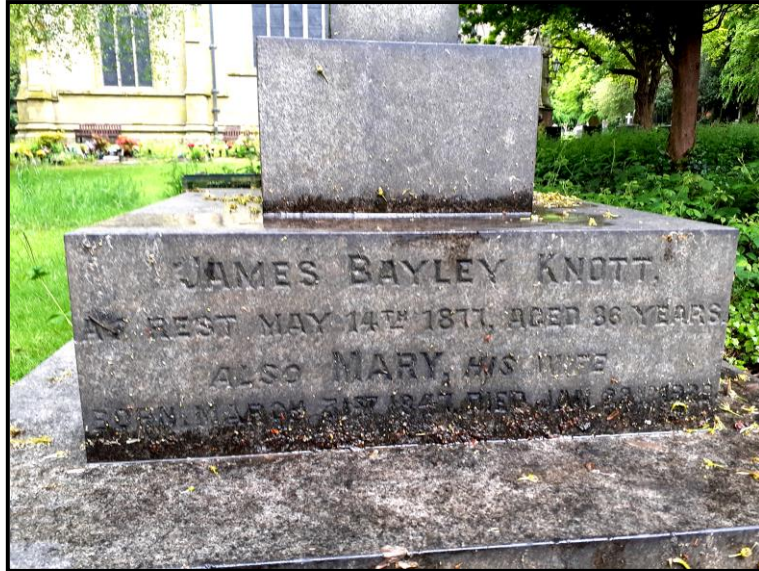


# James Bayley KNOTT



**ALSO:** MARY (née Rasbotham) KNOTT (1847 - 1920)

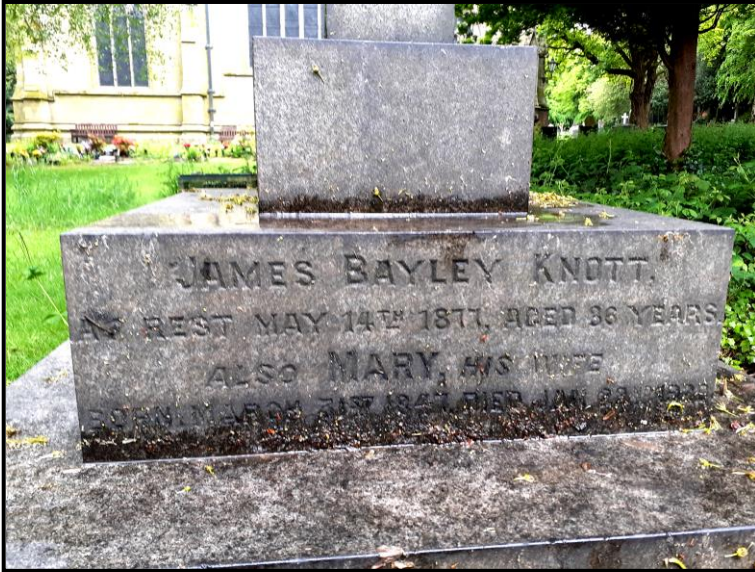
Baptised: 16 September 1842

Died: 14 May 1877

*COTTON SPINNER*



## James Bayley KNOTT



### **JAMES BAYLEY KNOTT**

*At Rest May 14<sup>th</sup> 1877. aged 36 yrs*

*Also MARY, his wife*

*born*

*March 31<sup>st</sup> 1847 died January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1920*

*'Into thine hand I commit my spirit*

*Look upon me and be merciful unto me'*  
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**James Bayley Knott** was born in Bolton and baptised at St. Peter, Bolton-le-Moors, on 16 September 1842. At the same time, a sister, Caroline Martha, was also baptised, having been born on 24 November 1837. Both were children of **James** and **Maria Knott**. James was a Commission Agent. They were, in fact, just 2 of the 9 children to James and Maria who were all baptised at that church:

William Bayley 20 November 1829 (at this time, father was a grain dealer)

Martha Anne 11 June 1832

Elizabeth Jane 29 August 1832

Sarah Ann 13 September 1833

Emma Maria 24 June 1835

Mary Ellen 30 September 1836

Harriet Septima 15 May 1840

[**James** and Caroline 1842]

Marriage: 25 September **1828** St Michael and All Angels, Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire.

James Knott - the Parish of Bolton le Moors

Maria Bayley - this Parish

Witness: Edwin Knott; Harriette Hall

Married by Licence by: John Hextall Curate

**1841** census: Silverwell St., Bolton-le-Moors.

James Knott            40      Commission Agent

Maria                    35

Elizabeth              10

Emma                    6

Mary                     5

Caroline                3

James                    3 mo.

+ 2 servants.

