

This is a Story from 'A Few Forgotten Women'



This story was written, in January 2023, as one of a series resulting from the 'A Few Forgotten Women Friday' collaborative research project, investigating the lives of girls from Leeds, Girls' Industrial School, Yorkshire.

Anne Lockwood

Anne Lockwood has quite a bit of information about her in the Records of the Ragged School so I can know exactly which family she has come from. But she has not been easy to research due to the size of her family, – with her father Charles bringing up 22 children and with the amount of families that are living closely in the area with the same Lockwood names.

Anne seems to be only recorded once as living with her birth family - in the 1861 Census, as found in Ancestry Census Records, when the family are living at Hoylandswaine. The family then move on to Jack Lane, Leeds, where I can follow the family through as they live at the same address for many years. It is this address, that is mentioned on the School records as Anne's home address.

In the book containing records about the School, - there is also another 'Lockwood' surname, Girl, Emma Lockwood, and several 'Lockwood' boys at the school over the time of the book. The girls are possibly 1st cousins – once removed, as Anne's Grandfather William Crossland, looks like he may have married the sister of Emma Lockwood's father (John Richard Lockwood 1819.) – I have written Emma's story up separately.

One of the boys in the book is Anne's brother Walter who was admitted in January 1875 aged 11.

Anne was sent to the home on October 7th 1870, when she was 10, for the Crime of Begging, Wandering and Sleeping out at night, - - She was brought before Mr William Bruce Esq. - It states that she was sent there for 5 years and gives the discharge release date of 7th October 1875.

On Anne's school record, she is said to be Light Haired with Blue Eyes and is Well built with a Light complexion.

The Record states that she can't read and has only had one day of schooling before entry to the Reform School. It does not state whether she had the ability to read or write when she left the Ragged school, but she signed her name on (what I think might be) her marriage certificate very neatly.

The Record in the Register for the Ragged School, states that her main occupation has been to attend the Carts and Horses. It says that her home is on Jack Lane in Leeds and she has relations of her Grandmother and friends in Huddersfield as well as an Aunt that keeps a boarding house in Leeds.

Looking at her home situation, - following her family Census, it is around this time that her mother dies - - Her father is shown to get remarried in 1873, after she has been admitted. This means that Anne left the family home when her own mother was alive, but when she came out of the Reform school, her mother had died and her father had got married to her Stepmother. It may have been that Anne's father was having difficulties caring for all the children, if Anne was found to be wandering the streets begging for food.

Anne's birth record on the General Register Office states that she was born in 1860 to Charles Lockwood and Sarah Crossland in Wortley and Penistone Registration District.

On her birth record, and the Census, Anne's name is spelt with no 'e' on the end but I am using Anne as this is her spelling in the book. On the certificate that I feel may be her marriage certificate, she is Annie as well as on the 1891 Census.

I haven't been able to accurately locate any Baptism records for Anne or her early brother's and sisters from Charles Lockwood and Sarah Crossland. However when her father Charles gets married to Sarah Ann Kirk, there are some baptisms to be found for the later children from Sarah Crossland and most of the children from Sarah Ann Kirk are baptised. In fact, some of Sarah Crosslands children are registered with mother's names of Crossland, but are then baptised with Sarah Ann Kirk as being shown to be the parent, as they were baptised in a group.

Ann's parents are married on June 7th 1855 in the Parish of Silkstone. Charles is 23 a Bachelor and Sarah is 20 Spinster. Charles father is Thomas a Farmer. Sarah's father is William Crossland a Nail maker – Hoylandswaine was known for being a place of Nail makers as stated on the introduction at the beginning of the Census that gives information about the general area.

Anne's (half) brother Thomas, was born before the date of Anne's parents wedding and presumably was not Charles son however, in the later Census of 1871, Thomas has been listed as Lockwood but he resumes his name of Crossland in adult life on his marriage and following Census records. Thomas is, in fact, 2 years older than Sarah Ann Kirk, who later becomes his Stepmother.

In the 1861 Census Anne's father is listed as a Coal Miner. He is seen to be married to Sarah Lockwood (Crossland) and has Sarah's first son Thomas – then age 8 living with them – as well as Samuel 5. William 3 and Anne – then age 1. All the children are said to be born in Hoylandswaine. They are living at 39 Muserell Hill Hoylandswaine.

