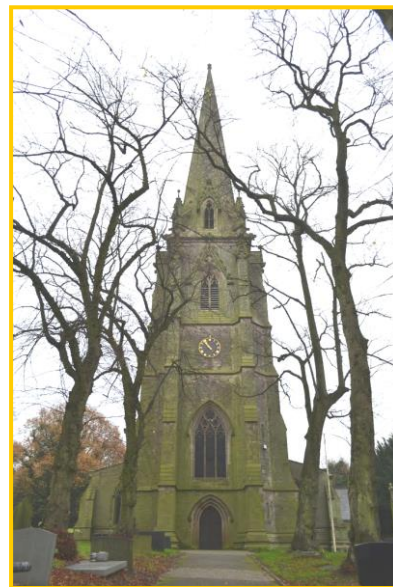
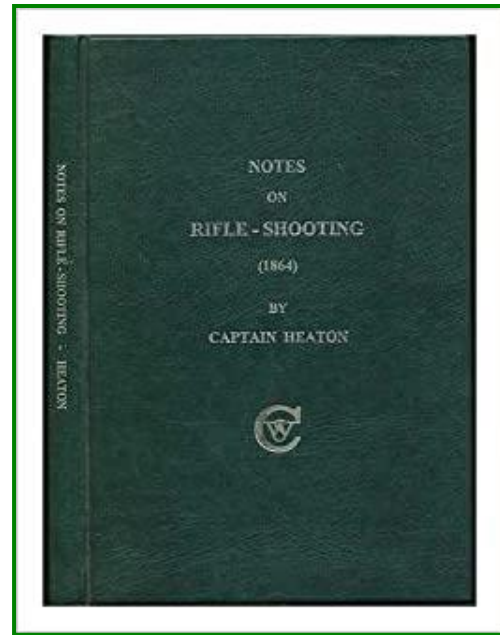


# Capt. Henry William HEATON



Born: 18 July 1833

Died: 27 February 1904

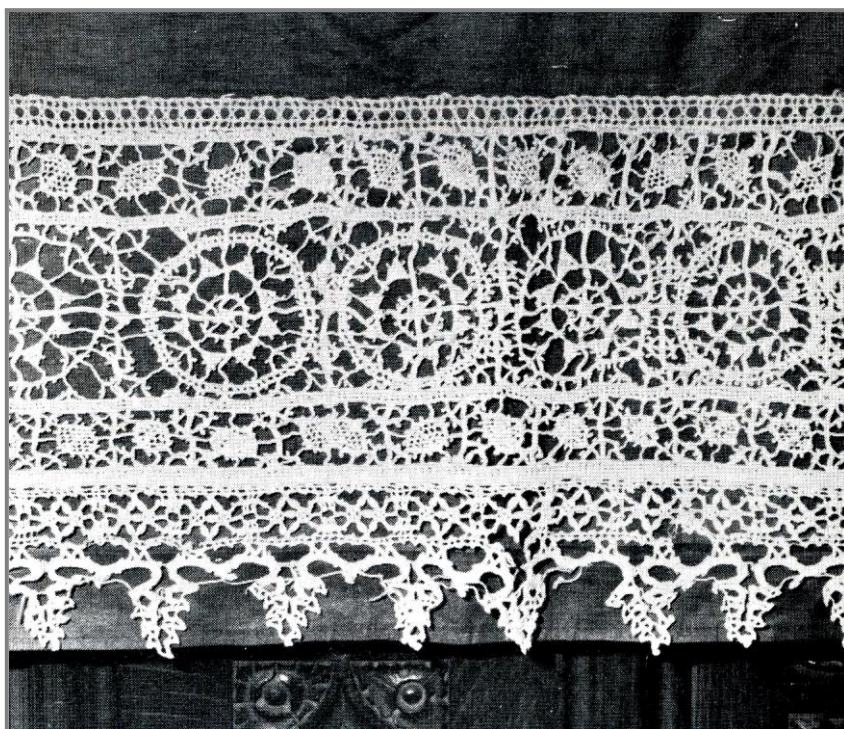
*Captain 14th Foot  
Served in the Crimea  
Church Warden twice  
Agent to 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Ellesmere*



