

# Norah Margaret MIDWOOD



## ALSO:

**George Norris Midwood.** Died 1 February 1924 . Buried at St. Mark's on 5 February 1924

**Edith Margaret Midwood.** Died 3 March 1928. Buried at St. Mark's on 6 March 1928

Born: 24 March 1891

Died: 26 December 1894

*Aged 3 years  
Daughter*



**Norah Margaret MIDWOOD**



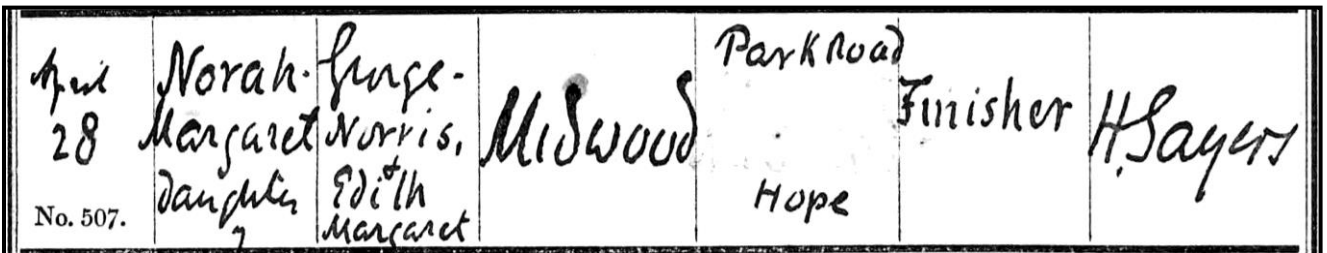
In Loving Memory of  
**NORAH MARGARET**  
 The only daughter of  
 G. Norris and Edith M. **Midwood**  
 Born March 24<sup>th</sup> 1891  
 Died Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 1894

*The Lord gaveth and the Lord hath  
 taken away  
 (L1295)*

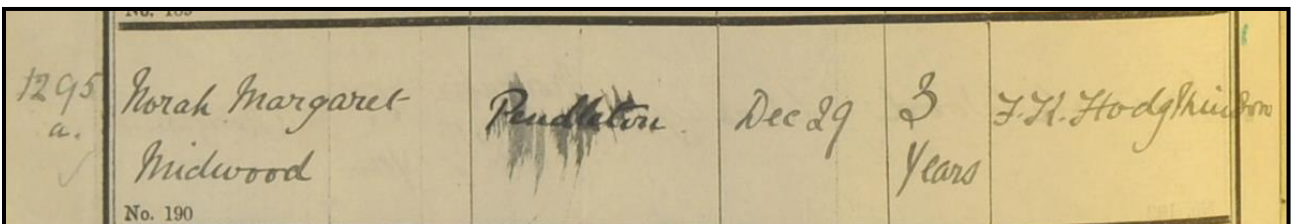
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G. Norris <b>Midwood</b>	Head	M	36	Bleacher; Finisher	b. Manchester
Edith M.	Wife	M	31		b. Eccles
Percy N.	Son		6		b. Manchester
<b>Norah M.</b>	Daur.		Under 1 month		b. Pendleton
Anne M Shelmerdine	S-in-law	S	28		b. Eccles
Diana Martin	Serv.	M	47	Monthly nurse	b. Taunton
Mary Watkins	Serv.	S	28	Cook; Domes. Serv.	b. Ironbridge
Mary Wilkinson	Serv.	S	27	Waitress	b. Pott Shrigley
Emma Heath	Serv.		27	Nurse	b. Birmingham

**1891:** Baptism of **Norah Margaret Midwood** at St. James, Hope, on 28 April 1891.



**1894:** Death of **Norah Margaret MIDWOOD** on 26 December, aged 3 years. Buried on 29 December 1894.



## The MIDWOOD Family

In the case of this family, it is probably best to start at the end and work back to the beginning! The memorial to Norah Margaret was eventually found and photographed. As a young girl of only 3 years, she would not have appeared in any of the national or local records. Fortunately, the stone gave precise details of her parents and starting with this information, we have been able to work backwards – starting with the death of the father, which drew us to his burial at St. Mark's and the extent of his will. Those two details helped to uncover a trove of information about the family.

**1924:** Death of **George Norris Midwood**. Buried at St. Mark's on 5 February 1924, by George H. Cooper, Vicar of Alderley Edge.

George Norris Midwood No. 690	The Grange North Rode Congleton	Feb 5 1924	68 years	George H. Cooper Vicar of Alderley Edge	1295 L/
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### WILL.

