

# Thomas BRIGGS



*" Blessed are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see God"*

*"If we believed that Jesus died and rose again,  
even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him"*

IN MEMORIAM ... of his first two wives,

**ANN (Bunting) BRIGGS and MINA MORRIS (Cardell) BRIGGS.**

Baptised: 14 November 1829

Died: 25 February 1908

*MERCHANT  
COMMISSION AGENT*



## Thomas BRIGGS

This biography of Thomas Briggs is a little unusual because he was not buried at St. Mark's. However, there is a distinctive tomb in the churchyard to the first two of his wives and this is an attempt to bring their stories into context.

Baptism: 14 November **1829** St Mary the Virgin, Eccles. (Born 24 October **1829**).

**Thomas Briggs** - Son of Henry Briggs & Elizabeth

Abode: Eccles

Occupation: Shopkeeper

Baptised by: Thos. Blackburne, Vicar

No. 549.	14 Nov - 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Son of	Henry & Elizabeth	Briggs	Eccles	Shopkeeper	Thos Blackburne Vicar
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**1851** census: Church Street, Eccles.

Henry Briggs	Head	M	47	Grocer & Seedsman	b. Eccles
Elizabeth	Wife	M	44		b. Do.
<b>Thomas</b>	Son	S	21	Warehouseman	b. Do.
Ann	Daur.	S	18		b. Do.
John	Son		14	Scholar	b. Do.

[They also had a son Nathan Hall Briggs, born **1828**, and who died on 1 December **1844**].

Marriage: 13 April **1854** St Thomas, Pendleton.

**Thomas Briggs** - 24, Chashier [sic], Bachelor, Eccles

**Ann Bunting** - 24, Spinster, Pendleton

Groom's Father: Henry Briggs, Grocer

Bride's Father: Robert Bunting, Warehouseman

Witness: Robt. Bunting; Mary Sweeney?; John Wilson; Fredk. Jas. Jackson; A. B. Brierley?

Married by Licence by: Ambse. Lane, Incumbt. of Pendleton

*The Manchester Times* on Saturday 15 April **1854** announced their marriage:

*On the 13th inst. at St. Thomas's Church, Pendleton, by the Rev A. Lane, Mr. Thomas Briggs, of Eccles, to Ann, only child 4 of Robert Bunting, Esq. Pendleton.*

1854. Marriage solemnized in St. Thomas Pendleton in the Parish of Eccles 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.
198	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Briggs	24	Bachelor	Chashier	Eccles	Henry Briggs	Grocer
		Ann Bunting	24	Spinster		Pendleton	Robert Bunting	Warehouseman
Married in the Church of St. Thomas according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by me, <i>Ambrose Lane</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>Thomas Briggs</i>			in the Presence of us,	<i>Robt Bunting</i>		
		<i>Ann Bunting</i>				<i>Mary Sweeney</i> <i>John Wilson</i>		
<i>Fredk. Jas. Jackson</i> <i>A. B. Brierley</i>								

1861 census: 37 Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester.

Thomas Briggs Head M 31 Merchant  
 Ann Wife M 31  
 + 1 servant

b. Eccles  
 b. Manchester

1861 census: Church Street, Eccles.

Henry Briggs Head M 57 Grocer  
 Elizabeth Wife M 54  
 John H. Son S 24 Do.  
 Ann H. Wrigley Daur. M 29 Wife of telegraph Clerk

1864: 14 June. Death of mother Elizabeth Briggs. Buried at St. Mary, Eccles.

1866/67: Birth of daughter Eliza Briggs. Died 3rd quarter 1867 aged 1.

Burial: 27 March 1867 St Mark, Worsley.

Ann Briggs

Age: 37 yrs

Abode: Pendleton

Buried by: S. Vincent Beechey

T 1810-11 Vault	No. 1124	Ann Briggs	Pendleton	March	37	S. Vincent Beechey
	No. 1125			27 <sup>th</sup>	years	D.C.

1868: 28 August. Death of father Henry Briggs. Buried at St. Mary, Eccles.

1870. MARRIAGE solemnized at Irwell St. Wesleyan Chapel in the District of Salford  
 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.
118	1870 April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thomas Briggs	40 years	Widower	Merchant	Low Crescent, Seedley, Pendleton	Henry Briggs Esq.	Gentleman
		Mina Morris Cardell	25	Spinster	-	Ellesmere Park Eccles	George Parminter Cardell	Commissioner Merchant

Married in the Irwell Street Wesleyan Chapel according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Wesleyan Methodists, by License  
 By me, James Chalmers Minister.  
C. H. Tople Registrar.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Thomas Briggs } in the Presence of us, { A. Brauder Jackson }  
 { Mina Morris Cardell } { George Parminter Cardell }

The Manchester Evening News on Tuesday 26 April 1870 announced:

**MARRIAGES.**  
**BRIGGS—CARDELL.**—On the 23rd inst., at Irwell-street Wesleyan Chapel, Salford, by the Rev. James Chalmers, M.A., assisted by the Rev. George B. Mellor, Thomas Briggs, Esq., of Gorefield, Seedley, to Mina Morris, daughter of George Parminter Cardell, Esq., of Plymouth, and niece of the late James Morris, Esq., of Cheetham Hill.

