

# Moorlands House



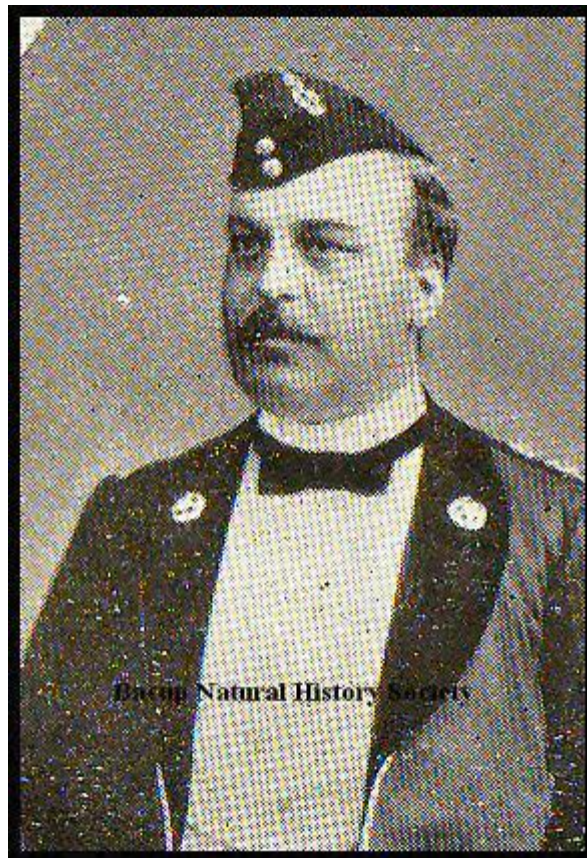
Moorlands House was built between 1869 and 1871 by Edward Hoyle born 1833 fifth son of Joshua Hoyle head of the firm Joshua Hoyle & Sons. Educated at Wesley college Sheffield on his return home his one great hobby was pigeons. Which he cast aside when his two elder brothers James and John left the district for Yorkshire each launching out on their own account, his elder brother Issac moving to Manchester as had of the sales warehouse. Edward married Frances Craven of High Thorn near York in 1861.



In 1867 he was appointed a County Magistrate. About 1880 he became the leader of the Conservatives in the area remaining so up until a couple of years before his death. For thirty

years he was practically the head of the firm of Joshua Hoyles and sons of Bacup and Brooksbottom, and Manchester. For some years Edward was president of the Trinitarian Bible Society and the Bacup Orchestral Society, he was also a member of the Burial Board and Local Board.

At the time of the census of 1891 the house is being looked after by servants a cook two housemaids and a kitchen maid. After his death on 14th November 1897 aged 64 years he left a widow two sons and five daughters, Alice, Janet, Elizabeth and Edward. Joshua who in May 1892 added his maternal grandfathers surname to his name and became Joshua Craven Hoyle, became Mayor of Bacup 1911 to 1913.



After his death Edwards son Edward takes up residence at Moorlands employing a housekeeper, cook, two housemaids and a kitchen maid. The photograph above shows Moorland Lodge circa 1907 with Mrs Harry Stott and Son, Mr Stott being head gardener. In 1908 the house and grounds were put up for sale but withdrawn. After the death of Frances in 1912 his sons and daughters, offered the Moorlands Estate to the Bacup Town Council, free of costs as a memorial to their parents.