial: 22 September **1877** St. Mark, Worsley. (Died 18 September 1877)

**Amelia Ramsay Bowers**

Age: 63 yrs.

Abode: Warren Hall Broughton, Chester

Buried by: H. R. Heywood

**1878:** Marriage of James Bowers and Mary Brundrett at St. Paul, Withington, on 9 January **1878**.

1878. Marriage solemnized at <i>St Pauls Church</i> in the <i>Parish</i> of <i>Withington</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.
176	<i>January</i> <i>9<sup>th</sup></i> <i>1878</i>	<i>James Bowers.</i>	<i>full</i>	<i>Widower.</i>	<i>Gentleman</i>	<i>Flintshire</i>	<i>Robert Bowers</i>	<i>Warehouseman.</i>
		<i>Mary Brundrett.</i>	<i>full</i>	<i>Widow.</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>Withington</i>	<i>William Whitehead</i>	<i>Jeweller.</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <i>James</i> or after <i>License</i> by me, <i>H. R. Heywood</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>James Bowers.</i>		in the Presence of us,		<i>Mr Stady</i> <i>Mrs A Bowers</i>		



1878: Marriage of Percy Harris Bowers at St. Mark, Worsley, on 2 November 1878.

1878. 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.
335	November 2	Percy Harris Bowers	full	Bachelor	Unmarried of Cambridge	Cambridge	James Bowers	Banker
		Annie Lloyd	full	Spinster	—	Worsley	Abraham Evans Lloyd	Manufacturer
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <i>James</i> or after <i>J. Carter</i> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>Percy Harris Bowers</i>		in the Presence of us,		<i>Abraham Evans Lloyd - Nathaniel Lloyd</i>		

1881 census: Warren Hall, Hawarden, Flint.

James Bowers	Head	M	63	Retired Manufacturer	b. Lancs
Mary	Wife	M	52		b. Lancs
Mary Lazonby	Visitor	W	68	Companion	b. Lancs
+ 5 servants					

**\*BOWERS, Percy Harris, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton.**—St. John's Coll. Cam. B.A. 1879, M.A. 1883.  $\bar{u}$  1880,  $\bar{p}$  1882 Worc. R. of Mkt. Bosworth w Barlastone and Shenton, Dio. Pet. 1886. (¶, Exors. of the late J. Bowers Esq; T.R.C. 570l, av. 376l w 280 a of Gl. val. 455l; Gross Inc. 957l, Net 431l and Ho; Pop. Mkt. B. 660, B. 1010, S. 170.)  $\bar{f}$  C. of Fladbury 1880-82; Leyland 1882-86.

**Addendum:**

Admitted pensioner at ST JOHN'S, Oct. 25, 1876. S. of James, manufacturer. B. at Swinton, Lancs. Bapt. July 30, 1856. Matric. Michs. 1876; B.A. 1880; M.A. 1883. Ordained deacon, 1880; priest (Worcester) 1882; Curate of Fladbury, Worcs., 1880-2. C. of Leyland, Lancs., 1882-6. Rector of Market Bosworth, with Shenton and Barlestone, Leics., 1886-1922. Rural Dean of Sparkenhoe, 1909-22. Hon. Canon of Peterborough, 1913-22. Warden of the Mission Clergy of the diocese of Peterborough, 1917-22. Archdeacon of Loughborough, Leics., 1921-2. Died Nov. 15, 1922.

1892:

Burial: 4 January 1892 St. Mark, Worsley. (Died 31 December 1891)

Mary Bowers -

Age: 63 yrs.

Abode: Warren Hall, Broughton, Chester

Buried by: A. G. Hutchins, St. Mary's, Broughton

**BOWERS** Mary of Warren Hall Hawarden Flintshire widow died 31 December 1891 Probate St. Asaph 16 September to the Reverend Percy Harris Bowers clerk and William Henry Dixon solicitor Effects £77193 19s. 3d. resworn October 1893 £79702 18s.