## Captain Henry William Heaton

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In the booklet *Changing Scene*, 1976, by H.T. Milliken, there are two references to the name **H. Heaton**. In the list of Churchwardens, his name appears twice in the roll - covering the years 1870 to 1872, and the year 1892. The second reference appears on page 42, with a picture of a lace altar 'drop'. It is reported that this piece of lace was purchased by one Captain Heaton from a sailor who had looted it from a church in Sebastopol, where both men were serving during the Crimean War. It was presented to St. Mark's by the Captain's relatives about 1920.



**Henry William Heaton** was born on 18 July 1833 and baptised at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter in Bradford on 6 December. His parents were William Heaton (Worsted Spinner) and Amelia Maria (née Walsh). On her death in January 1882, administration was granted to Henry William Heaton of Worsley, Estate Agent, the son and only Next of Kin. So immediately we know that he was the only surviving child of that marriage.

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The National Censuses offer a good source of a family's movements over a ten year span. In 1841, we know that the family had moved to a dwelling in Springfield Place, West Leeds. Both parents were aged 30, though that was not an accurate reading, for in 1841 the ages were rounded down to the nearest index of 5. Children's ages were usually accurate, so Henry was 7 and there was also a daughter Emily, aged 4. Another daughter, Catherine Anne, aged 5, had been buried on 24 February, just a few weeks before the census. There were also 2 female servants at the house.

Ten years later, in the **1851** census, William Heaton and family (but no Emily) were at Copley Gate, Skircoat, Yorks.

William Heaton	Head	M	42	Worsted Spinner	b. Leeds
Amelia M.	Wife	M	42		b. Halifax
Henry W.	Son	Un	17		b. Bradford
+ 2 servants					

In one of the obituaries of his death in **1904**, reference was made to the fact that 'He was keenly interested in the Shire Horse Society, was an authority on game fowl, and was considered one of the best judges of shire horses, pigs, and pigeons in the country'. Indeed, his close interest in animals and livestock was first noticed in an advert in the Halifax Guardian of Saturday 7 February **1852**. This was on behalf of the Yorkshire Association for the Improvement of Domestic Poultry, announcing ...

*"The First Exhibition of this Association will be held in the Riding School, St. John's Lane, Halifax, on Thursday and Friday the 12th and 13th of February, 1852. The public will be admitted from 10am to 9 o'clock pm on both days of the exhibition. All entries must be made on or before Saturday 31 January. Admission free to all subscribers producing their tickets and 1s to all non-subscribers.*

**HENRY WILLIAM HEATON**

*Honorary Secretary, Copley Wood, Halifax".*

The society had only been formed on 30 November 1851 at the George Hotel, Bradford. The meeting was very well attended and was declared a success - and this at the age of 18. The *Halifax Courier* on Saturday 24 December **1853** reported: 'At the Kendal Exhibition of Poultry, an all-England exhibition held three days previously, Henry William Heaton of Halifax won several gold and 1st class awards'.



A second aspect of his life and early career which was to serve him well in later life was his rôle in H.M. Army. The *Brighton Gazette* of Thursday 28 December **1854** announced: "Ensign Henry William Heaton, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> West Yorkshire Militia, to be ensign without purchase". This was duly promulgated in the *London Gazette*. Ensign (or Cornet) was the rank of entry as a commissioned officer into the military within the Foot Guards. 'Without purchase' simply means that he did not pay for his commission as a junior officer. Different units (eg. Foot Guards, Horse Guards) had slightly different rates of charges. By this time, the practice of purchasing a commission was dying out. Shortly after the Crimean War, it became recognised that such a poor practice led to incompetent leadership and the procedure was abolished in 1871.