**MIDWOOD** George Norris of The Grange North Rode Congleton  
**Cheshire** died 1 February 1924 Probate **London** 6 June to  
Dennis Norris Midwood calico printer.  
Effects £228245 2s. Resworn £238054 5s.

Leaving a will of such proportions led to the supposition that there was probably a reference to his death in old newspapers. And so we found: ...

**1924:** *Alderley & Wilmslow Advertiser* Friday 8 February 1924.

#### LOSS TO CHESHIRE AGRICULTURE DEATH OF MR. GEORGE NORRIS MIDWOOD

*A noted agriculturist and breeder of polo ponies, as well as a familiar figure in Manchester business life, Mr. George Norris Midwood died at his residence, the Grange, North Rode, near Congleton, on Friday. He had been practically an invalid for the past two years. He was head of Messrs. Norris Midwood and Co.*

*Mr Midwood gained a position of authority in agriculture and stock breeding, extraordinary for a man whose business affairs tied him so much to the city. He was in his 69th year.*

*Mr. Midwood was the founder of the Mid-Cheshire Farmers' Association, and President of the Association until a year ago when owing to failing health he very reluctantly gave up the position. He was also Chairman of the Show Committee. He took the deepest interest in everything relating to the welfare of the Association and the Show, and the success attending both was due in no small measure to his untiring efforts. During the war period, various War Charities benefited greatly as a result of efforts in which he took an active and leading part.*

*For many years, Mr Midwood had been a vice-President of the Altrincham Agricultural Society and in 1909 he filled the office of President. He was on the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society, and for some years was President of the National Polo Pony Society. He was a noted breeder of polo ponies and horses.*

Among other honorary offices he held was that of Treasurer to the Manchester Hospital for Skin Diseases.

### 1911 census:

The census above presents a brief overview about George Norris Midwood at the age of 56, showing how his business had thrived by the start of the 20th century. So let us now follow his life story, leading up to the death of his daughter in 1894 and his life by 1911.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.															
Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.															
The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.															
NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (last Birthday) last day.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.					PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.					BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.
			Write "Single," "Married," "Widowed," or "Widow," or "Divorced," or "Servant," etc. For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," "two months," etc.	Write "Single," "Married," "Widowed," or "Widow," or "Divorced," or "Servant," etc. For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," "two months," etc.	Write "Single," "Married," "Widowed," or "Widow," or "Divorced," or "Servant," etc. For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," "two months," etc.	Write "Single," "Married," "Widowed," or "Widow," or "Divorced," or "Servant," etc. For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," "two months," etc.	Write "Single," "Married," "Widowed," or "Widow," or "Divorced," or "Servant," etc. For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," "two months," etc.	Write "Single," "Married," "Widowed," or "Widow," or "Divorced," or "Servant," etc. For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," "two months," etc.	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account.	Whether Working at Home.			
George Norris Midwood	Head	56	Married	28	3	1	2	Bleacher, Printer to 581		Employer		Manchester Lane British			
Edith Margaret Midwood	Wife	51	do	28	3	1	2					Salford 654			
Harold Agnew	Visitor	48	do	22	5	4	1	Solicitor 428		Employer		Salford			
Worah Khatib Agnew	Visitor	43	do	22	5	4	1					Salford			
Abick Khaimurda Agnew	do	19	Single					Blanching Printing to 881		Worker		Eccles 654			
Worah Khatib Agnew	do	18	do									Eccles			
Edith Worah Agnew	do	9	do									St. Werford Church			
Mary Louise Madler	Servant	18	do						010	Domestic Servant	0	Calthwaite, Manchester			
Emeline Broadhurst	Servant	40	do									Allday, Salford			
William Mason	Servant	32	do									Tatton, Congleton, Cheshire			
Alice Brown	Servant	21	do									Newport, Monmouthshire			
Agnes Brown	Servant	18	do									Tatton, Congleton, Cheshire			
Edith Wood	Visitor	19	do									Allday, Salford			

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

Total.		
Males	Females	Persons
8	10	18

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (Kitchens, Pantries, or Apartments). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count sanitary, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom, nor wardrobe, office, shop.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *George Norris Midwood*  
 Postal Address: *The Grange, North Road, Manchester.*

1855: According to the Baptismal records of the Cathedral, **George Norris Midwood** was born on 26 February 1855, the son of George Harrison Midwood, Merchant, and his wife Ellen. He was baptised on 13 December 1855 at the Cathedral.

## BAPTISMS solemnized in the Cathedral and Parish Church of MANCHESTER, in the County of LANCASTER, in the Year 1855.

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1855. December 13 <sup>th</sup> No. 1.	George Norris Midwood	George Harrison	and Ellen Midwood	Born 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 1855	Manchester Merchant	Wm. J. ... Clergyman Clergyman

George Harrison Midwood (of Manchester, Merchant) had married Ellen Norris (of Liverpool, daughter of a solicitor) on 22 October 1846 by licence at St. Bride's, Liverpool. Hence the middle name of George Norris Midwood.