On the 1871 Census, Anne is listed as Annie amongst the other children at the Ragged school. In the 1871 Census for Anne's family at home – they are living at 35 Jack Lane Leeds. Charles Lockwood is now a Drayman at 38. – He is still married to Sarah (Crossland). Anne's siblings are listed on the 1871 Census as Thomas, Samuel, William, Walter, Sarah Ann and Elizabeth. – There was also at least one other child George – He has died. – So with Ann in the school, That is at least 8 children so far.

There is a death cert for a Sarah Lockwood in 4th December 1872.

Anne's brother Walter is with his family in 1871 so they were not caught together to be admitted to the children's reformatory home, but on January 12th 1875, he too would be there. – He is not released until January 11th 1880 and can be found back with the family on the 1881 Census.

On Charles Lockwood and Sarah Ann Kirk's marriage certificate, Dated May 9th 1873, - Charles is now a Carter. – He is 34 and a Widower. He marries Sarah Ann Kirk – a Spinster age 23. They are both said to be living at Pollard Street, and yet - - on the 1881 census, their address is still Jack Lane. This may be because there was a charge for each different address on a Marriage certificate, so they put down the same address.

On their marriage certificate, it states that Sarah Ann's father is Jonathan Kirk – a Smith, and Charles's father, Thomas Lockwood is still said to be a Farmer. In 1881 the family are still living at 35 Jack Lane Leeds. Charles Lockwood is now a Foundry Labourer age 45 and Sarah Ann Lockwood (Kirk) is said to be also 45. They now have Samuel, Walter, Sarah Ann, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, George, Emily, and Mary Emma. I have found other births for a Jonathan, 1873 and Jonathan 1879. There are baptisms to add to these children's records but there may have been other children as well.

Ann is not with the family so I presume she might be in service somewhere. I haven't found her in an 1881 Census just yet. It is likely that the girls in the school would have been trained for Household duties.

I have found an Anne Lockwood marrying William Coatham in 1892 I can't find any children for them.

I have been unable to add definitive proof evidence to draw a conclusion as to who she married absolutely or whether she had children to finish the story – but I have seen a marriage to William Coatham in 1892 that looks highly likely. There are a few things that make me suspicious that it might not be Anne Lockwood that we are looking at, but I can't prove either way so I have followed William's connection as well.

Anne and William first appear together in the 1891 Census living at 25 Bowman Lane – William is 34, a General Labourer, born in Fridaythorpe Yorkshire.

The couple are then married from Bowman Lane Leeds address in 1892. William's Father's name is Robson Coatham and Annie's Father's name is Charles Lockwood.

As I haven't found either of them in 1881, I am not sure if they knew each other 'somewhat longer'.

Anne's father Charles and family are still living in Jack Lane in 1891. He is now 58 and a Drayman. His wife Sarah Ann is 36 and they have Mary Ann, George, Emily Mary Ellen, Elizabeth Ann and Clara living with them.

By 1901 Charles is 68 and Sarah 46 (Anne's Father and Step mother) are now living at No 1 Derwent Street Holbeck Leeds . They only have Elizabeth Ann and

Clara living with them. The girls appear to be working to support the household as Charles doesn't seem to be working.

There are reasonable connected death records for Charles to confirm that he died in 1903.

By 1911 Anne's stepmother Sarah is living with Anne's sister Elizabeth and nephew Harry. Sarah is 56 and it states that she has had 17 children, 6 of which, are still alive and 11 that have died.

I can't find a 1901 Census for Anne and William, but I see a death certificate for Anne Coatham in 1906 that is probably her. And on the 1911 Census that I have found for William, - he is confirmed as a Widow.

He is now living with his brother George. It is on this Census that I notice that he is connected to a firm called 'Joshua Tetley and son'.

On researching other records, I find many Tax records confirming that he is working from Bowman's Lane. I have saved many of these on his profile – It all looks very interesting and I have connected some of the family members. I have found William's 1921 Census and see his death record in 1922.