**1851** census: Bury Old Road, Broughton.

James Knott	Head	M	52	Commission Agent in Yarns	
Maria	Wife	M	47		b. Stalybridge
Sarah Ann	Daur.	S	20		
Harriet	Daur.	S	17		
Elizabeth	Daur.		11	[Should be 21 - Ed.]	
Jane Bailey	Aunt	S	43		

+ 2 servants.

*The Leigh Chronicle* for Saturday 9 June **1860** reported:

*Promotions in the 55th Volunteers. —The recent additions to the 55th (Leigh) corps have increased the number to more than form company, and therefore the appointment of captain was rendered imperative by the regulations. On Wednesday evening the Volunteers met in the Town Hall and unanimously elected Lieut. George Edward Jee, to be Captain; Ensign Henry Kirkpatrick, to be Lieutenant; and Mr. **James Bayley Knott** to be Ensign. Consequent upon these promotions some changes will shortly take place among the non-commissioned officers*

**1861** census: Clarendon House, Crumpsall.

James Knott	Head	M	62	Commission Agent emp. 3 men
Maria	Wife	M	57	
Elizabeth J.	Daur.	S	30	
Caroline	Daur.	S	23	
Harriet	Daur.	S	21	

+ 2 servants

*The London Gazette* for 15 July **1862** gave the following pronouncement:

*NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between James Bayley and James Knott, carrying on business at Tyldesley, in the county of Lancaster, as Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers, under the firm of James Bayley and Knott, was determined on the 9th day of April last by the death of the said James Bayley.*

*Dated the 9th day of July, 1862.*

*Maria Bayley,*

*James Knott,*

*Executrix and Executor under the Will of the said James Bayley, deceased.*

*The Leigh Chronicle* on Saturday 12 March **1864** made the following announcement:

*'The Gazette' of the 8th instant contains the following notification: — 4th Administrative Battalion, Lancashire Rifle Volunteers. — **James Bayley Knott**, gentleman, to be Honorary Quarter Master. Dated 16th February, 1864.*

Then, in **1868**, **James Bayley Knott** married **Mary Rasbotham** on 8 January at St. Mark's. **Mary** was the third child of Peter and Rebecca Rasbotham. He was Private Secretary/Comptroller to the Earl of Ellesmere. The family was living at Mill Brow, Worsley. Sadly, he died just 3 years after Mary's marriage. A stained glass window in the church was installed by the children of Peter in his memory.

1868. Marriage solemnized at <i>St Mark's Church</i> in the <i>Parish</i> 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.
118	<i>Jan<sup>y</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1868</i>	<i>James Bayley Knott</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Cotton Spinner</i>	<i>Tyldesley</i>	<i>James Knott</i>	<i>Cotton Spinner</i>
		<i>Mary Rasbotham</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Worsley</i>	<i>Peter Rasbotham</i>	<i>Gentleman</i>
Married in the <i>Church of St Mark</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <i>—</i> or after <i>Banns</i> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>James Bayley Knott</i>		in the Presence of us,		<i>Peter Rasbotham</i> <i>Dr James Light Rasbotham</i>		

The Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer, on 11 January 1868, reported:

On 8 January 1868, aged 26, at St Mark's Church, Worsley, also now in Greater Manchester, he married Mary Rasbotham. **James Bayley**, son of James Knott, of Clarendon House, Cheetham Hill, Manchester [married] Mary, elder daughter of Peter Rasbotham, of Highfield House, Worsley.

On his marriage certificate above he described himself as a 'Cotton Spinner,' though when he had served on a jury at Kirkdale Assizes in 1865 his profession had been reported as 'cotton manufacturer' (Liverpool Mercury, 19 January 1865).

1871 census: Chadwick Hall, Tyldesley. [Misprinted for Chaddock Hall - Ed.]

<b>James B. Knott</b>	Head	M	30	Cotton Spinner	b. Bolton
<b>Mary</b>	Wife	M	24		b. Walton on Thames
Alice A. Slater	Friend	S	25		b. Carlisle

+ 2 servants and 1 groom.

Then, in 1872, his father James died, aged 74, leaving his son **James Bayley** as a beneficiary.

<p><b>KNOTT James.</b></p> <p>Effects under £100,000.</p>	<p>24 August. The Will with a Codicil of James Knott late of Crumpsall near Manchester in the County of <b>Lancaster</b> Cotton Spinner who died 7 August 1872 at Harrogate in the West Riding of the County of York was proved at <b>Manchester</b> by James Bayley Knott of Chaddock Hall Tyldesley in the County of Lancaster Cotton Spinner the Son and Elizabeth Jane Knott of Clarendon House Crumpsall Spinster the Daughter two of the surviving Executors.</p>
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Captain **James Bayley Knott** died at Chaddock Hall on 14 May 1877, aged only 36.

The Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser, on 15 May 1877, reported:

On Monday morning Mr J. B. Knott, Chaddock Hall, Tyldesley, died at his residence, after a few days illness, from congestion of the lungs. He was captain of the 55th L. R. V., Atherton, head of the firm of Bayley and Knott, cotton spinners, Tyldesley, and vice-president of the Astley and Tyldesley Conservative Association. He was at the battalion drill at Worsley, on Saturday week, and his sudden death is much regretted in the Tyldesley district'.

Although he had indeed joined the 55th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers as an Ensign in 1860, he had later been the Captain of the 60th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers.

According to the *Bolton News* of 14 May 1877, he was '*much esteemed by all sections of his townsmen. [...] The demise of the deceased has cut short the promise of a long and honourable career, death taking place at an early age*'.

**KNOTT James Bayley.**

Effects under £45,000.

29 June. Administration of the effects of James Bayley Knott late of Chaddock Hall Tyldesley in the County of **Lancaster** Cotton Spinner who died 14 May 1877 at Chaddock Hall was granted at **Liverpool** to Mary Knott of Chaddock Hall Widow the Relict.

On Saturday 19 May 1877, the *Leigh Journal* carried a brief report on his funeral:

#### THE FUNERAL

*The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) at noon at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, amid many tokens of respect from the large number of spectators who had assembled. The cortège left Chaddock Hall soon after eleven o'clock in the following order:*

#### HEARSE AND PAIR

*(without plumes)*

*Family carriage: Mrs. Knott and Mr. Spencer*

*Second carriage: Mr. and Mrs. Guest and Miss Mott*

*Third carriage: Mrs. Whyatt, Mrs. Hutchinson, Rec. C. Bayley and Mr. Ormerod*

*Fourth Carriage: Mr. T. Speakman (cashier), Mr. J. Atherton (bookkeeper), and Mr. H. Hibbert (mill manager)*

*The volunteers of the 60th L.R.V., of which the deceased gentleman was Captain, with the officers of the battalion, assembled near Worsley Old Hall, and preceded the hearse to the church, where it was awaited by many of the villagers. The Rev. the Earl of Mulgrave was the officiating clergyman, and the service throughout was most solemn and impressive, military honours befitting the rank and character of the deceased being observed. The coffin was composed of an oak shell and lead, enclosed in an outer oak-polished coffin, mounted with a rich brass furniture and brass plate with the following inscription:*

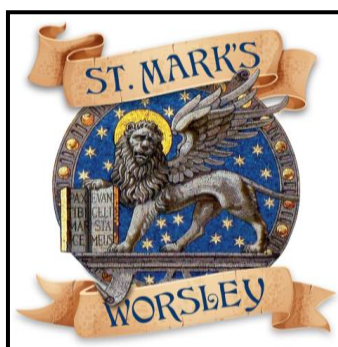
JAMES BAYLEY KNOTT,

Died 14th May,

1877,

Aged 36 years

*The mill at Tyldesley was stopped for the day.*





[Identified as 'J. B. Knott, Esq.' in the Silvy daybooks, this is possibly the cotton spinner and manufacturer James Bayley Knott.]  
(By courtesy of paulfrecker.com)

French-born Camille Silvy (1834-1910) established his photographic portrait studio at 38 Porchester Terrace in London's Bayswater in 1859, operating at the height of the carte-de-visite craze (popularly nicknamed 'cartomania') in the early 1860s, and remained there until 1869. During that time, he welcomed thousands of sitters and gained a reputation for his skilfully composed and finely produced photographs.

**J. B. Knott, Esq.**  
(1842-1877)  
7 June 1862

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From 'A Short History of the Township of Tyldesley' - by John Lunn, 1953.

### *The Burning of Resolution Mills, September 26, 1891*

*By 1853 James Bayley and James Knott had acquired control of Kearsley's Mills, the Resolution group. Bayley lived at Fulwell and was a magistrate. His wife's name was Ann. He died April 9, 1862. Bayley lived at Fulwell and was a magistrate. His wife's, and his partner, Knott, died at Harrogate ten years later. Knott was then living at Cheetham Hill. In 1888 the children of James Bayley built the chancel and choir stalls as a memorial to him and his wife, who are buried in the churchyard. The firm still went by the name of Bayley and Knott, but sometime after 1880 Caleb Wright took directive control. On September 26, 1891—Wakes Saturday— Resolution Mills were burned to the ground. James Pasquill, an overlooker, first discovered the fire. The brigades from Tyldesley, Leigh, and Bolton rushed to put out the blaze but failed. The damage was estimated at some £30,000. This severe loss caused Caleb Wright to establish a fire service of his own for use on the premises, in case of further outbreak.*