From the reference above to the altar lace and from other sources, it is known that he served with the British Army in the Crimea. The

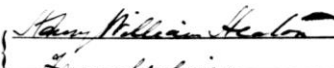
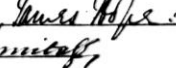
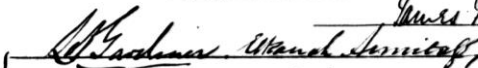
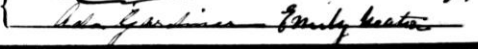
National Library of Wales holds a volume [20th century, first half], containing typescript transcripts of letters, dated 1855-1858, from **Captain Henry William Heaton** of the 14<sup>th</sup> Foot regiment, written to his mother whilst serving in the Crimean War and later as a rifle instructor with the British Army in Greece. He gained a medal for Service in the Crimea on 21 January **1856**, when he was a Lieutenant. Clearly, he advanced quickly to the rank of Captain, a title he retained for the rest of his life. The 3<sup>rd</sup> West Yorkshire Militia formed part of the West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) (14th Foot), an infantry regiment of the British Army.



Elements of the 14<sup>th</sup> Foot arrived in Malta on 15 May **1854** and then, on Wednesday 10 January **1855**, the 14<sup>th</sup> Foot embarked on the steamship *Emeu* for the Crimea - 23 officers and 669 men - but it seems more likely that Henry William had arrived there earlier, since his name is linked with the battles at Alma and Balaklava, both in late 1854. On 5 June **1856**, the 14<sup>th</sup> embarked at the Crimea for Malta.

The city of Sebastopol fell in the early morning of 9 September **1855** after a siege of eleven months. It took a further three weeks for the victorious forces to enter the city, for fear of booby traps. It did not take long for the troops to begin to pillage. The reports of what went on are truly distressing to read. British sailors were quick to get in and plunder, and a huge mobile marketplace sprang up out of the ruins. *The variety of articles was astonishing, and from valuable silver plate to the most worthless of old books, which no one could read, everything seemed to meet with some purchaser.* (The Times - 5 October 1855).

However, good news for Henry William soon followed, for he married Fanny Gardiner at the parish church of Halifax, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, and today known as Halifax Minster, on 17<sup>th</sup> December **1857**. His profession was stated as Lieutenant 14th Foot and both fathers were Merchants. The marriage was by licence. Henry's residence at that time was written as Halifax.

1857 Marriage solemnized in the Parish of Halifax in the County of York								
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.
23	December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Henry William Heaton	21	Bachelor	Lieutenant 14 <sup>th</sup> Foot	Halifax	William Heaton	Merchant
		Fanny Gardiner	21	Spouse	—	Halifax	Lot Gardiner	Merchant
Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by License or after _____ by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		 Henry William Heaton			in the Presence of us,		 James Hope  William Heaton  Fanny Gardiner	

And yet, when we look at the census of **1861**, we see something interesting.

**1861** census 2 Yew Bank, Lower Broughton Road, Salford

Henry W. Heaton Head Mar 27 Captain in the Army

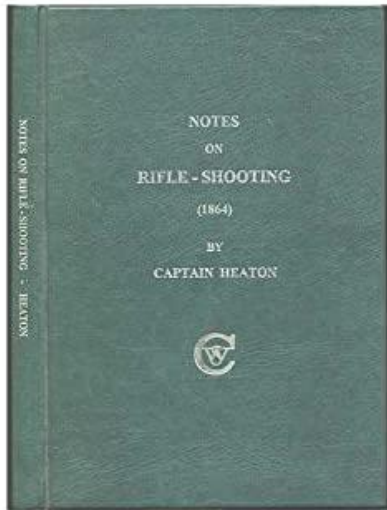
Fanny Wife Mar 29 b. Manchester

Harry P. Son 2 b. Malta

+ 2 servants

By this time, the young family had moved to Manchester and it would appear that Henry was still in the Army. However, they now had a son, Henry Percy, who was born in Malta in 1858/9. So maybe the young couple had had to return there with the Army. In one of the obituaries at his death in 1904, reference was made to his ability as a marksman. In **1864**, he wrote and had published a book entitled *Notes On Rifle-Shooting* - by Captain Henry William Heaton. Copies are still available today! A book summary says:

