

Death Notices

Bacup Times 29th June 1867

DEATH OF JAMES ASHWORTH ESQ

We have again to report the death of another member of the Bacup Local Board, that of Mr James Ashworth, of Acre Mill, woollen manufacturer, who has represented Acre Mill Ward since the adoption of the Local Government Act within the district of Bacup. In religion he was a Churchman and in politics a Conservative. His remains were interred at the Cemetery on Thursday last.

Bacup Times 19th February 1908

BACUP DOCTOR'S SUDDEN DEATH

The sudden death took place yesterday of Dr. Robert Wilson, of Bacup, Waterfoot, and Rawtenstall. As he did not come down at the accustomed time, the housekeeper went to his bedroom and found him dead. The doctor was about 55. He was the medical officer for Haslingden Union and a vaccination officer.

Bacup Times 2nd August 1907

BACUP WOMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH AT RAILWAY STATION

At an inquest held in Rawtenstall yesterday. Concerning the sudden death of Mary Elizabeth Nuttall wife Robert Nuttall, butcher, 18. Rosehill, Bacup, on the station platform on Tuesday evening, after returning from Edenfield. A verdict of death from heart failure, brought on through over exertion was returned.

It was stated that the deceased had hurried for a train, and afterwards appeared exhausted. When the train was approaching Rawtenstall Station she commenced to vomit, and when assisted on the platform died almost immediately. It was stated that deceased had been warned not hurry. The Coroner Mr H. J. Robinson commented on the body having been kept all the time in one of the waiting rooms at the railway station and was surprised to learn a place like Rawtenstall did not have a mortuary.

Bacup Times 17th August 1912

TRADESMAN'S DEATH

The death occurred at 2 Market-Street Bacup on Wednesday, of John Stansfield grocer and provision dealer. A short time ago he broke his ankle but had apparently recovered, when the leg began to swell. A week ago he took to his bed, and died Wednesday, it is supposed from a blood clot proceeding to his chest from his leg. He leaves a widow and young child.

Bacup Times 30th November 1909

BACUP COUNCILLOR'S DEATH

Suicide whilst of unsound mind was the verdict returned at the inquest at Bacup yesterday concerning the death of James Mawdsley, wine and spirit merchant and member of the Town Council, who on Friday was found by his son hanging from beam in the bottling stores. The evidence showed that he had been depressed since an accident six years ago in which he had fallen out of a trap and hurt his head. Recent trade depression had also worried him. Mr Mawdsley had been a councillor for nine years and was prominent freemason.

Bacup Times April 18th 1906 Suicide At Bacup

WELL KNOWN MAN HANGS HIMSELF

Israel Simcock, a labourer residing at Dale Street, Bacup, and about 60 years of age committed suicide by hanging yesterday morning. He had been ailing for about six months and had been attended by Dr Brown for oral weakness. Latterly, however he had been rather better, though unable to follow his usual employment. It appears that at 5 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs Simcock left the deceased asleep in bed. She went upstairs again about 6-20 and was alarmed to find her husband in a sitting posture against the bedpost and apparently dead. She called in Mrs Buckley, a neighbour who went for assistance.

Mr Edward Taylor, assistant to Mr Mountain, chemist, who resides close by, went to the house and lifted the deceased up. It was then found that a cord was around his neck and attached to the bedpost. Dr Brown was sent for, but when he arrived shortly after he pronounced life extinct, death being due to strangulation. Deceased was a member of a well known Bacup family, being a son of the late Councillor Israel Simcock, who from 1882 to 1891 was a member of Bacup Town Council. There are at present several of the deceased's brothers resident in the town, One of them is Mr J Simcock, earthenware dealer, in the Bacup Market Hall.

Bacup Times 1867

WOMAN DIED AFTER TOOTHACHE

Mrs Richard Ashworth of New Line having suffered acutely from toothache had a tooth pulled out by a chemist in Bacup. Next day mortification set in and she died last week.

