

Thomas Bracewell MIDGLEY



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Born: 2nd Qtr. 1861

Died: 14 September 1945

TAILOR & OUTFITTER-MAKER



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In loving memory of
THOMAS BRACEWELL
the beloved husband
of EMMA MIDGLEY
who died 14th September 1945
in his 85th yr.

EVELINE *the beloved daughter of*
THOMAS & EMMA MIDGLEY
born June 30th 1889. Died Sep. 23rd 1889
Also of BEATRICE EMMA
daughter of the above
born Aug. 20th 1886 died Aug. 22nd 1890
'Blessed be the pure in heart for they shall
see God'

Also EMMA his beloved wife
who died 6th May 1958 in her 95th yr.
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Thomas Bracewell Midgley was the son of **William Midgley** and Martha Bracewell. **William** was born on 11 July 1816 and baptised at Hope Chapel (Particular Baptist), Hope Street, Rochdale - the son of John and Ann Midgley (née Whildman), Weaver.

On 22 October 1845, **William** married Jane Bird at St. Mary's, Manchester. His occupation was recorded as Townsman. This was confirmed in the census of 1851. Her maiden name recurs.

1845. Marriage solemnized at <i>St. Mary's church</i> in the <i>Parish of Manchester</i> in the County of <i>Lancaster</i>								
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.
85	<i>October 22nd</i>	<i>William Midgley</i> <i>Jane Bird</i>	<i>28</i> <i>19</i>	<i>Bachelor</i> <i>Spinster</i>	<i>Townsman</i>	<i>Red Bank</i> <i>Red Bank</i>	<i>John Midgley</i> <i>John Bird</i>	<i>Townsman</i> <i>Cabinet Maker</i>
Married in the <i>above church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <i>Established Church</i> after <i>Wanted</i> by me, <i>Ed. Lane</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <i>Wm Midgley</i> <i>Jane Bird</i>			in the Presence of us, <i>Joseph Whildman</i> <i>Ruth Hartley</i>					

1851 census: 136 Red Bank, Market Street, Manchester.

William Midgley	Head	M	34	Bleacher's Townsman
Jane	Wife	M	24	
John B.	Son		3	
Amelia A.	Daur.		2 mo.	
+ 1 servant				

It would appear that they had 6 children:

John Bird: 1847-1932

Louisa Ann: 1849-1850

Amelia: 1851 of Stanley Street, Red Bank. Buried 14 March 1857 at St. Luke, Cheetham, aged 6yrs.

Robert Bird: born 24 June 1853; bp. 15 October 1875 Swinton-1922

William: 1855-1918

Joseph Bird: born 17 October 1858; bp. 3 October 1875 Swinton-1915

Sadly, their mother died at a young age. **Jane Midgley** was buried on 21 August **1858** at St. Luke, Cheetham, aged 32.

1861 census: Stanley Street, of Market Street, Manchester.

William Midgley	Head	W	44	Tent Dealer	b. Rochdale
John	Son	Un	13	Warehouse Boy	b. Manchester
Robert	Son		7	Scholar	
William	Son		6	Scholar	
Martha Bracewell	Serv	Un	21	Housekeeper	b. Cheshire

It is of interest to note that, by this time, **William's** first wife Jane had been dead for 3 years. And that the young housekeeper was Martha Bracewell - this surname being the second name of **Thomas Bracewell Midgley**. And then we find, very shortly after the census, a record of a marriage between **William Midgley** and Martha Bracewell.

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.
5	May 28 th	William Midgley full Martha Bracewell full	44 21	Widower Spinster	Sent Merchant	53 Stanley St. 42, Bank St.	John Midgley John Bracewell	Doct Painter
Married in the <u>Above Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>Licence</u> or after <u>John Huntley</u> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>Wm Midgley</u> <u>Martha Bracewell</u>		in the Presence of us,		<u>Arthur Neale</u> <u>Francis Jones Field</u>		

Thomas was born Manchester in the second quarter of **1861**, according to the National Index of Births. However, he was baptised much later on 8 March **1877** at Holy Rood, Swinton, and his parents were recorded as William and Martha Mary of Swinton. William was a Merchant. The birth year of **1861** was added in a margin.