*Heaton's detailed study of the problems of light an shade and the effect these have, not only on the target but also on the open sights of Enfield, are of the greatest value to the many modern shooters of these historical rifles. The portrait frontispiece is extracted from the 1865 Elcho Team photograph and shows his characteristic Puggaree hat decoration. Subject: Shooting. Rifle practice. Qualifications requisite. Position. Dress, training. Aiming. Ammunition, loading. Cleaning a rifle. Wind and allowances. Light, atmosphere. Keeping notes. Description and peculiarities of the principal rifle ranges in*



G.B. Other names: W.S. Curtis, Captain Henry William Heaton. English Eight Team. The Muzzle Loaders Association of Great Britain. Genre: Illustrated.

The *Saint James's Chronicle* of Thursday 17 June 1858 announced under Military Promotions and Appointments: "14th Foot - Lieutenant Henry William Heaton to be Instructor of Musketry, in succession to Lieutenant Costin, appointed Adjutant". (Announced from the War Office, Pall Mall).

And this was followed by a brief statement in *The Heywood Advertiser* on Saturday 2 February 1861, which announced his commission as "3<sup>rd</sup> Manchester, or 40<sup>th</sup> Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps - Adj. Henry William Heaton, to serve with the rank of captain".

The Parish Baptism records for St. Mark's show that a son, Herbert Selby was born to them and was baptised on 2 June 1870. Henry was still accredited as a Captain in the Army. In fact, Herbert Selby was their third son and was baptised by St. Vincent Beechey. It was between the years 1870 and 1872 that he preformed his first duty as a Church Warden.

NO. 754	1870	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Herbert Selby	Henry William & Fanny	Heaton	Worsley	Captain in H. M. Army	St. Vincent Beechey Rector
No. 755	1870							

We then find in the 1871 census:

1871 census Barton Road, Worsley

Henry Heaton	Head	Mar	37	Captain H.M. Service
Fanny	Wife	Nar	39	
Harry Percy	Son		12	
Reginald Gardiner	Son		7	

b. Manchester

So their second son was Reginald Gardiner. Unfortunately, no trace has been found of his Baptism - at least not in the Manchester area, though his birth was registered in Broughton. But then again, this census does not show Herbert Selby Heaton! Yet, he does appear twenty years later.

in vault	Fanny Heaton	Worsley	June 18	44	Mulgrave
No. 334					

Henry's wife, Fanny Heaton, died on 15 June and was buried in the churchyard on

18 June 1875 by the Earl of Mulgrave.



On 18 April **1876**, the marriage of Henry Heaton of Worsley, to Anne Hodgkinson of Bowdon, took place at St. Mary, Rostherne, Cheshire. (v. Pall Mall Gazette of 20 April).

1877	Dec-23.	Douglas	Henry William & Annie Gagey	Heaton	Worsley	Agent.	Mulgrave
No. 1198							

On 23 December **1877**, their son Douglas was baptised at St. Mark's by the Earl of Mulgrave. At this stage, his occupation was given as Agent - that being to the Earl of Ellesmere.

1880	June 20 <sup>th</sup> .	Stuart	Henry William & Annie Gagey	Heaton	Worsley	Agent	Mulgrave
Born 13 <sup>th</sup> April 1880.							
No. 1354							

A second son of theirs was baptised at the church on 20 June **1880**. This change in family life was reflected in the **1881** census. He was now living at Highfield House, Worsley, which seems to have been very close to Mill Brow.

