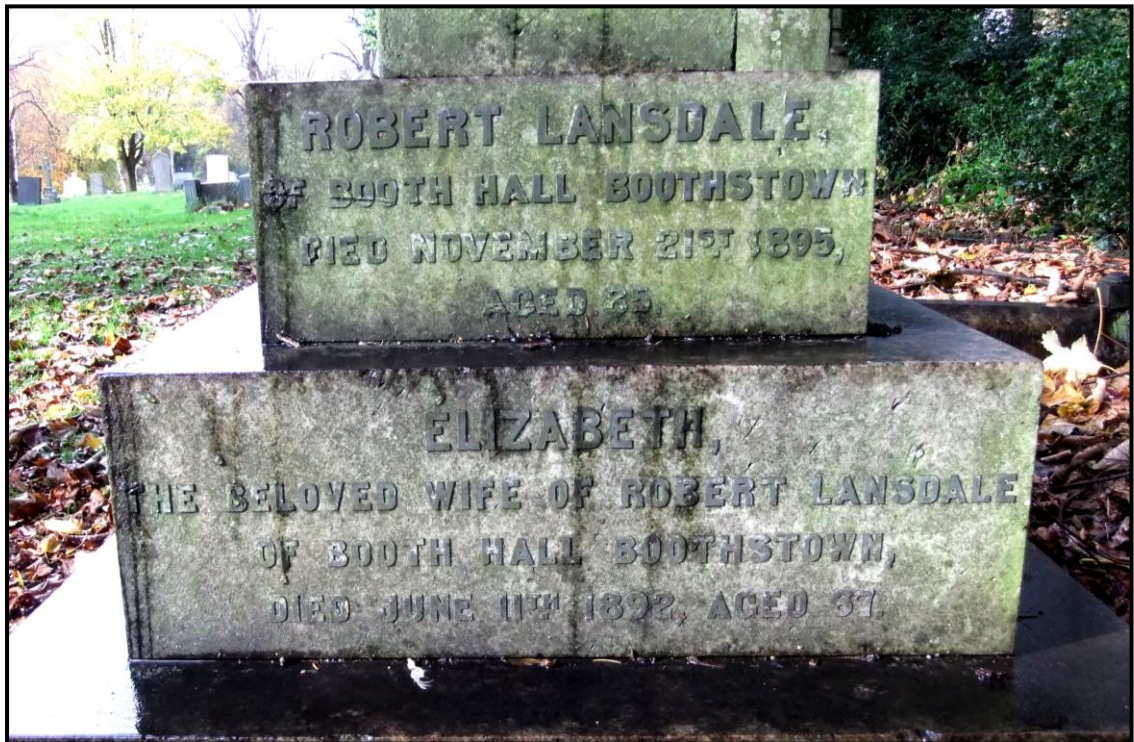


Robert LANSDALE



Baptised: 29 April 1810

Died: 21 November 1895

*YEOMAN FARMER,
CHURCH WARDEN OF ECCLES*



Robert LANSDALE



Robert Lansdale (s) was the son of **Robert Lansdale (f)** and Eleanor, and was baptised at Ellenbrook Chapel, Worsley, on 29 April **1810**. The abode was simply Worsley and the father's occupation was Bookkeeper. No record has, as yet, been found of their marriage.

The family first appeared in the **1841** census:

1841 census: Crossfield, Worsley

Robert Lansdale (f)	69	Agent
Eleanor	66	
Benjamin	39	Farmer
Robert (s)	31	Agent
Rebecca	22	
+ 1 servant		

Both parents died within the next ten years - the gap between the two censuses.

Burial: 20 Nov **1845** St Mary the Virgin, Eccles.

Eleanor Lansdale - Wife of Robert Lansdale

Age: 71 years

Abode: Worsley

Buried by: Willm. Marsden Vicar

Burial: 14 May **1846** St Mary the Virgin, Eccles.

Robert Lansdale -

Age: 74 years

Abode: Worsley

Buried by: Willm. Marsden, Vicar

Very soon after the deaths of both parents **Robert Lansdale (s)** was married.

The marriage below, on 21 July **1847**, was at St. Michael, Aughton. The writing under the Rector's name has been crossed out, but we think it should say 'Incumbent of St. Stephen's, Salford, reading from another copy. Elizabeth's father was a Brewer. **Robert's** father, Robert, had died before the wedding, though this was not recorded on the certificate.