**1861** census: 252 Oxford Street, Chorlton.

George H. Midwood	Head	M	43	Merchant	b. Manchester
Ellen	Wife	M	38		b. London
Anne Sarah	Daur.		17		b. Manchester
Marian E.	Daur.		13		b. "
Joseph W.	Son		11		b. "
Kate	Daur.		8		b. "
<b>George Norris</b>	Son		6		b. "
Thomas Claude	Son		4		b. "
Charles H.	Son		3		b. "
Fredk. E.	Son		1		b. "

+ 4 servants

**1871** census: 2 Dolphin Place, Ardwick.

George H. Midwood	Head	M	54	Cotton Manufacturer, empl. 350	b. Manchester
Joseph W.	Son		21	Clerk	b. "
<b>George Norris</b>	Son		16	Student Owens College	b. "
Frederick	Son		11	Scholar	b. "
Leonard	Son		7	Scholar	b. "

+ 4 servants

**1881** census: Alport, Youlgreave, Derbys.

George H. Midwood	Head	M	64	Cotton Manufacturer
Leonard	Son		17	Apprentice in Cotton Mill

+ 1 housekeeper

**1881** census: 2 Dolphin Place, Ardwick.

<b>G. Norris Midwood</b>	S	26	Cotton Mill manager {son of occupier}
Charles H.	S	23	Clerk {son of occupier}

+ 4 servants

**1882: George Norris Midwood married Edith Margaret Shelmerdine at St. James, Hope, on 15 June 1882.**

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.
56	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	George Norris Midwood. Edith Margaret Shelmerdine	full full	Bachelor spinster	Manufacturer —	Ardwick Hope	George Harrison Midwood Ben Shelmerdine	Manufacturer. Gentleman.

Married in the above Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by License or after — by me, Nathaniel Shelmerdine

This Marriage was solemnized between us, George Norris Midwood in the presence of us, Edith Margaret Shelmerdine George Midwood Ben Shelmerdine Hon. C. Midwood

**1885:** Birth of Percy Norris Midwood to George N. and Edith on 3 March 1885.

Baptism of Percy Norris Midwood at St. John Chrysostom, Rusholme, on 28 April 1885.

born Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1885	1885 April 28 <sup>th</sup> No. 318	Percy Norris Midwood	George Norris Midwood + Edith Margaret		Upper Brook St C. on M.	Manchester	W. Maraden
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**1888:** Death of George Harrison Midwood on 23 October **1888**. Buried at Sale Brooklands Cemetery.

**1891:** Baptism of **Norah Margaret Midwood** at St. James, Hope, on 28 April **1891**

**1891** census: Park Road, Pendleton.

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Percy N.	Son		6		b. Manchester
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Anne M Shelmerdine	S-in-law	S	28		b. Eccles
Diana Martin	Serv.	M	47	Monthly nurse	b. Taunton
Mary Watkins	Serv.	S	28	Cook; Domes. Serv.	b. Ironbridge
Mary Wilkinson	Serv.	S	27	Waitress	b. Pott Shrigley
Emma Heath	Serv.		27	Nurse	b. Birmingham

**1896:** Birth of Dennis Norris Midwood at Knutsford on 16 September **1896**.

**1901** census: The Hut, **Pickmere, Cheshire**.

The census below is interesting because it shows the scope of the people residing in The Hut in Pickmere at the time the census was taken and the scope of the household. Note the presence of their 2 sons Percy (16) and Dennis (4), together with a tutor, 2 whiskey distillers from Ireland, 1 nurse, 4 servants and 3 grooms.

G. Norris Midwood	Head	M	46	Calico Printer	Comp.	Ches. Preston
Edith M.	Wife	M	41	Cotton Finisher		Lancs. Manchester
Percy N.	Son	S	16			do do
Dennis N.	Son	S	4			do do
John Cole	Tutor	S	24	Tutor School.		Ches. Knutsford
John Daly	Distiller	M	39	Whiskey Distiller	Comp.	Howes. The Blenheim
William Daly	do	M	26			Ireland. Tullamore
Eliza Handley	Nurse	S	28	Nurse Domestic	Widow	do Dublin
Mary A. Landroth	Cook	S	27	Cook		Ches. Warrington
Mary Leicester	Serv.	S	19	Servant		do. Froxenthead
Ellen Tease	do	S	40			do Knutsford
Edith Massey	do	S	22			Lancs. Liverpool
Frank Brennan	Groom	S	23	Groom		Ches. Barton
Frederick Boulton	do	S	23	do		Litby. Lonsdale
Frederick Boyle	do	S	18	do		Worcs. Broadford
						Ches. Alkincham

