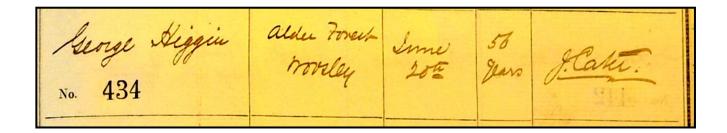


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Baptised: 21 May 1820

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George HIGGIN

In the summer of 2019, Robert Bennett of Bennett's Furnishers, Monton, gave me a copy of a ciné film made by his father when the churchyard of St. Mark's was being landscaped, in **1974/6**, showing trees being chopped down and burnt, earth being scooped up, and headstones being removed. A sad sight. At the beginning of the film, which lasts just 40 seconds, there is a brief shot of a headstone at an awkward angle and it shows the name of **GEORGE HIGGIN**, who died on 18 June **1876**, aged 56 years. The stone was a beautifully carved one with very clear names and dates etched into it.

Burial: 20 Jun 1876 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England
George Higgin - (died 18 June 1876)
Age: 56 yrs.
Abode: Alder Forest, Worsley
Buried by: J. Cater (Plot K1359, or S1886)

1820: Baptism of George Higgin at St. Mary, Eccles, on 21 May 1820.

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Eccles St. Mary 21 May 1820

Mathew Higgan (sic) had married Ann Holt, of Manchester, by Banns at the Collegiate Church (now the cathedral) on 11 October 1807. The Banns had been read on 30 August, 6 and 13 September. Mathew was already then a Stone Mason. He had in turn been baptised in Eccles 19 June 1785, the son of David and Elizabeth Higgins.

Their first child was Mary, baptised at St. Mary, Eccles, on 25 December **1808**. The father was a Stone Mason. She was followed by William (16 July **1815**), Thomas (27 July **1817**), Sarah (16 November **1817**), **George** (21 May **1820**), and Anne (13 April **1823**), all baptised at Eccles.

1841 census: Wint	on.		
John Moss	25	Boatman	b. Lancashire
Mary Moss	25		b. outside Lancashire
Sarah Moss	6		b. Lancashire
George Higgin	20		b. Lancashire

The same census showed **Matthew Higgin** residing in Winton, a Stone Mason (55), who was lodging with Edward Fell (35, County Police), and Mary Fell (50).

Burial: 10 Apr **1844** St Mary the Virgin, Eccles, Lancashire, England Matthew Higgin -Age: 62 years Abode: Monton

This being the first national census, very little information was recorded, save for name, age (for adults, rounded down to the nearest five), occupation (where applicable) and whether born in *this* county or not. However, next to this household was Thomas Higgin (bp.1817) and family, George's elder brother. Other children were William (bp.1815) and Sarah (bp.1817).

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1851 census: 18 Alder Forest, Worsley.

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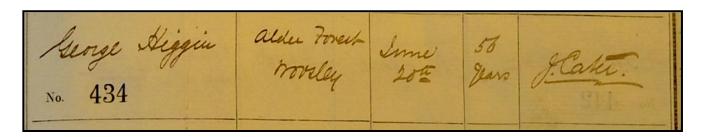
George Higgin	Head	Μ	41	Labourer
Eliza	Wife	Μ	32	Milliner
Mary Ann	Daur.	Μ	16	Winder
John	Son		13	Driver on Canal
Martha	Daur.		11	Silk Piecer
Elizabeth	Daur.		8	Silk Piecer
Matthew	Son		6	Scholar

1871 census: 25 Ald	er Forest	t, Wo	orsley.	
George Higgin	Head	Μ	52	Labourer
Eliza	Wife	Μ	42	
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Martha	Daur.	U	20	Silk Winder
Elizabeth	Daur.	U	17	Cotton Weaver
Matthew	Son	U	15	Boat Driver

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Baptism: 16 Feb 1844 St Mary the Virgin, Eccles, Lancashire, England James Higgin - Son of George Higgin & Mary Abode: Winton Occupation: Labourer Baptism: 11 May 1845 St Mary the Virgin, Eccles, Lancashire, England Mary Ann Higgin - Daughter of George Higgin & Mary Abode: Winton Occupation: Boatman Baptism: 13 Oct 1847 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England John Higgins - Son of George Higgins & Mary Abode: Worsley Occupation: Labourer Baptism: 9 Jun 1850 St Mary the Virgin, Eccles, Lancashire, England Martha Higgins - Daughter of George Higgins & Mary Abode: Worsley Occupation: Labourer Baptism: 15 Aug 1852 St Mary the Virgin, Eccles, Lancashire, England Elizabeth Higgin - Daughter of George Higgin & Mary Born: 5 Jun 1852 Abode: Worsley Occupation: Labourer Baptism: 1 Aug 1858 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England Matthew Higgin - [Child] of George Higgin & Mary Abode: Alder Forest Occupation: Labourer Baptism: 1 Aug 1858 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England George Higgin - [Child] of George Higgin & Mary Abode: Alder Forest Occupation: Labourer



Died: 18 June 1876, aged 56 years.

