

Joshua SHAW



Born: c. 1840

Died: 28 June 1913

J. P.
HYDRAULICS ENGINEER



JOSHUA SHAW

A glance at the 1901 census for a particular gentleman in the Worsley area drew my attention to one **Joshua Shaw**, a local resident whose abode was given as Drywood, which immediately raised the thought of Drywood Hall. This small piece of information caught my notice and prompted me to find out something about him.

It was first established that he was buried in the churchyard in **1913** and that in itself prompted further research.

No. 2053 <i>Joshua Shaw</i>	<i>Drywood Worsley.</i>	<i>July 1st</i>	<i>73 years.</i>	<i>W. Areston</i>
No. 2054				

SHAW Joshua of Drywood Greenleach-lane Worsley
Manchester gentleman died 28 June 1913 Probate
Manchester 2 December to Peter Shaw John Shaw and
Percy Shaw limited company directors.
Effects £25278 gs. 6d.

A search for evidence of a will confirmed this and then prompted an enquiry into his business and his family.

<i>John Shaw & Ellen Fitzgerald of Oldham</i>	of the Parish
were Married in this Church by Banns, this <i>26th</i> Day of <i>October</i>	
in the Year 18 <i>28</i> By me, <i>Arthur</i>	
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <i>John Shaw</i> & <i>Ellen Fitzgerald</i>	
In the Presence of <i>John Greenwood</i> & <i>Ellen Fitzgerald</i>	

The Lancashire BMD index shows that a **Joshua Shaw** was born in the Greengate area of Salford in **1840**. One source suggests that it was 2 February. He was the son of **John Shaw** and Ellen Fitzgerald who were married at St. Mary, Prestwich, on 26 October **1828**. From the various censuses, it would appear that they had 5 children: William, born c.1834; Joshua, born c.1840;

Joseph, born c.1842; Elinor, born c.1846; and John, born c.1849. Regrettably, no Baptismal records for any of these children have as yet been found.

A firm under the name of Norbury and Shaw, hydraulic engineers, was founded in **1846**. This would have been **John Shaw**. We know this firm existed from an announcement made later in the *London Gazette* in 1872 [see below].

The family of John Shaw first appeared in the census of 1851:

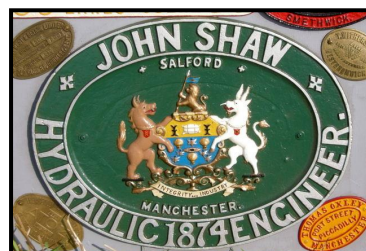
1851 census: 66 King Street, Salford

John Shaw	Head	M	44	Engraver to Calico Printer	b. Yorks.
Elinor	Wife	M	45		b. Liverpool
William	Son		17	Ap. Engineer	b. Salford
Joshua	Son		11		
Joseph	Son		9		
Elinor	Daur		5		
John	Son		2		

1861 census: 11 Melbourne Terrace, Salford:

John Shaw	Head	M	53	Engineer employing 10 men and 8 boys	b. Yorkshire
Ellen Shaw	Wife	M	54		b. Liverpool
Joshua	Son	S	20	Engineer	b. Salford
Joseph	Son	M	18	Engineer	b. Salford
Ellen	Daur		14		b. Salford
John	Son		10		b. Salford

It does appear that the name of Ellen got confused with Elinor. However, the connection between this family and the world of engineering was becoming very clear.



1871 census: 65 Bolton Road, Pendleton.

John Shaw	Head	M	63	Engineer employing 50 men
Ellen	Wife	M	63	
John	Son	Un	21	Engineer

By this time, William (37) had married Sarah Ann McLean (36) and he was an Engine Fitter. They were living at 40 Rockliffe Street, Greengate, Salford. William and Sarah had been married at Manchester Cathedral on 4 December 1852.

The engineering business, judging from the job description above, was evidently doing very well, but then this announcement appeared in the *London Gazette* in **1872**:

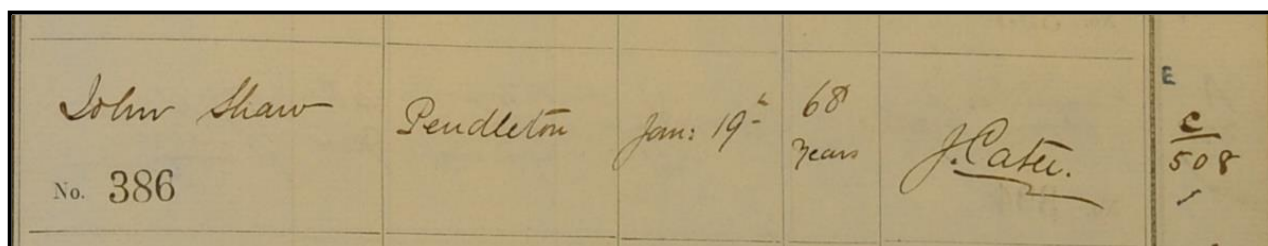
NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us the undersigned, John Norbury and **John Shaw**, carrying on business at Salford, in the county of Lancaster, as Steam and Hydraulic Engineers and Machinists, under the style or firm of Norbury and Shaw, was this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing from or due to the late firm will be discharged or received by the said **John Shaw**.

Dated this 6th day of August, 1872.

John Norbury.

x The Mark of John Shaw.

Four years later, **John** died and was buried in plot C508 at St. Mark's. BUT ... another record shows that the plot was C233, owned by Mr Joshua Shaw, of Messrs. John Shaw & Sons, Hydraulic Engineers, Millington St., Salford.