Henry Heaton	Head	Mar	46	Agent for Estates	
Anne do.	Wife	Mar	31		b. Manchester
Reginald G. do.	Son	Unm	17	Clerk	
Douglas do.	Son	Unm	3		b. Worsley
Stuart do.	Son	Unm	11mo.		b. Worsley
+ 3 servants					
Harry Percy Heaton	Son	Unm	22	Clerk Estate	b. Malta

In the same census, Herbert Percy, aged 11, was a Scholar at an address in Rose Hill, Bowdon, Cheshire.

Harry Percy's name appears at the end of the entry above because he was the son of Henry's first marriage. We learn from this that he worked on the estates of the Earl of Ellesmere, as Agent (or maybe Steward, or even Estate Manager).

By the time we get to the **1891** census, we notice a couple of changes to his circumstances. **Henry** is still an Estate Agent. Two of his sons were living with him, but they were living (at least at the time the census was taken) in Cambridgeshire, at Stetchworth. A clerk, John G. Gibb, aged 24 and a visitor, was also resident there.

**1891** census Hall Farm House, Stetchworth, Cambs.

Henry W. Heaton	Head	M	56	Estate Agent	b. Bradford
Henry P. do.	Son	S	32	Assistant Estate Agent	b. Malta
Herbert Selby do.	Son	S	21	Corn Merchant	b. Worsley
+ 3 servants					

His wife Annie was, meanwhile, at the family home of Highfield House, Mill Brow, Worsley. With her were Douglas, 15, a Scholar, and Stuart, 11, also a Scholar, together with 4 servants.

In the Electoral Register for Barnsley in **1892**, in the Hemsworth Division, his name appeared, with his abode given as Worsley, near Manchester. The nature of his qualification was that he owned 16

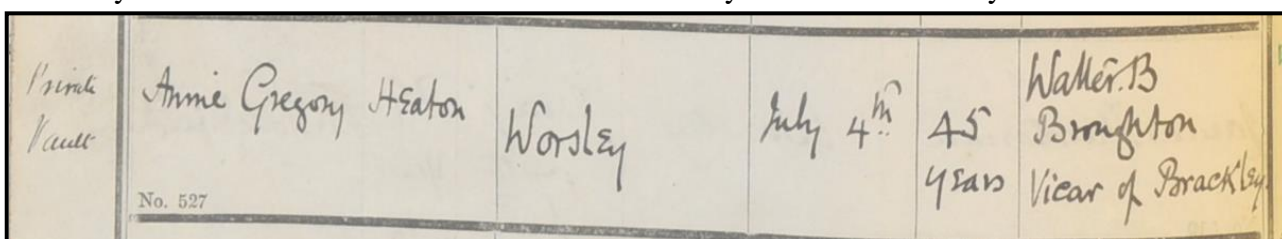
Freehold Houses in the township of Ryhill. His name and qualification also appeared in the registers through to **1904**.

So why was Henry in Cambridgeshire, in 1891? And his wife at home in Worsley? The answer lies in his role on the estates of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Ellesmere, Francis Charles Granville Egerton. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl had a special passion for horse racing. Lord Ellesmere owned estates in Manchester and Northampton and in addition to his interest in racing was a successful breeder of shire horses and sheep. He owned the good sire Hampton for the last of his racing days and for his stud career at **Stetchworth Park**. The horse earned so much in fees that Lord Ellesmere used the money to create the most fabulous stables in Newmarket at Egerton House and leased the yard to Richard Marsh, the royal trainer. Lord Ellesmere never owned a Classic winner, but his horses, prepared by Charles Archer and John Dawson Jnr, won good races and included King's Courier (Jockey Club Cup), Lowland Chief (Portland Handicap) and Highland Chief (runner up in the 1882 Derby). His son the 4th Earl inherited his interests.

The Earl enjoyed shooting and held an annual three day shoot at the Worsley Estate. Visitors to the pleasure grounds at Worsley were warned to stick to the paths and driveways so as not to disturb the game.

