

1. John CLIFT #750, b. 1769,¹ living: 1804, Near Codsall, Staffordshire, ref: W096, d. bef 15 Dec 1836, Oaken, Near Codsall, Staffordshire,¹ buried: 15 Dec 1836, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.¹
1769: Birth of John Clift according to his age in the burial register.

[1773: There is a baptism of a John Clift, son of William and Mary Clift on 7 March 1773 at Rowley Regis Parish Church - Staffs Record Office]

1836: 15 Dec - Burial at Codsall Parish Church. Abode is Oaken, so this burial might just be that of the John Clift who married Amelia.

He married (1) Amelia _____ #1039.

Children:

- i Samuel Clift #1040, b. bef 14 Jul 1793, Codsall, Staffordshire,² baptized 14 Jul 1793, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.²
2. ii William Clift #1041 b. bef 25 Feb 1795.
3. iii James Clift #1042 b. bef 29 Nov 1798.

He married (2) Matilda _____ #751, b. 1771,¹ ref: W097, d. 9 Sep 1837, Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley, Staffs,¹ buried: 12 Sep 1837, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.¹
Matilda: 1837: According to her death certificate, Matilda died at 5 o'clock on 9 September at Cheslyn Hay. Her age was given as 66, she was a Farmer's Wife (although her husband John had died in December the previous year). The cause of death was 'Paralysis' [a stroke?]. The informant was William Clift, Farmer, Cheslyn Hay, who registered the death on August 12 [if the certificate is to be believed!]. The registrar was Augustine Fry, for the Registration District of Penkridge, Sub-District of Cannock, in the County of Stafford.

Matilda was buried in Codsall parish Church on 12 September. The Parish Register gives her abode as 'nr Shreshill', her age as 66. [Shreshillis about two-and-a-half miles west of Cheslyn Hay]

Children:

4. iv George CLIFT #723 b. 1804.

Second Generation

2. William Clift #1041, b. bef 25 Feb 1795, Codsall, Staffordshire,² living: 1819 - 1832, Oaken, Near Codsall, Staffordshire, baptized 25 Feb 1795, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church,² ref: WID1041, occupation Labourer, Farmer.

1795: 25 Feb Baptised, son of John and Amelia Clift of Codsall.

1819: Baptism of daughter Hannah. Labourer, Oaken.

1822: Baptism of daughter Emma. Labourer, Lanes near Oaken.

1824: Baptism of 'Ann, daughter of William and Clift alias Clift'.

Farmer, Oaken.

1827: Baptism of 'Samuel, son of William and Ann Clift or Clift'.

Farmer, Oaken.

1829: Baptism of son William. Farmer, Oaken Lawn.

1832: Baptism of son Joseph. Farmer, Oaken Lawn.

1841: Census - (HO107/973/13 p 15).

Parish: Cheslyn Hay, Address: Old Falls, Middle Hall[?].

William Clift, age 45, Farmer, born Staffs (as were all the others);

Ann, aged 40;

Samuel, aged 12,

William [?], aged 10;

Joseph, aged 8;

Caroline, aged 6;

?Levenor?, aged 4;

Charles Jones, aged 40, Ag. Lab.;

William Wilbrook [?], aged 30, Ag. Lab;

John A???, aged 15, Ag. Lab;

1851: Census - (HO107/2016 ff 613 p 11).

Reg Dist: 378 Penkridge, Sub Dist: 3 Cannock, ED 9b.

Parish: Cheslyn Hay Extra Parochial, Schedule: 46, Address: Lowney Green.

head William Clift, married aged 55, Farmer of 130 acres employing one

labourer, born Codsall, Staffs;

wife Ann, aged 52, born Codsall, Staffs;

son William, unmarried, aged 23, employed on farm, born Codsall, Staffs;

daughter Caroline, unmarried, aged 17, employed on farm, born Codsall, Staffs;

son Joseph, unmarried aged 19, employed on farm, born Codsall, Staffs;

daughter ?Leweser?, aged 14, employed on farm, born Cheslyn Hay, Staffs;

servant George Clift, unmarried aged 36, Agricultural Labourer, born Staffs, Codsall;

He married Ann _____ #1056.