1847. Marriage solemnized in this Church in the Parish of <i>Aughton</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.
63	<i>July 21st</i>	<i>Robert Lansdale</i> and <i>Elizabeth Richardson</i>	<i>of full age</i> <i>of full age</i>	<i>Bachelor</i> <i>Spinster</i>	<i>Gentleman</i>	<i>Worsley</i> <i>Aughton</i>	<i>Robert Lansdale</i> <i>Joseph Richardson</i>	<i>Gentleman</i> <i>Brewer</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <i>Church of England</i> by Licence by me, <i>J. B. St. John</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>Robert Lansdale</i> <i>Elizabeth Richardson</i>		in the Presence of us,		<i>Peter Knightingale</i> <i>Mary Richardson</i> <i>Chas. S. Kennerly</i>		

Elizabeth was the daughter of Joseph Richardson and Mary (Birch), one of possibly thirteen children. Her father Joseph died at Rainford on 4 July 1848, barely a year after her marriage, aged 49. Joseph and Mary were married at Rainford on 9 January 1821. Elizabeth, in turn, though born in Rainford, was born on 19 April 1825 and baptised in the parish of Prescott on 14 May **1825**. In the census of **1841**, Elizabeth did not appear at home in Aughton, but other members of her known family were recorded there. Joseph was a Common Brewer and the family resided at the Brewery at Aughton!

On 15 June **1848**, a boy, Henry Richardson Lansdale, son of Robert and Elizabeth, was baptised at St. Mary, Ellenbrook. he was subsequently buried at St. Mary, Eccles, on 6 March **1850**, aged 21 months.

The next church record shows the following:

Baptism: 16 May **1850** Ellenbrook Chapel, Worsley, Lancashire, England
 Caroline Mary Lansdale - [Child] of Robert Lansdale & Elizabeth
 Abode: Worsley
 Occupation: Yeoman
 Baptised by: J.D. Rodgers

The first available census of 1851, recording **Robert Lansdale** and family, gives some very interesting information. We know Robert's occupation, residence and family composition, though it could not record the birth and death of Henry Richardson.

1851 census: Booth Hall, Worsley

Robert Lansdale	Head	M	41	Agent and Farmer of 176 acres, employing 5 labs, and 1 boy.	b. Worsley
Elizabeth	Wife	M	25		b. Rainford
Caroline Mary	Daur		1		b. Worsley
William Richardson	B-in-law	S	18	Engineer (App.)	b. Aughton
Joseph Richardson	"	S	23	Attorney and Solicitor	b. Rainford
+ 2 domestics					

The intervening years saw the births of two more daughters:

Baptism: 10 May **1852** St Mark, Worsley.
 Rosetta Lansdale - [Child] of **Robert Lansdale** & Elizabeth
 Abode: Booth Hall
 Occupation: Agent & Farmer
 Baptised by: S. Vincent Beechey

Baptism: 4 Sep **1856** St Mark, Worsley.

Emily Lansdale - Daughter of **Robert Lansdale** & Elizabeth

Abode: Booth Hall

Occupation: Yeoman

Baptised by: S. Vincent Beechey

On Tuesday 8 February **1853**, **Robert Lansdale** was one of 300 invited guests to a tea party in the Town Hall, Worsley, to present marks of respect to Lord and Lady Brackley on the occasion of their marriage. The main purpose of the celebration, however, was to do honour to two individuals who had done so much for the education of children in the area. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin. He was presented with a silver tea pot and stand, each of which bore the inscription "From Egerton Ellesmere to J.B.". Two months later **Robert Lansdale** was appointed a church warden for St. Mary, Eccles.

In March **1857**, **Robert Lansdale** was a member of 'The Committee of Tenantry, Carriers and Agents,' formed to consider erecting '*an enduring memorial of respect for the high a and virtues of the late Earl of Ellesmere.*' Robert was amongst the first to subscribe to the monument.

The next official census of 1861 confirmed similar circumstances, with the addition of the two young daughters:

1861 census: Booth Hall, Boothstown

Robert Lansdale	Head	M	51	Ag. Farmer of 176 acres, emp. 5 labs. and 1 boy
Elizabeth	Wife	M	35	
Caroline Mary			11	Scholar
Rosetta			8	"
Emily			4	
+2 domestics				