1890:

Burial: 19 March 1890 St Mark, Worsley.

**James Bowers**

Age: 72 yrs.

Abode: Warren Hall, Hawarden

Buried by: Stephen E. Gladstone R. of Hawarden

1890: *Manchester Courier* – 17 March 1890

**Death of Mr. James Bowers, of Manchester** — *Our Chester correspondent announces the death at Torquay, where he was staying for the benefit of his health of Mr. James Bowers, of Warren Hall, Broughton, Chester, and late member of the firm of Rylands and Co., wholesale manufacturers, of Manchester and district. Mr. James Bowers bought Warren Hall 20 years ago, and of late years had in the intervals of business successfully devoted himself to the rearing of fat stock. For some years past he had been a successful exhibitor at the Christmas auction marts at Chester. Mr. Bowers was in his 72nd year.*

*Wrexham Advertiser* – Saturday 22 March 1890

#### DEATH OF MR. BOWERS, OF WARREN HALL.

*Mr Bowers, who was 72 years of age, died at Torquay, on Friday. The deceased gentleman was deservedly popular among all classes in the district, and the poor of the neighbourhood will long remember his kindly thought on their behalf. In manner he was very unassuming, but his many deeds of kindness to his poorer brethren will never be thoroughly realised. He was a great enthusiast in agricultural pursuits, in many branches of which he was regarded as an expert. Fat stock rearing seemed to be his favourite pursuit, and his exhibitions in the past few years at the Chester sales have been conspicuous. He was highly respected in the neighbourhood. He was thrice married, Mr. James Bowers, Mr Percy Bowers, and a daughter being issue. Mr. Bowers was a self-made man, having formerly been a Lancashire cotton manufacturer, and has acted as a Guardian of the poor in the Hawarden Union. Much sympathy is expressed for his widow and family.*

*Cheshire Observer* - Saturday 22 March 1890

**BROUGHTON.** *Death of Mr. J. Bowers, Warren Hall.— It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. James Bowers, of Warren Hall, Broughton, which occurred on Friday week rather suddenly at Torquay. The late Mr. Bowers, who has resided at The Warren for the past twenty years or so, was formerly a Lancashire manufacturer, but latterly retired from business entirely, and devoted his time exclusively to agriculture, in several branches of which he was both an enthusiast and an expert. Fat stock rearing proved to be his forte, his exhibits for the past few years at the Chester Christmas Sale having been so conspicuously successful that he retired last Christmas in order to let the other competitors have a look in. Horse breeding also claimed a considerable share of his attention, although in this department he never figured as an exhibitor. The poor of the district around Broughton will doubtless mourn the loss of their benevolent neighbour as much as anyone, for a more liberal giver to all charitable and worthy objects was not to be found for many miles around. The deceased gentleman was 72 years of age. The remains of the late Mr. James Bowers were interred at Worsley Parish Church on Wednesday last. A special train left Broughton Station at 11 15, arriving at Worsley at 12 45. A great many friends of the deceased met the train, which contained Mr. James*

*Bowers and Rev. Percy Bowers (sons), Mr. Peter Cowlie, Mr. W. Johnson, Mr. Collings, Rev. Mr. Jones, Miss Jones. The service was conducted by Rev. the Earl of Mulgrave and Rev. Stephen Gladstone, and was full choral. The psalms and hymns were impressively rendered. The popularity of the deceased was very marked. In the church a very large congregation assembled, the sacred building being quite full, and many were the expressions of sorrow and regret at the loss of such a good friend. The coffin was of polished oak, handsomely mounted with brass, and entirely covered with floral wreaths and crosses. Amongst the large number were the following :— The family of the deceased, servants of Warren Hall, the work people of Swinton Mills, the congregation of St Barnabas, Openshaw, the choir of St. Barnabas, Sunday school teachers of Openshaw, Miss Jones, Mr. W. Johnson, Mr. Collings, Mr. and Mrs. Goodier, the Misses Kershaw, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dixon, Mr. Cunnah, and many others. The funeral arrangements were efficiently carried out by Messrs Brown, Holmes and Co., of Chester.*