Children:

- i Hannah Clift #1057, b. bef 20 Jun 1819, Oaken, Near Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 20 Jun 1819, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³
- ii Emma Clift #1058, b. bef 14 Apr 1822, Oaken Lanes, near Codsall, Staffs,³ baptized 14 Apr 1822, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³
- iii Ann Clift #1059, b. bef 29 Aug 1824, Oaken, Near Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 29 Aug 1824, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³

- iv Samuel Clift #1060, b. bef 24 Jun 1827, Oaken, Near Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 24 Jun 1827, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³
- v William Clift #1061, b. bef 11 Oct 1829, Oaken Lawn, Near Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 11 Oct 1829, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³
- vi Joseph Clift #1062, b. bef 8 Apr 1832, Oaken Lawn, Near Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 8 Apr 1832, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³
- vii Caroline Clift #1404, b. 1834, Codsall, Staffordshire.⁴
- viii Louisa(?) Clift #1405, b. 1837, Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley, Staffs.⁴

3. James Clift #1042, b. bef 29 Nov 1798, Codsall, Staffordshire - the Lanes,² baptized 29 Nov 1798, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church,² occupation Labourer, Farmer, d. bef 8 Jul 1864, Penkridge, Staffordshire,⁵ buried: 8 Jul 1864, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.⁵

1819: Baptism of daughter Charlotte. Labourer of 'Lanes'.

1822: Baptism of son John. Labourer of Codsall.

1824: Baptism of daughter Mary. Labourer of Codsall.

1827: Baptism of daughter Eliza. Sawyer of Codsall.

1828: Baptism of son James. Labourer of Codsall.

1830: Baptism of daughter Emma. Labourer, near Codsall.

1832: Baptism of daughter Caroline. Labourer of Codsall.

1834: Baptism of son Joseph. Farmer of Codsall.

1849: Codsall Tithe Award - 24 April 1849 [Staffs Record Office D743/16].

James Clift occupied 15 small fields forming a farm south east of Codsall village. The fields lay adjoining and to the south of the new railway just being built to the south of Codsall. The fields, totalling 27 acres:3.14, were mainly owned jointly by Mary Salmon and Joseph Wollaston. His house and one other field were rented from one William Shaw. There is a sketch map in the file.

1864: Buried at Codsall Parish Church. James was age 67 and was living at Penkridge at the time of his death.

He married Mary _____ #1063, b. abt 1792,⁵ d. bef 4 Apr 1864, Penkridge, Staffordshire,⁵ buried: 4 Apr 1864, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.⁵

Mary: Mary (or May?) Clift was buried at Codsall Parish Church on 4 April 1864. She was aged 72 years, and living at Penkridge.

Children:

- i Charlotte Clift #1075, b. bef 24 Oct 1819, Lanes, Codsall [Oaken Lanes?], Codsall,³ baptized 24 Oct 1819, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³

- ii John Clift #1064, b. bef 28 Apr 1822, Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 28 Apr 1822, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³

- iii Mary Clift #1065, b. bef 13 Jan 1824, Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 13 Jan 1824, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³

1824: Baptised at Codsall Parish Church. Shw was the daughter of James and Mary Clift of Oaken.

James was a labourer at this time. He later became a farmer in Oaken.

1852: Marriage at Codsall Parish Church after Banns on 14 September.

John ?Washton? of full age, batchelor, a Groom, residing at Codsall.

Father Thomas ?Washton?, labourer.

Mary Clift (mark) of full age, spinster, of Codsall.

Father James Clift, Farmer.

Witnesses were Caroline Clift and John Clift.

She married John ?Washton? #1066, 14 Sep 1852, in Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church,⁶ (son of Thomas ?Washton? #1067) living: 1852, Codsall, Staffordshire, occupation Groom.