At the Vestry Meeting for Eccles held on Easter Monday in April **1862**, (*The Manchester Courier* 26 April 1862), the vestry proceeded to the election of church wardens for the several townships. At that meeting, it was felt that kindest regards should be passed to Mr. **Robert Lansdale**, of Worsley, for having represented the township and parish so honourably for so many years. **Mr Lansdale** briefly replied, stating that "the Bridgewater family had appointed him churchwarden when he was 21 years old, and that up to the present time he had continued to remain warden until now, which was a period of 30 years. He further added that they were all sensible of the time that had been occupied, as well as his thoughts and means, for the interest and welfare of his parish church. He rejoiced to hear of the formation of the new parish of Worsley, and sincerely expressed his thanks to the parishioners for the compliment paid to him that day." The newspaper report then continued "*We may here observe that the Lansdales have taken much interest in the parish hitherto. The family have lived at Worsley for upwards of three hundred years. We well remember Mr. Lansdale's father was the last link that connected the days of the Duke of Bridgewater to the present generation.*"

1871 census: 5 Booth Bank, Worsley.

Robert Lansdale	Head	M	61	Agent and Farmer
Elizabeth	Wife	M	45	
Rosetta	Daur	Un	18	
+ 2 servants				

Young Emily, now 14, was a Boarder at a school in St. John Street, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. For the next two decades, **Robert** was a very active and influential member of the Worsley & Swinton Agricultural Society and the Manchester & Liverpool Agricultural Society, as well as sometime chairman of the Worsley ratepayers Association.

On 30 August **1878**, Caroline Mary (28) married John Hammill (26) of St.Helens, Agent.

Marriage: 30 Aug 1878 St Mark, Worsley.
John Hammill - 26, Agent, Bachelor, St Helens
Caroline Mary Lansdale - 28, Spinster, Worsley
Groom's Father: John Cummins Hammill, Agent
Bride's Father: Robert Lansdale, Gentleman
Witness: William Hammill; Rosetta Lansdale
Married by Licence by: J. Cater

1881 census Booth Hall

Robert Lansdale	Head	M	71	Agent and Farmer
Elizabeth	Wife	M	55	
Rosetta	Daur	Un	28	
Emily	Daur	Un	24	

+2 servants

The Cumberland & Westmorland Herald of Saturday 20 May **1882** printed a very interesting short article:

*Messrs. **Robert Lansdale**, R. Owen, W. Maudsley and W. Cartwright, farmers from Lancashire, have just arrived at Toronto, having, it is stated, been sent out by Lord Derby and other influential English property owners to report on the actual condition of the North West. These gentlemen will not stay in America, but after remaining a short time will return to England, the intention being to further influence immigration if they report favourably. They will first visit the farming country in the neighbourhood of Toronto, afterwards going to Guelph to see the Agricultural College, thence to Chicago and Manitoba. Mr. Power passed through the city a few days ago for Manitoba, having been sent over from England by Mr. Rankin, member for Leominster, to take charge of a large colonisation scheme.*

At the good age of 78, Robert Lansdale was ready to take up his quill and write to a local newspaper:

HISTORY OF MANCHESTER, the Editor of the Manchester Courier.

Sir, —Permit me to observe I read your paper this morning the interesting statement relating to the history of Manchester. you think any improvement could be made at Knott Mill and the approaches to the railway station? Would it not be a fitting opportunity to erect a statue to perpetuate the memory of the late Francis third Duke of Bridgewater, Father of Inland Navigation, born 21st May, 1736. and died March, 1803? The late Duke did a power of good to civilise, and to make Lancashire a great manufacturing county for the benefit of the public and mankind, contributing largely to the institutions, together with £100,000 to the loyalty fund in his day, giving so much employment in the county, making rapid progress with his canal, and surmounting many difficulties, rendering locks unnecessary except those at Runcorn, anxious to supply additional fuel and merchandise at reduced rates for manufacturing and domestic purposes; indeed, utility was at the root of his undertaking: land carriage from Manchester to Liverpool at that period was 40s. per ton. I may observe, by the way, the waters of the Irwell and Medlock in the Duke's progress were clear streams, feeding his canal, affording succour and support to their finny occupants, the trout, &c., in the suburbs of the youthful city of Knott Mill. In view of the confluence of those rivers, the great Duke often inspected the progress of his large undertakings. Frequently on the Duke arriving at Manchester from London, the inhabitants would draw his carriage through Manchester; the same pleasing incident frequently took place at Altrincham. When travelling through Knutsford often would he have the carriage put on a lighter, and then ride along the canal to Worsley to ascertain