**1928:** Death of **Edith Margaret Midwood** on 3 March. Buried at St. Mark's on 6 March **1928**.

WILL

Edith Margaret Midwood	New Croft, Alderly Edge	March 6 <sup>th</sup> 1928	68 years	W. J. Gravell, St Philip's Alderly Edge	T 1295 <sup>a</sup>
No. 1138					

NEWS REPORTS FEATURING George Norris MIDWOOD

*Manchester Courier* - 18 December **1890**

**MIDWOOD** Edith Margaret of New Croft Alderly Edge **Cheshire** widow died 3 March 1928 Probate **Manchester** 22 May to Dennis Norris Midwood calico printer finisher and dyer. Effects £170443 1s. 6d. Resworn £176830 17s. 8d.

YESTERDAY'S POLICE INTELLIGENCE. CITY POLICE COURT. THE SMOKE IN MANCHESTER. The following persons and firms were summoned under the Public Health Act for disobeying an order made by the justices to prohibit the emission of black smoke from the chimneys of their respective works, and fined the sums named, viz.:—Messrs. **George Norris Midwood**, and Co., New Wakefield-street (fourth offence). and costs; *et al.*

[20 October 1894: **G. N. Midwood** continued to be fined for allowing the emission of black smoke from the chimneys at the Irkdale Printing Company, on Smedley Road, Collyhurst].

*Manchester Courier* - 9 April 1891

APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS IN SALFORD. The annual appointment of Overseers of the Poor for the Salford Union took place yesterday morning, at the Salford Town Hall. ... The following gentlemen were appointed: PENDLETON, **Mr. George Norris Midwood**, 2 Park Road. *Et al.*

*Manchester Courier* - 1 December 1900

NOTICE is hereby given, that the PARTNERSHIP subsisting between us, the undersigned. GEORGE NORRIS MIDWOOD, THOMAS CLAUDE and CHARLES HAIGH MIDWOOD. Carrying on business as printers, dyers, raisers, and finishers, at Smedley-road, Collyhurst, in the City of Manchester, under the style or firm of The Irkdale Printing Co. (C. H. Midwood), has this day been DISSOLVED by mutual consent so far as regards the said Charles Haigh Midwood. All debts due to and owing by the said late firm will be received and paid by the said George N. Midwood and Thomas Claude Midwood who will continue the said business under style or firm of The Irkdale Printing Co.—As witness our hands this 8th day of October. 1900.

G. NORRIS MIDWOOD

THOS. C. MIDWOOD

CHARLES H. MIDWOOD

*Runcorn Guardian* - By 23 June 1906, **George Norris Midwood** was the Chairman of the Mid-Cheshire Show Society. He chaired a meeting of the Society at the Red Cow Hotel, Knutsford, and the following month at The Smoker, Plumbley. He also served as president of the Altrincham Agricultural Show in 1909. He was “*well-known throughout Cheshire as the farmers' friend.*” In February 1910, he was re-elected Chairman of the Mid-Cheshire Show Society, it being noted that “*year after year they could not do better than re-elect him.*”

*Manchester Courier* – 3 July 1907. **G. N Midwood** was one of 23 gentlemen to be sworn in on the previous day on the Grand Jury at the Manchester Assizes.

*Manchester Courier* – 21 March 1911.

Quite a different cult is that of the polo and riding pony. It is peculiar to England, and is the most aristocratic connection. A leading man in the polo pony world is **Mr. George Norris Midwood**, whose great firm is one of the leading ones connected with Lancashire's staple products. Mr. Midwood is one of the best known of the breeders of these beautiful saddle animals, the best of the qualities of the thoroughbred with dashes Arab and pony blood.

*Crewe Chronicle* – 10 February 1912.

At a largely attended meeting mid-Cheshire fanners at Knutsford on Friday, **Mr. George Norris Midwood** was presented with an illuminated address in recognition of his service to farmers and agriculture in general. Farmers, with the co-operation of the authorities of the Cheshire Agricultural College, have also established an agricultural museum and collection at Holmes Chapel, to be called the G. Norris Midwood Collection. The presentation was made by Sir Gilbert Greenall.

*Macclesfield Times* – 31 March 1922.

Mr. Norris Midwood. **Mr. George Norris Midwood**, North Rode, ex-president of the National Pony Society, has just undergone a severe intestinal operation, and is a nursing home at Alderley Edge.