John: I can't make out his name (or his fathers) in the Marriage register.

- iv Eliza Clift #1068, b. bef 1 Jan 1827, Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 1 Jan 1827, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³

- v James Clift #1069, b. bef 2 Mar 1828, Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 2 Mar 1828, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³

1855: Married in Codsall Parish Church after Banns. James Clift of full age, batchelor, labourer of Codsall. Father James Clift, Labourer. Elizabeth Bedward of full age, spinster of Codsall. Father William Bedward, Labourer. Witnesses: Richard Morris and Mary Link.

He married Elizabeth Bedward #1070, 19 Feb 1855, in Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church,⁶ (daughter of William Bedward #1071).

- vi Emma Clift #1072, b. bef 25 Mar 1830, Near Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 25 Mar 1830, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.²

- vii Caroline Clift #1073, b. bef 11 Mar 1832, Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 11 Mar 1832, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church,³ d. bef 17 Dec 1863,

Gunston, buried: 17 Dec 1863, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.⁵

Caroline Clift was buried aged 28, abode Gunston.

- viii Joseph Clift #1074, b. bef 1 Jun 1834, Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 1 Jun 1834, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³

4. George CLIFT #723, b. 1804, Codsall, Staffordshire,⁷ baptized 8 Jan 1804, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church,² ref: W048, occupation Farmer, Sawyer, d. 23 Nov 1880, Codsall Wood, Staffordshire,⁸ buried: 27 Nov 1880, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.⁵

1825: Baptism of son George on 15 March. George was a labourer of Oaken.

1826: Baptism of son William on 8 October. Labourer of Oaken Lanes.

1828: Baptism of daughter Eliza on 27 July. Labourer of Oaken.

1830: Baptism of son Charles on 19 September. Labourer of Codsall.

1831: Baptism of son Charles on 23 January. Labourer of Oaken.

1832: Baptism of daughter Martha on 16 September. Labourer of Oaken Lawn.

1834: Baptism of daughter Susanna on 13 July. Labourer of Oaken.

1837: Baptism of daughter Jemima on 4 June. Farmer of Oaken Lanes.

1841: Census (HO107/1002/5 - folio 11) - Living at Oaken Lanes.

Codsall, Staffordshire,
George Clift, age 35, Farmer;
Hannah age 35, born Staffs;
George age 15, born Staffs;
William age 14, born Staffs;
Eliza age 12, born Staffs;
Charles, age 10, born Staffs;
Martha, age 8, , born Staffs;
Hannah age 1875;
Jemima, age 4, born Staffs;
Mary age 1, , born Staffs;
Samuel Cotteril age 33, M. S.

1849: Codsall Tithe Award - 24 April 1849 [Staffs Record Office D743/16].
George Clift occupied 6 fields including a house, barns, etc forming a farm south east of Codsall village. The fields, totalling 26 acres:1:12, were owned by one George Kitson. There is a sketch map in the file.

1851: Census (HO107/2017/..., ED 1a) - Living at Wergs Lane, Codsall, Staffordshire,
head George Clift, age 47, married, farmer of 25 acres/Labourer, born Codsall, Staffordshire.
wife Hannah age 46, born Codsall, Staffs.
daughter Jemimah, age 15 born Codsall, Staffs;
daughter Mary, age 12, born Codsall, Staffs;
daughter Selina, age 8 born Codsall, Staffs;
servant Samuel Cotterill, age 47, Ag.Lab. born Tettenhall, Staffs;
visitor John Ray, age 48, Ag.Lab. born Tettenhall, Staffs;

1861: Census (RG9/1884, ED 10, Schedule 60). Living at Codsall Wood.
head George Clift age 58, married, sawyer (wood), born Codsall, Staffs;
wife Hannah, age 56, born Codsall, Staffs;

1871: Census - (RG10/2927 ff 155v Reg Dist: 372, Sub Dist: 1a).
Parish: Codsall, Schedule: 71, Address: Codsall Road.
head George Clift, married aged 71, formerly sawyer, born Staffs, Codsall Wood;
wife Hannah, aged 66, born Staffs, Codsall Wood;

1880: George died on 23 November at Codsall Wood. The death certificate gives his age as 79, and his occupation as 'Sawyer'. The cause of death was given as 'Decay of Nature'. The informant was his son George Clift, 'in attendance'. The death was registered on the 23rd, and George signed with a mark.
George was buried 4 days later at Codsall Parish Church on 27 November. According to the entry in the Parish Register, George was 79 and living in Codsall Wood.