Indeed, **William** and Martha had 6 children:

Thomas Bracewell 1861-1945

Annie 4 April 1863 (to William and Jane); bp. 21 October 1875 Swinton-

Louisa Jane 28 March 1865 (to William and Jane); bp. 21 October 1875, Swinton, Fent Merchant-1935

Mary Wildman (aka Polly) 23 December 1867; bp. 18 November 1875 Swinton-1951

Alfred Eli 4 April 1869; bp. 2 November 1875 Swinton-1890

James Henry 1875-1937

A 'Fent' was a remnant of cloth, or the end of a bolt of cloth. The 'Merchant' sold these offcuts of fabric or cloth.

1871 census: Old Lane, Worsley.

William Midgley	Head	M	54	General Merchant	
Martha	Wife	M	31		
Robert	Son		17	Salesman	b. Manchester
William	Son		16	Salesman	b. Manchester

Joseph	Son	12	Scholar	b. Manchester
Thomas	Son	9	Scholar	b. Manchester
Annie	Daur	6		b. Manchester
Louisa	Daur	5		b. Manchester
Mary	Daur	3		
Eli	Son	1		
+ 1 lodger				

Baptised at St. Peter, Swinton

Thomas Midgley - born **1861**. Baptised at Holy Rood on 8 March **1877**.

1881 census: 9 Old Lane, Worsley.

William Midgley	Head	M	64	Draper & Outfitter	b. Rochdale
Martha Ann	Wife	M	40		b. Altrincham
Thomas	Son	S	19	Draper's Assistant	b. Manchester
Annie	Daur.		16	Scholar	b. Manchester
Louisa Jane	Daur.		15	Scholar	b. Manchester
Mary Wildman	Daur.		13	Scholar	b. Manchester
Alfred Eli	Son		10	Scholar	b. Worsley
James Henry	Son		5	Scholar	b. Worsley
+ 1 servant					

1885. Thomas Bracewell married Emma Bass in 4/4 qtr. in the district of Barton upon Irwell.

Between their marriage and the next census of **1891**, 2 daughters had been born, but sadly had also died at a very young age.

EVELINE the beloved daughter of THOMAS & EMMA MIDGLEY. Born June 30th **1889**. Died September 23rd **1889**

Baptism: 10 September **1889** Holy Rood, Swinton, Lancashire, England

Evelyn Midgley - [Child] of Thomas Midgley & Emma

Abode: Swinton

Occupation: Shopkeeper

BEATRICE EMMA daughter of the above born August 20th **1886**. Died August 22nd **1890**.

Baptism: 3 Nov 1886 Holy Rood, Swinton, Lancashire, England

Emmie Midgley - [Child] of Thomas Midgley & Emma

Born: 20 August **1886**

Abode: Swinton

Occupation: Shopkeeper

1891 census: 276 Mulgrave Terrace, Worsley Road, Swinton.

Thomas B. Midgley	Head	M	29	Draper	b. Manchester
Emma	Wife	M	26		b. Manchester
+ 1 servant					

MIDGLEY William of Gordale-house Swinton near Manchester gentleman died 13 April 1897 Probate **Manchester** 1 July to Robert Bird Midgley clothier James Henry Midgley paint-manufacturer and Thomas Midgley Bracewell otherwise Thomas Midgley clothier Effects £6413 12s. 5d.

William died on 13 April **1897** and was buried at St. Luke, Cheetham, on 16 April, aged 80.

1901 census: 266 Worsley Road, Swinton.

Thomas B. Midgley	Head	M	39	Tailor & Draper (Shopkeeper)	
Emma	Wife	M	36		
Leonard B.	Son		8		b. Swinton
Doris M.	Daur.		3		b. Swinton

+ 1 servant

1911 census: 266 Mulgrave Terrace, Worsley Road, Swinton. (10 rooms)

Thomas Bracewell Midgley	Head	M	49	Tailor & Outfitter-maker	b. Manchester
Emma	Wife	M	46	Married 25 years	b. Whalley

Bridge

Leonard Blundell	Son	S	18	Tailor's Cutter	b. Swinton
Doris Mabel	Daur.	S	13		b. Swinton

+ 1 servant

1929: Kelly's Directory of Manchester and Salford.

He was living at 54 Folly Lane, Eccles.

MIDGLEY Thomas Bracewell of 26 Hawthorn-avenue Monton Eccles **Lancashire** died 14 September 1945 Probate **Manchester** 10 December to Leonard Blundell Midgley laundry proprietor Doris Mabel Wainwright married woman and Arthur Wainwright company director. Effects £15216 17s. 4d.

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