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1861 Census for Anne Lockwood

https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/8767/images/WRYRG93454_3456-0538?pId=11410419

1871 Census for Anne Lockwood – when she is in the Reformatory

https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/7619/images/WRYRG10_4554_4556-0254?pld=26307544

Possible 1881 Census for Anne Lockwood – living as a Boarder, - working as a Weaver

https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/7572/images/WRYRG11_4459_4462-0313?pld=24500405

1891 Census – A likely Census that looks like it is the same Anne Lockwood, but there is not full evidence there.

https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/6598/images/WRYRG12_3682_3684-0294?pld=5861501

Birth Registration for Anne Lockwood 1860

https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/8912/images/ONS_B186_01AZ-0743?pld=19347105

Marriage Certificate 1892 for Anne Lockwood

https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/2253/images/32355_24_9537-01345?pld=16434965

Death Certificate for Anne Lockwood in 1906

https://search.ancestry.co.uk/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=8914&h=6730967&ssrc=pt&tid=186814194&pid=142456900512&usePUB=true&_gl=1*f59mr9*_gcl_dc*RONMLjE2NzM2MjQwMz

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1911 Census for Sarah Lockwood

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1911 Census for William Coatham describing himself as a Widower

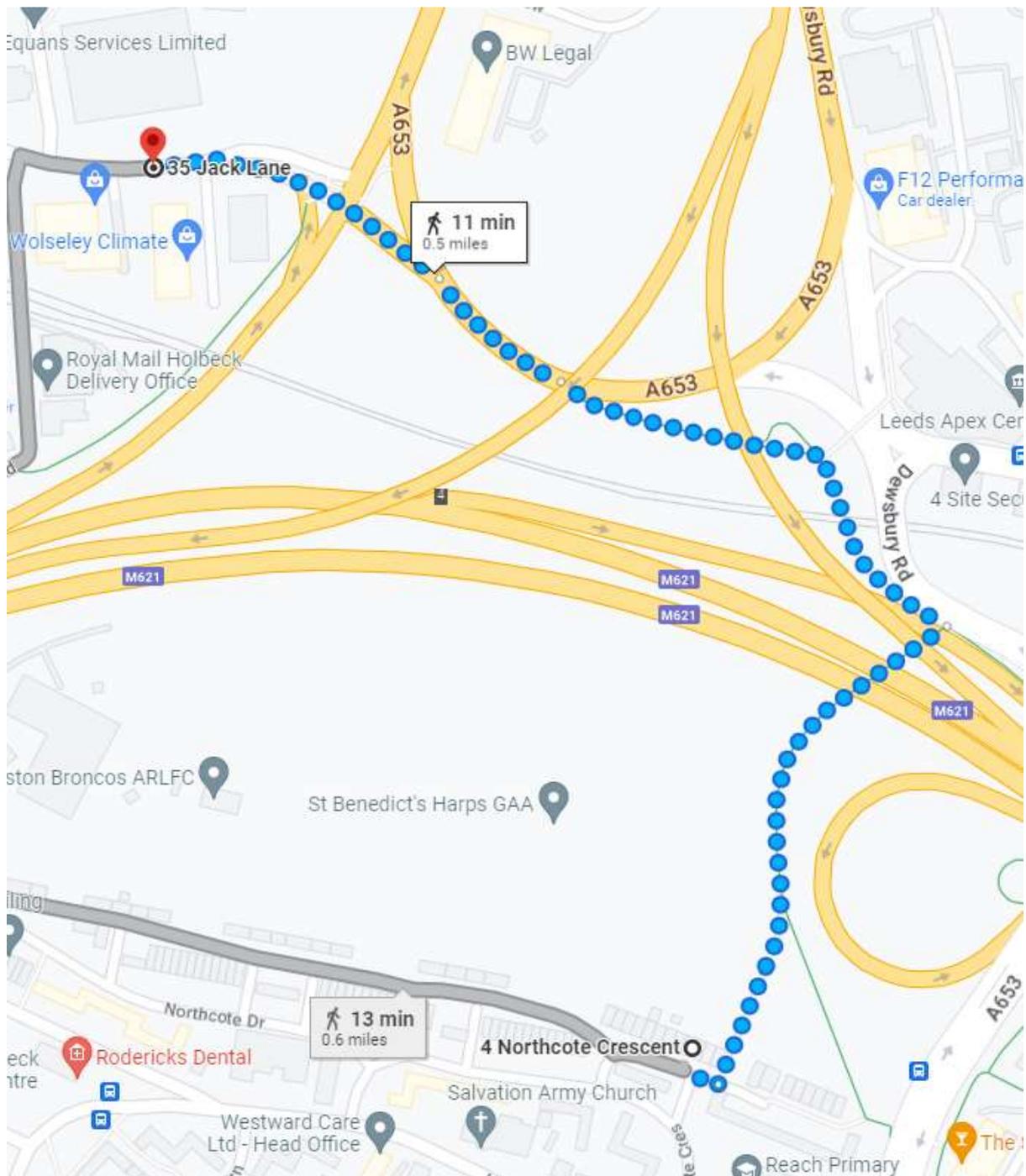
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1921 Census for William Coatham