1881: Census (RG11/2789 ff 66v) His widow Hannah was still living in Codsall Wood.

He married Hannah POWELL #724, b. bef 24 Jun 1804, Codsall Wood, Staffordshire,⁷ (daughter of Thomas POWELL #950 and Lucy CLEATON or CLAYTON #951) baptized 24 Jun 1804, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church,² ref: W049, d. 1 Jul 1891, Codsall Wood, Staffordshire,⁸ buried: 4 Jul 1891, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.⁹

Hannah: 1881: Census (RG11/2789 ff 66v) Schedule 89, Codsall Wood. Living next door to her son George Clift.
head Hannah Clift, widow aged 76, annuitant, born Staffs, Codsall Wood;
grandson Thomas Clift, aged 10, scholar, born Staffs, Codsall Wood;

1891: According to Hannah Clift's death certificate, she died on Wednesday 1 July 1891 at Codsall Wood. She was 86 years old, the widow of George Clift [sic], a Farm Labourer. She died of 'senile decay' certified by one F.F. Hawthorn. The death was reported by Emma Clift, her daughter in law - present at the death - of Codsall Wood. She registered the death on 2 July. Hannah was buried at the Parish Church, Codsall on Saturday 4 July. Hannah was aged 86 and living at Codsall Wood. Emma Clift was the (second) wife of Hannah's eldest son George Clift

Children:

5. i George Clift #725 b. bef 15 Mar 1825.
6. ii William CLIFFT #658 b. bef 8 Oct 1826.
- iii Eliza Clift #726, b. bef 27 Jul 1828, Oaken, Near Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 27 Jul 1828, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³
7. iv Charles Clift #727 b. bef 19 Sep 1830.
- v Martha Clift #728, b. bef 16 Sep 1832, Oaken Lawn, Near Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 16 Sep 1832, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³
- vi Susannah Clift #821, b. bef 13 Jul 1834, Oaken, Near Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 13 Jul 1834, Codsall, Staffordshire.³

- vii Hannah Clift #729, b. 1835, Staffordshire.¹⁰
- viii Jemima Clift #730, b. bef 4 Jun 1837, Oaken Lanes, near Codsall, Staffs,³ baptized 4 Jun 1837, Codsall, Staffordshire.³
- ix Mary Clift #820, b. bef 22 Dec 1839, baptized 22 Dec 1839, Codsall, Staffordshire.¹¹
- x Selina Clift #731, b. 1843, Codsall, Staffordshire,⁷ baptized 7 May 1843, Codsall, Staffordshire.¹¹

Third Generation

5. George Clift #725, b. bef 15 Mar 1825, Codsall, Staffordshire,³ baptized 15 Mar 1825, Codsall Wood, Staffordshire,³ ref: WID725, occupation Agricultural Labourer, d. bef 15 Jan 1917, Vicarage Street, Wolverhampton, Staffs., buried: 15 Jan 1917, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.¹²

1861: Census - (RG9/1984).

Reg Dist: Wolverhampton, Sub Dist: Tettenhall, ED 11.

Parish or Township: Codsall, Village: Oaken, Schedule: 70, Address: Oaken Lane.

head George Clift, married aged 36, Farm Labourer, born Codsall Staffordshire;

wife Mary age 31, born Kingswinford, Staffordshire;

son George, age 4, born Tettenhall, Staffordshire;

son Henry, age 2, born Tettenhall, Staffordshire;

son James, age 1, born Codsall, Staffordshire.