The church grave records show that this plot was owned by **Joshua Shaw**, Esq., of Drywood, Worsley. Buried there were also Ellen Shaw (wife) on 31 January 1891, aged 83; William Henry Shaw (son) on 25 April 1883, aged 48 years; and John Shaw (son) on 24 July 1888, aged 38.

In the intervening years, **Joshua Shaw** had married also, on 28 July **1869**, at Eccles, to Elizabeth Entwistle.

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.
418	July 28 th	Joshua Shaw	30	Bachelor	Engineer	Pendleton	John Shaw	Engineer
		Elizabeth Entwistle	30	Spinster	Eng	Swinton	Thomas Entwistle	Farmer

1869. Marriage solemnized at St. Mark's Church in the Parish of Eccles in the County of Lancaster

Married in the St. Mark's Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by deceased or after _____ by me, H. P. [unclear]

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Joshua Shaw and Elizabeth Entwistle in the Presence of us, Peter Entwistle and Ellen Shaw

Over the years, they had 6 children: Helen Fitzgerald (born 4 May 1870, baptised 5 June 1871); Peter (born 22 May 1872, baptised 7 July 1872); Elizabeth (born 9 July 1874; baptised 14 August 1874); John (born 24 June 1876, baptised 14 July 1876); Percy (born 4 July 1878, baptised 24 July 1878); and Effie (born 4 March 1880, baptised 30 March 1880). The first two baptisms took place at St. Mark's. The younger four were baptised at the Cathedral.

1871 census: 75 Peru Street, Salford

Joshua Shaw	Head	M	30	Manager, Engineers' Works
Elizabeth	Wife	M	28	
Ellen F.			10 mo.	

1881 census: 2 Adelphi Terrace, Salford

Joshua Shaw	Head	M	40	Head of Firm of John Shaw and Sons employing 56 men and 9 boys.	
Elizabeth Shaw	Wife	M	38		b. Salford
Helen Fitzgerald	Daur		10		b. Salford
Peter	Son		8		b. Salford
Elizabeth	Daur		6		b. Salford
John	Son		4		b. Salford
Percy	Son		2		b. Salford
Effie	Daur		1		b. Salford

+ 2 servants.

1891 census: Kensington House, Layton with Warbreck, Blackpool, Lancs.

Joshua Shaw	Visitor		50	
Elizabeth			48	
Helen Fitzgerald			20	
Peter			18	Steam engineer apprentice
Elizabeth			16	Scholar
John			14	"
Percy			12	"
Effie			11	"

1901 census: Drywood, Worsley

Joshua Shaw	Head	M	60	Mechanical Engineer
Elizabeth	Wife	M	58	
Helen Fitzgerald	Daur	S	30	
Peter	Son	S	28	Manager of Engineering Works
Elizabeth	Daur	S	26	
Effie	Daur	S	21	

+ 3 servants

A Directory for Salford recorded in **1903: REGENT WARD.** (Salford County Borough 1902-1903) Mayoralty of William Stephens, *Alderman*. Joshua Shaw. Drywood, Worsley

On 10 September **1908** the firm of John Shaw & Sons was incorporated as a Private Limited Company.

1911 census: Drywood, Worsley per pro. Joshua Shaw
Peter Shaw Son S 38 Hydraulic Engineer
+ 3 servants

Joshua and Elizabeth were not at home on the day of the census. However, the census does state how many rooms there were in each dwelling visited, and their house was listed as having 12 rooms and 3 cellars, which indicate a large house - possibly Drywood Hall??

His death was announced nationally and in *The Manchester Courier* on Monday 30 June **1913**.

SHAW—On the 28th inst. at his residence Drywood, Worsley, Joshua Shaw, J.P., in his 74th year - Interment at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, on Tuesday at 1215.—All inquiries respecting funeral to be addressed to Messrs. Kendal, Milne & Co.

Slightly more information was posted in *The Belfast Newsletter*, also on Monday 30 June **1913**
WELL KNOWN ENGINEER.

The death took place the 28th inst. at his residence, Drywood, Worsley, of Mr. Joshua Shaw, J.P., who was in his 74th year. He was well known in engineering circles for his inventions and appliances in hydraulics. He was head of the firm of John Shaw & Sons, Ltd., steam, hydraulic, and electrical engineers, with extensive works in Wellington Street, Salford. Several years ago was made justice of the peace for the borough of Salford.

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1913 Estate: 'Mr. **Joshua Shaw**, of Drywood, Greenleach Lane, Worsley, near Manchester, J.P., for Salford, of Messrs. John Shaw and Sons (Salford) Ltd., steam and hydraulic engineers, left £25,278.'

No. 392	Elizabeth Shaw	38 Westbourne Road Southport	20th Dec: 1920	78 years	H. W. Thorne	E 1 892
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The owner of that plot was "Joshua Shaw, of Messrs. John Shaw & Sons, Ironfounders, Salford, now residing at Drywood, Worsley".

SHAW Elizabeth of 38 Westbourne-road Birkdale **Lancashire** widow died 17 December 1920 Probate **Liverpool** 3 June to Peter Shaw engineer and Helen Fitzgerald Fern (wife of George Fern). Effects £13746 19s. 6d.

Elizabeth was buried in Plot E892. Buried with her was their son, Percy, on 31 May 1937 at St. Mark's. His abode was at Holmes Chapel, and he died at Salford Royal Hospital.