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1921%2FRG15%2F22011%2F0685&parentid=GBC%2F1921%2FRG15%2F22011%2F0685%2F01>

1922 Death for William Coatham

https://search.ancestry.co.uk/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=7579&h=20064528&ssrc=pt&tid=186814194&pid=142460674171&usePUB=true& gl=1*98zifj* gcl dc*R0NMLjE2NzM2MjQwMzQuYmE1MmM2M2M3N2lwMTBiMjAyY2VhNWZkMGU2NTJmNGU.* ga*MTE3MDE5NzE4OC4xNjEwNzI4MzM4* ga 4QT8FMEX30*YjI1YTM0ZjAtNjYyNS00ZjYwLTgwYjAtZGI5MTc5NGJkZjVjLjU4OC4xLjE2ODA2MjEzZjguMzkuMC4w



Above is a map showing the distance of about half a mile from where Anne Lockwood's family lived between about 1870 and 1900, and to the road that I was born on.

About Michelle Burdis

I was born half a mile from the Jack Lane where Ann's family lived for 3 decades of recordings of the Census.

In fact, I would say that in 1860 and indeed in 1961 when I was born, it would be much closer, in distance, than half a mile because the massive Road system was not developed at that time so Google Maps would not be directing 'around the houses!'

I've looked at Anne's general life and considered how this could have so easily been me 150 years ago! – And even now, - How different my life would have been if we had stayed living in Leeds

The reason that we left Leeds in 1964, was because the air was no good for my brother's asthma. –

My father talked about the area, as being filthy but Community minded.

– He told me that on one occasion, when the front glass was broken in our Fish and Chip Shop, - All the locals clubbed together to help buy another Glass and they "found" a Cart – as well as all helped to go and collect the Glass, and they Wheeled it from the Glaziers to our Chip shop. - - - My Dad had installed it the next day and the shop was frying again the next evening with Free Fish and Chips for all the helpers!

My Dad told me the in the middle of the evening when he was serving up, there was the local Grocer who came in for chips and the general discussion was that "Someone had pinch his Barrow"!

The next day, the road was full of a story about the Barrow being returned mysteriously!!

My parents had the Chip shop at No 4 Northcote Road and next door, my mum had a 2nd Hand/Antique Shop.

In my parents courting days, my Dad told me that he made a door upstairs in the bedroom, that led through to the neighbouring room, above my mums

antique shop and he put a wardrobe in front of the opening. so that my Grandma never knew that their daughter was seeing my Dad.

– My Grandparents never approved of my Dad and when my parents moved us all down to Torquay, - They hated him even more!!! My Dad was Stealing my Mum away from them - - - !!!

My Grandparents were self proclaimed Yorkshire snobs, that always wanted the best for their children. - - - If only they knew that my Dad ‘was’ the best thing for my Mum and us all. - - -

When my mum died in 1985, my youngest brother was 4 and my Dad brought up 5 kids alone from there on. – If my Grandparents had realised the stories that came from their Family, they would have seen that they were the same as everyone else, and that it was my parents who were determined to do better for their family. Torquay was definitely nicer than Smokey Leeds 60 years ago, even if it did take a while to get established.

My Grandparents were horrid to my Dad, – Stupid Families!!!!

Moving down to Torquay from Leeds was the Best move for us!