1871: Census - (RG10/2927 ff 169).

Parish: Codsall, Village: Oaken, Schedule: 79, Address: Oaken Lawn.

head George Clift, married aged 46, Farm Labourer, born Staffs, Codsall;

wife Mary, aged 41, born Tettenhall, Staffs;

son George, aged 14, Farm Labourer, born Staffs, Codsall;

son Henry, aged 12, Farm Labourer, born Staffs, Codsall;

son James aged 1, born Staffs, Codsall;

daughter Eliza aged 7, born Staffs, Codsall;

son Saumuel, aged 5, born Staffs, Codsall;

son William, aged 3, born Staffs, Codsall;

son Thomas John, aged 11 months, born Staffs, Codsall;

1881: Census (RG11/2789 ff 66v) Schedule 90, Codsall Wood. Living next door to his widowed mother Hannah Clift (nee Powell).

head George Clift, married aged 56, Ag. Lab., Born Staffs, Codsall Wood;

wife Emma aged 43, born Middlesex, Twickenham;

son-in-law Henry Brinley aged 13, scholar, born Staffs Codsall;

son William Clift aged 13, scholar, born Staffs Codsall;

daughter Sarah aged 3, born Staffs Codsall;

1891: Census - (RG12/2223 ff156 p 9).

Reg Dist: Wolverhampton, Sub Dist: Tettenhall, ED 11.

Parish: Codsall, Schedule: 49, Address: Codsall Wood (next to the Post Office).

head George Clift, married aged 65, Agricultural Labourer, born Staffs, Oaken;

wife Emma, aged 53, born Middlesex, Twickenham;

step-daughter Emma Brindley, single, aged 25, born Staffs, Woverhampton;

daughter Sarah Clift, aged 14, born Staffs, Codsall;

mother Hannah Clift, widow, aged 86, born Staffs, Codsall.

1891: George's mother Hannah died on 1 July at Codsall Wood. His wife Emma reported the death.

1917: Buried at Codsall. He was living at Vicarage St. Wolverhampton when he died, aged 91 according to the Parish Register.

He married (1) Mary _____ #1055, b. 1830, Kingswinford, Staffordshire.¹³

Mary: The 1871 Census gave her place of birth as Tettenhall.

Children:

i George Clift #1097, b. 1857, Tettenhall, Staffordshire.¹³

ii Henry Clift #1098, b. 1859, Tettenhall, Staffordshire.¹³

iii James Clift #1099, b. 1860, Codsall, Staffordshire.¹³

iv Eliza Clift #1081, b. 1864.⁶

Marriage after Banns: Charles Henry Wakefield aged 23 batchelor, Police Officer, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury. Father William Wakefield, Manager. Eliza Clift aged 27, single of Codsall Wood, father George Clift, Labourer. Witnesses: Arthur Wakefield, Edith Harriet Davies.

She married Charles Henry Wakefield #1082, 16 Aug 1891, in Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church,⁶ b. 1868,⁶ (son of William Wakefield #1083) living: 1891, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Salop.,⁶ occupation Police Officer.

v Samuel Clift #944, b. 1865, Codsall, Staffordshire.¹⁴

1881: Census - Living next door to Hannah Clift and her son George Clift in Codsall Wood. Possibly her grandson. Head George Wanell married aged 61, Shoemaker, born Codsall; + others Apprentice Samuel Clift aged 16, Shoe Maker, born Codsall;.

vi William Clift #942, b. 1868, Codsall, Staffordshire.¹⁴

vii Thomas John Clift #940, b. ___ May 1870, Codsall Wood, Staffordshire.¹⁵

1881: Census living with his grandmother Hannah Clift (nee Powell) in Codsall Wood.

He married (2) Emma ?Lorderry? #941, 15 Mar 1875, in Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church,⁶ b. 1838, Twickenham, Middlesex,¹⁴ (daughter of Robert ?Lorderry? #1090) d. bef 30 Jul 1899, Codsall Wood, Staffordshire,¹² buried: 30 Jul 1899, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.¹²
Emma: Maiden surname deduced from her second marriage to George Clift. The name was difficult to read in the marriage register. She married as Emma Brindley.

