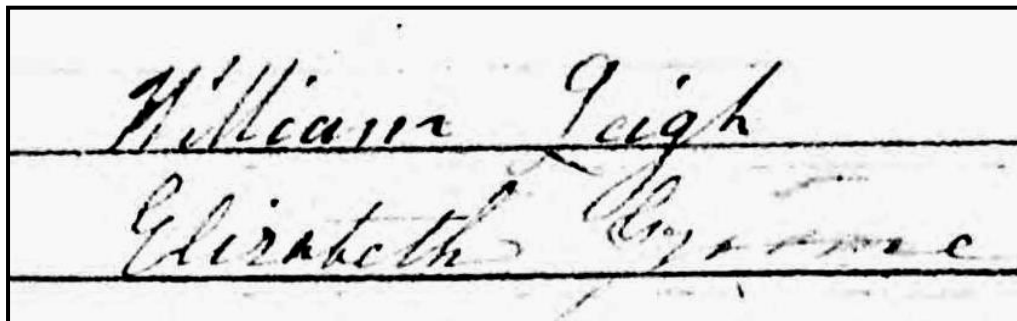


William LEIGH



Born: c. 1827

Died: 3 September 1870

IRONMONGER



William LEIGH

CAVEAT:

This has been a very difficult burial to cast light upon. The only tangible evidence is the remains of a larger memorial to him in the churchyard. There is no reference to a birth date or place or other members of his family. The parish grave records show that he is the only person buried there. Certainly, his age given can provide some clue to his birth, but ages are notoriously inaccurate at times. His will was proven on 23 May 1871 and does help somewhat. At the very least, we can confirm his occupation and know that he left a widow, Mary, and that other executors were Peter and Thomas, brothers. No children were named in the will. He was of Salford and an Ironmonger. The information given here can only be a good guide to his life, but there are a few anomalies along the way. What appears here is only a best scenario, but in some instances it seems reasonable. The biggest issue remains with a possible first wife, Elizabeth. The marriage record and the 1861 census below attest to that.



William Leigh
Died 3rd September 1870
Aged 43 years

William, Son of Robert Leigh and Ann
his Wife of Swinton Moor in the Parish
of Eccles, in the County of Lancaster was
born August 30th 1829, & baptiz'd November
8th 1829. by me
Robert Southwell Minister

Eccles, Monton Green Chapel (Presbyterian)
Born 30 August 1829. Baptised 8 November 1829.

This is the only baptismal entry that has been found that could pinpoint the birth and baptism of William Leigh. In the entry below from the 1841 census, it would appear that Ann Leigh had already died. In fact, she died on 19 February **1833**, the wife of Robert Leigh. Their address was Swinton Moor and the death was recorded at Monton Green Presbyterian Chapel, Eccles. She was 39 years of age.

1841 census: Little Houghton, Eccles.

Robert Leigh	50	Timber Dealer
Jonathan	20	
Nancy	20	
Joseph	15	Mechanics ap.
Ellen	15	
Sarah	14	
William	12	
Elizabeth	9	

1851 census: Little Houghton, (nr. Dales Brow), Worsley.

Robert Leigh	Head	W	62	Joiner and Builder empl. 20 men	b. Worsley
Nancy	Daur.	S	31	Housekeeper	b. Worsley
Ellen	Daur.	S	26		b. Do.
Sarah A.	Daur.	S	24		b. Do.
William	Son	S	21	Engineer	b. Do.
Elizabeth	Daur.	S	19		b. Do.

1855: Marriage between **William Leigh** and Elizabeth Grime on 24 December 1855 at St. Mary Eccles. William's address was Dales Brow, Worsley.

1855. Marriage solemnized at <i>the Parish Church</i> in the <i>Parish</i> of <i>Worsley</i> in the County of <i>Lancashire</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.
350	December 24 th 1855	<i>William Leigh</i>	<i>off full</i>	<i>married</i>	<i>Engineer</i>	<i>Dales Brow Worsley</i>	<i>Robert Leigh</i>	<i>Timber Merchant</i>
		<i>Elizabeth Grime</i>	<i>off full</i>	<i>single</i>	<i>Printer</i>	<i>Salam Hill Worsley</i>	<i>Samuel Grime</i>	<i>Engineer</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church of Worsley</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <i>James</i> or after _____ by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>William Leigh</i> <i>Elizabeth Grime</i>		in the Presence of us,		<i>Joseph Smith & Mark</i> <i>John France</i>		

1861 census: Leigh's Timber Yard ?????

William Leigh	Head	M	29	Engineer & Iron Founder	b. Worsley
Elizabeth	Wife	M	24		b. Bury

1868: Baptism of Mary Eliza Leigh. Daughter of **William** and Mary **Leigh**, at St. Luke, Weaste, on 13 September 1868. Their abode was Faulkner Street, Salford. The father was an Ironmonger

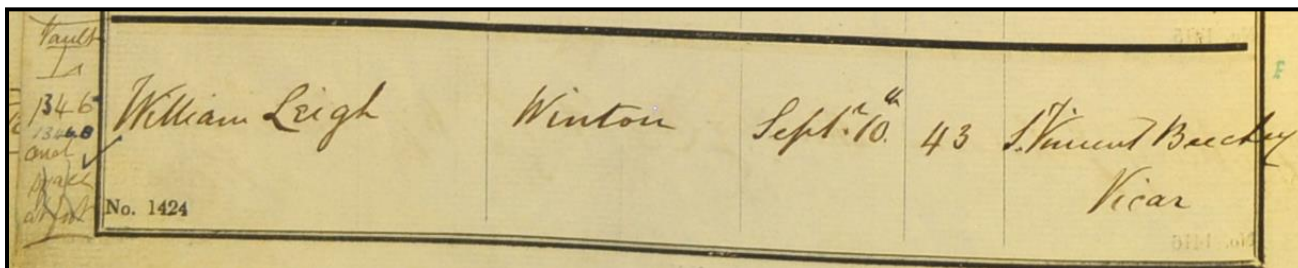
<i>Sep:</i> <i>13</i> <i>No. 103</i>	<i>Mary Eliza</i>	<i>William or Mary</i>	<i>Leigh</i>	<i>Faulkner St.</i>	<i>Iron-monger.</i>	<i>Jonesth. Carter</i>
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Could it be that this daughter had the names of William's two wives? William's son, below, was given the name of his father and, possibly, his uncle Peter?

1870: Baptism of William Peter Leigh. Son of **William** and Mary **Leigh**, at St. Luke, Weaste, on 27 November 1870. Their abode was simply Weaste. The father was an Ironmonger.

<i>27th</i> <i>No. 178</i>	<i>William Peter</i>	<i>William or Mary</i>	<i>Leigh</i>	<i>Weaste</i>	<i>Iron-monger</i>	<i>Jonesth. Carter</i>
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1870: Death and burial of **William Leigh**, aged 43, on 10 September 1870 (2 months before the birth of his son William Peter).



The entry in the burials' register states 'Vault L1346, 1346 and at foot'.

LEIGH William. Effects under £600.	23 May.	The Will of William Leigh late of Salford in the County of Lancaster Ironmonger who died 7 November 1870 at Salford was proved at Manchester by Mary Leigh of Salford Widow the Relict Peter Leigh of Salford Ironmonger and Thomas Leigh of Salford Warehouseman the Brothers the Executors.
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