June 3rd 1865

DEATH OF AN OLD VETERAN

On Wednesday week, Mr John Sagar, an old soldier residing at Rockcliffe breathed his last at the age of 77 years The following is a short account of his life. He was born in the year 1788, in the Bacup neighbourhood, and at the age of 16 years enlisted in the 84th Regiment of Foot, being then without father or mother and in which regiment were two of his brothers to whom he had resolved to make his way.

The regiment was quartered in India at the time he enlisted, one brother was a Grenadier and had been a French prisoner for four years. Our hero found to his dismay on his arrival in India that both of them were dead. He remained in the regiment for thirteen years, at which time they were disbanded and sent home. He preferred remaining in India to returning to England and volunteered in the 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers, which distinguished itself in many engagements. After a period of 7 years he returned to England along with a great number of soldiers, some disabled and some worn out with long service. Sagar finally reached home in 1824, having been absent about 20 years, and nearly 36 years of age.

He then married Susan Maden and was blessed with a large family of whom eight are at present living. He had seen much hand fighting and had many narrow escapes being at the taking of the Isle of France.* He has been discharged more than 40 years on a pension of 1and half pence per day. His remains were conveyed to the cemetery on the 30th June. Attended by Sgt Rogers of the 4th LRV.Corps, Mr Levi Tattersall, and James Cunliffe, both of whom had belonged to the 84th and are now two of the eldest pensioners in the district.

Bacup Times June 6th 1874

A FATAL ACCIDENT

A fatal accident occurred to George Miles Ashworth, aged 23 years old, residing at the Blue Ball Inn Todmorden road. It appears that along with his father he was sinking the shaft of a colliery at Kidnapper. The shaft was already 90ft deep and while at work at about 10'oclock the deceased complained of a headache and said he wanted to go to the top. He seated himself on the iron bar at the end of the rope and was being wound up by a windlass when he was within 25 yards of the top he fell fracturing his skull and was instantaneously killed.

In falling he seriously injured his father who was at work at the bottom of the shaft. His uncle was also turning the windlass and when the deceased fell it was with great difficulty that his uncle could retain hold of the handle. As he was winding the deceased up a tub was going down and had he not been able to keep hold of the handle the tub would no doubt have gone down to the bottom and struck the father of the deceased. A verdict of accidental death was recorded at the inquest.

Bacup Times Saturday, April 1st 1905

TRAGIC AFFAIR AT STACKSTEADS MAN DROPS DEAD IN THE STREET

The death occurred with painful suddenness shortly after eleven o'clock on Thursday night of Thomas Smith, better known as Weighty a quarryman, 60 years of age, and lodging at 11 Random Row, Stacksteads, Deceased had been employed for some time doing odd jobs at Mr J. E. Haworth's Railway Tavern, Stacksteads, which place he left, perfectly sober about 11 o'clock on the night in question to go to his lodgings. He appears to have progressed only a short distance up the road when the illness which unfortunately proved fatal attacked him, and he was found by Mr Wilfred Law, steward of the Stacksteads Conservative Club, leaning against a shop window in a prostrate condition.

Law was walking past in company with another gentleman when he heard deceased remark "don't leave me". Law immediately went back, and on striking a match found that the deceased was vomiting blood, and he subsequently fell to the ground in a helpless condition. The police were summoned and medical assistance was instantly sent for, but on the arrival of Dr Falconer, life was pronounced extinct, deceased having ruptured a blood vessel.

Bacup Times May 9th 1906

TRAGIC DEATH AT BACUP DOMESTIC SERVANTS SUDDEN DEMISE GOING TO WORK ON AN EMPTY STOMACH

The Bacup Police on Monday were notified of the death of Ellen Hurst, a domestic servant, 26 years of age, who had died under tragic circumstances in the house of her employer Mr Harold Pickup, accounts clerk, Pleasant View, Bankside, Bacup.

The deceased who was a native of Workington, was apparently in her usual health when she commenced her household duties at half-past six on Monday morning, but about half-past eight when she had gone up to the bedrooms she was heard to fall on the floor. Mrs Townsend the mother of Mr Pickup, who was in the house, went to her assistance, but after sighing twice the unfortunate young woman expired. Dr Rigby said the girl probably hadn't eaten any breakfast and had then fainted and had not been able to be brought round.