

George HIGGIN

NO. 794	May 21	George	Matthew an Anne	Higgin	Warton	Stonemason	W. Keeling Curate
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George Higgin	Alden Forest Worsley	June 20 th	58 Years	J. Carter
No. 434				

Baptised: 21 May 1820

Died: 18 June 1876

BOATMAN
LABOURER



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**.

No. 794	May 21	George	Matthew	Higgin	Barton	Stonemason	W Keeling
		Son of	an				Curate
			Anne				

Eccles St. Mary 21 May **1820**

Mathew Higgin (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: Winton.

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).

1843. Marriage solemnized in the Chapel of St. George in the Parish of Manchester in the County of Lancaster.

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.
95	October 1.	George Higgin	22	Bachelor	Boat man	24 George St. Hulme	Matthew Higgin	Stone Mason
		Mary Baguley	23	Spinster	Silk Winder	7 Stott St. Hulme	James Baguley	Weaver

Married in the Chapel of St. George according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of England & Ireland by me, after Banns
William Whiteley, P. A. Clerk

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { George Higgin his X Mark } in the Presence of us, { John Rople }
{ Mary Baguley her X Mark } { Edmund Dawes }

1851 census: 18 Alder Forest, Worsley.

George Higgin	Head	M	31	Boatman	b. Winton
Mary	Wife	M	32		b. Eccles
Mary Ann	Daur.		5		b. Winton
John	Son		3		b. Worsley
Martha	Daur.		11mo.		b. Worsley

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Mary Higgin Alder Forrest July 29th 40 S. Vincent Beechey
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1861. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Toxteth in the County of Lancaster.

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	April 20 th 1860	George Higgin	offalt. Widower	1849	Labourer	Alder Forrest Worsley	Matthew Higgin	Stone Mason
		Eliza Hood	offalt. Widower	1849		Alder Forrest Worsley	Robert Lloyd	Cordwainer

Married in the Parish Church of Worsley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by James Hill after Banns by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { George Higgin X Mark } in the Presence of us, { James Bonney }
{ Eliza Hood X Mark } { James H. Field X Mark }

1861 census: Alder Forest, Worsley.

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

1871 census: 25 Alder Forest, Worsley.

George Higgin	Head	M	52	Labourer	b. Winton
Eliza	Wife	M	42		b. Manchester
Mary A.	Daur.	U	24	Cotton Winder	b. Winton
Martha	Daur.	U	20	Silk Winder	b. Worsley
Elizabeth	Daur.	U	17	Cotton Weaver	b. Worsley
Matthew	Son	U	15	Boat Driver	b. Worsley

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

<i>George Higgin</i> No. 434	<i>Alder Forest Worsley</i>	<i>June 20th</i>	<i>58 Years</i>	<i>J. Lake.</i>
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Died: 18 June **1876**, aged 56 years.