*Manchester Courier – Saturday 10 May 1890*

*JAMES BOWERS. Deceased.— Pursuant to 22nd and 23rd Victoria, chapter 35.— Notice hereby given, that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against the estate of **JAMES BOWERS** (formerly carrying on business at the Dye Works, near Manchester, as George Whyatt and Sons, but) late Warren Hall, in the parish of Hawarden, in the county of Flint esquire, deceased (who died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1890. and whose will was proved the St. Asaph District Registry Probate Division of her Majesty's High Court of the 2nd day of May. 1890, by Mary Bowers and the Rev. Percy Harris Bowers, the executors therein named) are hereby required to send the particulars, in writing, of their demands to us, the undersigned, the solicitors for the said executors, on or before the 17th day of June 1890) after which date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice; and they will not be liable for the assets of the said deceased, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person or persons whose claims or demands they shall not then have had notice.— Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1890.  
DIXON AND LINNELL, 24 Cross-street, Manchester, Solicitors for the Executors.\_*

*Manchester Evening News - Saturday 24 May 1890*

*The will of Mr. James Bowers, of the Warren, Hawarden, late partner in the firm Rylands and Co., of Manchester, has been proved in the St. Asaph Probate Court. The gross value of the estate has been sworn £39,115. The executors are Mrs. Bowers, to whom the deceased has bequeathed his freehold estate for her life; the Rev. Percy H. Bowers, son: and Mr. William Thomas Dunn.*

### Examples of The Philanthropy of the BOWERS Family (1878 – 1882).

#### The Manchester Courier

On Tuesday 21 October 1879, it reported that the church of St. Barnabas, Openshaw, held its anniversary sermons on the previous Sunday (19<sup>th</sup>). The day and Sunday schools, which are well attended, took part. The children of the newly built infant school (250 in number) were also present. The school had been built at the sole expense of **Mrs. James Bowers** (of the firm of George Whyatt's, dyers).

Monday 17 November **1879**: The FOUNDATION STONE OF ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, HIGHER OPENSHAW. On Saturday afternoon the foundation stone of St. Clement's Church, Higher Openshaw, was laid by **Mrs. James Bowers**, of Warren Hall, Chester, in the presence of a large gathering of Sunday-school scholars and friends. Processions were formed by the teachers and scholars connected with St. Barnabaa'a, Openshaw, and St. Mary's, Droyleden, at their respective schools. ...

... **Mr. James Bowers**, on behalf of Mrs. Bowers, briefly addressed the assembly, expressing the pleasure it gave him and his wife to be associated with that ceremony. He added that he would make the church a present of a very handsome pulpit and a reading desk - (hear, hear, and applause) - and as Mr. Dickinson had stated that they were a few hundred pounds short, he would increase his donation to £500. (Applause.)

Monday 7 June **1880**: It was reported that St. Barnabas, Openshaw, had recently undergone considerable changes in its internal arrangements. ... These alterations were carried out 'through the liberality of **Mr. Bowers**. ... The entire cost of the alterations has been borne by **Mr. James Bowers**, of Openshaw, and Warren Hall, near Chester.' The Bishop of Manchester presided at the ceremony and preached from the new lectern provided by **Mr. Bowers**.

### *The Cheshire Observer*

Saturday 22 January **1881**: BROUGHTON. Treat to the Aged Poor. — The other day **Mr. James Bowers**, the Warren, Broughton, gave his annual treat to the aged poor men and women of Broughton. It took the form of a knife and fork tea, and consisted of tea, bread and butter, ham, roast beef, pork pies, currant cake, and seed cake *ad lib*. About sixty sat down, and were waited on.