**1871** census: Gorefield, Pendleton.

<b>Thomas Briggs</b>	Head	M	41	Merchant & Commission Agent	b. Eccles
<b>Mina Morris</b>	Wife	M	27		b. Plymouth
Henry Percy Cardell	Son		1 mo.		b. Pendleton
+ 4 staff					

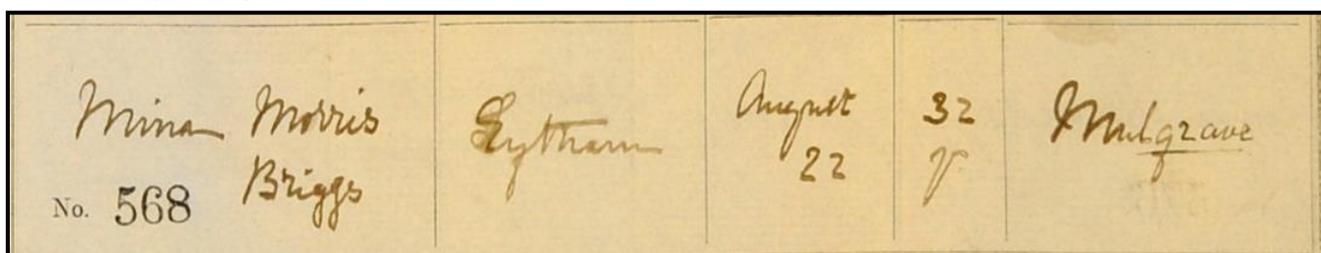
Prior to the death of **Mina Morris** in **1877**, they were to have 5 children:

Henry Percy Cardell Briggs (1871-1950)  
George Cecil Briggs (1872-1951)  
Mina Lilian (1874-1934)  
Ethel Mina (1875-1963)  
Elsie Marion Rhondda (11 May 1877-28 May 1977)

Burial: 22 August **1877** St Mark, Worsley.

**Mina Morris Briggs**

Age: 32 yrs.  
Abode: Lytham  
Buried by: Mulgrave



**1880:** 27 January.

**Thomas Briggs** married Mary Elizabeth Rose in Ormskirk District.

*The Manchester Times* on Saturday 31 January **1880** announced their marriage:

*BRIGGS-ROSE. - January 27th, at St. Andrew's Church, Southport, by the Rev. T. M. Horsfall, assisted by the Rev. Prebendary Cross, Thomas Briggs, Esq., of Stone Leigh, Salford, to Mary Elizabeth, third daughter of the late Thomas Baily Rose, Esq., barrister-at law. NO cards*

**1881** census: 62 Thurlow Street, Salford.

<b>Thomas Briggs</b>	Head	M	51	Merchant Tarpaulin	
Mary Elizabeth	Wife	M	36		
Henry P. C.	Son		10		
George Cecil	Son		8		
Mary G. R.	Daur.		2mo.	[Born 21 February 1881 - Ed.]	
James Chalmers	Vis.	M	56	Wesleyan Minister	b. Scotland
+ 5 staff					

**1891** census: 5 Queens Road, North Meols, Southport.

Arabella Rose	Head	W	81	Living on Own Means	b. Dudley
Gertrude	Daur.	S	38	Teacher	b. Stoke on Trent
Tansey E. Rose	Daur.	S	31	Living on Own Means	
+ 1 Governess					
<b>Thomas Briggs</b>	Son-in-law	M	61	Living on Own Means	
<b>Mary E. Briggs</b>	Daur.	M	46		b. Staffs.
Mina L.	G'daur		17		b. Salford
Ethel Mina	G'daur.		15		b. Salford
Elsie M. R.	G'daur.		13		b. Salford
Mary G. R.	G'daur.		10		b. Salford
+ 3 servants					

[Mary Gertrude Rose Briggs, only daughter of Mary Elizabeth Briggs, married Arthur Percy Skene, a Clerk in Holy Orders, at Leatherhead Parish Church on 1 July 1914, She died on 31 December 1917, aged 36, and was buried at St. Matthew's Churchyard, Stretton, Warrington - Ed.]

**1908:** 25 February. Death of **Thomas Briggs**, aged 78, at 9 York Place, Harrogate, Yorkshire W. R. He was buried in Harlow Hill Cemetery, Harrogate. He was a Retired Shipping Merchant. He died of of Brights Disease, Uraemia & Athsma. His son Percy C. Briggs of 13 Elleray Road, Pendleton, Salford, was present at his death.

Mary Elizabeth Briggs died in late **1928**, aged 83, and was also buried in Harrogate with **Thomas**.