In 1903, the Trust established by the 3rd Duke of Bridgewater 100 years earlier to administer the Worsley Estate and collieries expired, and the assets reverted to the 3rd Earl as the sole owner. In order to administer his estates which included Worsley, Brackley in Northamptonshire, and Stetchworth Park, near Newmarket, the Earl created a new Trust. Henry Hart Davis, a retired army captain and family friend, was appointed Chief Agent.

Sadly, Henry William suffered a second bereavement when his wife Anne Gregory Heaton died on Thursday 30 June **1898**. She too was buried in the family vault in the churchyard.



Annie Gregory Heaton was buried on Monday 4 July **1898**, Aged 45. Her body was interred in a private vault. Note that the service was performed by Walter B. Broughton, Vicar of Brackley, one of the estates owned by the

Earl of Ellesmere, in Northamptonshire.

In each of the three years from **1897** to **1899**, three of the sons married in different locations in London. A fourth was married ten years later in **1910**. Details are given below.

And finally, to the census of 1901, the last one before Henry's death.

**1901** census District Grand Hotel, St. Martins-in-the-Fields, London.  
Capt. Henry W. Heaton      Widower      67      Agent to the Earl of Ellesmere



Just a few months after the census, **Henry William Heaton** married Jessie Elizabeth Gamble on 11 October **1901** at North Runcton, Norfolk. Less than three years later, **Henry William Heaton** had died. His widow, Jessie Elizabeth,

(born 9 January 1874 in Norfolk), died on 29 March **1946**, aged 72, at the Sand Dunes Nursing Home, Hunstanton, Norfolk.

According to the Index of Wills and Administrations, **Captain Henry William Heaton** died on 27 February **1904** at his home. His estate, of £8,297, was left to his widow Jessie Elizabeth Heaton and Alfred Harold Ruston, solicitor.

*Nottingham Evening Post* - Monday 29 February **1904**.

*Captain Henry William Heaton died suddenly on Saturday at Worsley from heart failure. Capt. Heaton served with the 14<sup>th</sup> Foot Regiment, and was in the Crimean campaign. He was one of the best shots in the country and has figured in the English representative eight. He was keenly interested in the Shire Horse Society, was an authority on game fowl, and was considered one of the best judges of shire horses, pigs, and pigeons in the country. He was for many years steward to the Earl of Ellesmere, and was in his 71<sup>st</sup> year.*

Other newspaper reports added to this, stating that he had been a steward for 34 years and that he had died at his residence Highfield House. He had complained of feeling unwell about two o'clock, and passed away before a doctor could be summoned, apparently from heart failure. The *Manchester Evening News* reported that his death revived many interesting memories of the old 3<sup>rd</sup> Manchester Volunteers. "The 14<sup>th</sup> Foot had by now been renamed the West Yorkshire Regiment. Subsequently, he became adjutant to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Manchester Volunteers and held that post for many years under Lord Ellesmere's command. It was during his adjutancy that the corps took part in a review of volunteers in London before the late Prince Consort. So impressed was the Prince with the smart bearing of the men and the skilful manner in which they performed their evolutions that as the Regiment marched past he cried out 'Well done, third Manchesters'."

As steward, he carried out with remarkable ability his lordship's desire to encourage the improvement of the breeds of farm live stock. The establishment of the stud of old English cart-horses at Worsley in 1873, and the success that attended it, both in the show-yards and in the sale ring, led the way for that larger recognition of the breed which made the Stud Book and the Society of the Shire Breed possible, and in all this work Captain Heaton took a prominent part. This tribute was printed in the *Daily Telegraph & Courier* of Tuesday 1 March 1904.