*and inspect what had been done during his absence in London. I have heard my late father say, his chief aim was to cheapen transit of produce from all parts of the world, and increase the wealth, comforts, and enjoyments of commercial nation like England. "There is a providence that shapes our ends, rough hew them as we may." Surely, the noble Duke deserves the gratitude of a vast commercial nation, and has a strong claim to be held in remembrance in Manchester. In the Duke's lifetime there were men ready to stand by his house, heart and hand. I trust this short communication may favourably be received at your hands.—Yours, &c,
ROBERT LANSDALE. Boothstown, Manchester, October 23, 1888.*

On Wednesday 27 August **1890**, Robert presided at a small ceremony in Worsley Court House, when Mrs. Marsden, wife of the Rev. Edward Marsden, distributed £100 left by her brother, the late Mr. Samuel Burgess of Southport, to the poor folk of Barton, Worsley and Walkden. The testator decreed that the money should be used to purchase Bibles, Prayer books, provisions, coal, or clothing, as seen fit. After the distribution, the old folk were entertained to tea and coffee at the Worsley Coffee Tavern.

1891 census Booth's Hall farm

Robert Lansdale	Head	M	81	Agent and Farmer	
Elizabeth	Wife	M	65		
Rose	Daur		38		
Emily	Daur		34		
Maria Richardson	Vis	S	57		b. Aughton, nr. Ormskirk
+ 2 domestics					

Then *The Evening Mail* for Wednesday 15 June **1892** reported:

*On the 11th inst., suddenly, ELIZABETH, the beloved wife of **ROBERT LANSDALE**, of Booth Hall, Boothstown, Manchester, and granddaughter of the late Joseph Richardson, of Aughton and Rainford.*

The Manchester Courier then made the following announcement on Saturday 23 March **1895**:

*On March 21st, much-beloved. Rosetta, second daughter of **Robert Lansdale**, of Booth Hall, Boothstown. Manchester: granddaughter of the late Joseph Richardson, and great-granddaughter of the late James Birch, Rainford.*

The Leigh Chronicle on Friday 29 March **1895** added that she had died after a short illness, and that the interment was to take place at Worsley Churchyard on Monday (the 1st April).

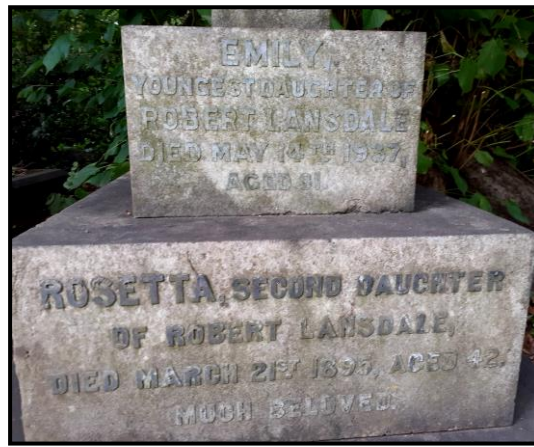
And to complete this cycle of deaths, *The Manchester Courier* for Saturday 23 November **1895**:

*DEATH - On Nov. 21st, at Booth Hall, Boothstown, Manchester, **Robert Lansdale**, aged 85 years.— Interment at Worsley Parish Church on Monday, November 25th, at 12 o'clock noon*

And so we find in the Wills and Probate Index two entries for **1895**:

LANSDALE Robert of Booth hall Boothstown near Manchester gentleman died 21 November 1895 Probate **London** 6 December to John Hammill stock and share broker and Ernest Kenworthy commission agent Effects £10527 2s. 9d.

LANSDALE Rosetta of Booth hall Boothstown near Manchester spinster died 21 March 1895 Probate **Manchester** 11 April to Ernest Kenworthy buyer Effects £347 15s. 9d.



Emily died a spinster in 1937. She was at that time living at Vine Cottage, 71 Barton Road, Worsley. She left a will, with the contents going to members of her sister's family.

LANSDALE Emily of Vine Cottage 71 Barton-road Worsley near **Manchester** spinster died 14 May 1937 Probate **Liverpool** 14 June to Lansdale Hammill chartered accountant and John Hammill solicitor. Effects £1004 19s. 7d.

The church Burial Register records:

Burial: 15 May **1937** St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England

Emily Lansdale -

Age: 81 .

Abode: 71 Barton Rd., Worsley.

Grave: A 54

Buried by: D.M. Greenhalgh

As for Caroline Mary Hammill, she predeceased Emily. Caroline died on 8 September 1828 at Millbrook, Eccleston, St. Helens. Probate (her effects were £1,660) was granted in September 1930 to Lansdale Hammill, Chartered Accountant, and John Hammill (the younger), Solicitor.