His funeral took place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at noon at the church. Worsley was in mourning on that day, all work being suspended during the funeral. "The massive oak coffin, which was completely covered with beautiful wreaths, was conveyed from the residence to the church on a new farm lurry (sic) drawn by two Shire horses. A large congregation assembled in the church, where a choral service was conducted by the Rev. F. K. Hodgkinson, vicar, assisted by the Revs. W. J. Clarke and G. E. Body, curates. The 'Dead March' in Saul was played by Mr. R. F. Coules, organist, as the cortege left the church. The Vicar also officiated at the Interment, which took place in the family vault, situated at the north-east corner of the churchyard. Among the mourners present, in addition to members of the



1891. Marriage solemnized at St Peter's Church in the Parish of St Mary Abbe in the County of London

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.
316	October 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1891	Douglas Heaton	24	Bachelor	Engl. Engineer	7 <sup>th</sup> Gt. Garden	Henry William Heaton	Captain (Retired)
	1891	Cecily Minna Healis	23	Spinster		Sagecroft, Cambridge	John Healis (deceased)	Estab. Agent.

Married in the above church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by \_\_\_\_\_ or after Sanns by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Douglas Heaton in the Presence of us, H. Heaton Rev. R. Passmore W. P. Hall Vicar of Hope, Pendleton

deceased's family, were Lord Ellesmere, Messrs. E. Noden and W. E. Teale, churchwardens; Major Andrew, Sgt.-Maj. Williams, and Messrs. T. Stewart, W.

Gardner, J. Roscoe, Councillor Smith, and representatives of the Worsley Lodge of Freemasons and other societies in which the deceased was interested". These words were printed in the Bolton Evening News of the same day.

The futures of the five sons are outlined below. Each one had a significant career.

The marriage of Stuart Heaton to Audrey Hart-Davis took place at St. Andrew's, St. Marylebone, London, on 19 October 1910. The minister was the **Rev. Frederick Karlake Hodgkinson**, previously Rector at St. Mark's, 1890 to 1906. The bride's father was Captain Henry Vaughan Hart-Davis, Estate Manager to the Earl of Ellesmere and author of local history.

1910. Marriage solemnized at St. Andrew's, Wells St. W. in the Parish of St. Marylebone in the County of London

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.
60	October 19 <sup>th</sup> 1910	Stuart Heaton	30	Bachelor	Estab. Agent	Highfield, Worsley, Manchester	Henry Heaton (Deceased)	Captain (Retired) (Walsley's Own)
	1910	Audrey Elvira Hart-Davis	20	Spinster		The Church House, St. Andrew's, Wells St. W.	Henry Vaughan Hart-Davis	Captain (Ret. R. 8.)

Married in the Church of St. Andrew according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by \_\_\_\_\_ or after Sanns by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Stuart Heaton in the Presence of us, Annie Hart-Davis F. Karlake Hodgkinson Henry Vaughan Hart-Davis Rev. F. Karlake Hodgkinson Vicar of St. Peter's, Upper Cross

St. Luke's, Uxbridge Road, Hamme rsmith and Fulham.

Herbert Selby Heaton married Annie Johnson in 4/4 1897 in Kensington.

Harry Percy Heaton married Edith Lee/Ethel Kate Philip at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, in 1/4 1899.

On 23 October 1901, Douglas Heaton, 24 and a Civil Engineer, married Cecily Healis, 23, at St. Peter's Chapel, in the parish of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington. His father was Henry William Heaton, Captain (retired). The marriage was by licence and was conducted by the Vicar of Hope, Pendleton. The bride was from Cambridge, consistent with the fact that the Earl had a stud in the county and that Henry William worked there. Interestingly, her father was an Estate Agent, and the minister was Vicar of Hope, Pendleton. The church was the place of her baptism.

1898. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St. Luke, Uxbridge in the County of London

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.
286	April 28 <sup>th</sup> 1898	Reginald Gardiner Heaton	24	Bachelor	Farmer	Chesham	Henry Heaton	Retired Captain
	1898	Ethel Blanche Chamberlain	25	Spinster		28 Roseville Rd.	William Clarke Chamberlain	Farmer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by \_\_\_\_\_ or after \_\_\_\_\_ by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Reginald Gardiner Heaton in the Presence of us, Henry Heaton W. P. Hall Rev. R. Passmore

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