Children:

viii Sarah Clift #943, b. 1878, Codsall, Staffordshire.¹⁴

6. William CLIFFT #658, b. bef 8 Oct 1826, Oaken Lanes, near Codsall, Staffs,³ living: 1860 - 1873, Heath, Wombourn, Wolverhampton, baptized 8 Oct 1826, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church,³ ref: W024, occupation Farm Labourer, Gardener.
1841: Census (HO107/1002/5 folio 11) Living at home with his parents, at Oaken Lanes. Codsall, Staffordshire, age 14 - see notes for his father George Clift.

1850: Marriage Certificate - married in the Parish Church, Beckbury, Shropshire on 20 May 1850.
William Clift (mark) of full age, bachelor. A sawyer, resident at Codsall. Father: George Clift, Farmer.
Ann Macefield, 18 years of age, spinster. a servant, resident at Beckbury.
Father: Jeremiah Macefield, labourer.
Witnesses: Jeremiah Macefield (mark) & Mary Macefield.

1854: Birth of daughter Hannah in Shifnall, Shropshire.

1856: Birth of son William in Codsall, Staffordshire.

1861: Census (RG9/1986 ff 29 - Wolverhampton, Wombourn, ED 2 Sch 48)
Living at Heath.
head William Clift, married, age 34, Ag. Lab. born Staffs, Codsall;
wife Ann age 30 born Beckbury, Shropshire;
daughter Hannah age 7 scholar born Shifnall, Shropshire;
son William age 5 scholar born Codsall, Staffordshire;
son Joseph age 1 born Wombourn, Staffordshire;

1871: Census (RG10/2929 ff 26 - Wolverhampton, Wombourn, ED 2D Sch 42)
Living at Heath
head William Clift, married, age 45, Ag. Lab. born Codsall, Staffordshire;
wife Ann age 41 born Badger Heath, Shropshire;
son William unmarried age 17 Ag. Lab. born Codsall Wood, Staffs;
son Joseph age 11 scholar born Wombourn, Staffordshire;
daughter Mary age 8 scholar born Wombourn;
son Samuel age 6 scholar born Wombourn;
daughter Emma age 4 born Wombourn;
son George age 2 born Wombourn;
son James age 2 months born Wombourn;

1881: Census - (RG11/2849 ff 21 p 35).
Reg Dist: 373 West Bromwich, Sub Dist: 4 West Bromwich North East.
Parish or Township: West Bromwich, Village: Wednesbury, Schedule: 151, Address: 45 New St..
head William Clift [sic], married aged 54, General labourer, born Staffs, Codsall;
wife Ann, aged 50, born Staffs, Staffs, Bager [sic];
son George, aged 14, scholar, born Staffs, Wombourne;
son James, aged 11, scholar, born Staffs, Wombourne;
son Charles, aged 7, scholar, born Staffs, Wombourne;

He married Ann MACEFIELD #676, 20 May 1850, in Parish Church of Beckbury, Shropshire,¹⁶ b. bef 24 Jul 1831, Badger, Shropshire, (daughter of Jeremiah MASEFIELD #705 and Fanny CHILD #706) baptized 24 Jul 1831, Badger, Shropshire,¹⁷ ref: W025.
Ann: 1850: Marriage Certificate - to William Clift, age 18 years, spinster, servant, residing at Beckbury, Shropshire, father Jeremiah Macefield, labourer. Ann signed.
Witnesses Jeremiah Macefield (mark), Mary Macefield, signed.

Children:

- i Hannah Clift #697, b. 1854, Shifnall, Shropshire.¹⁸
ii William Clift #698, b. 1856, Codsall, Staffordshire.¹⁸
iii Joseph Clift #699, b. bef 25 Mar 1860, Wombourn Heath, Staffordshire,¹⁹ baptized 25 Mar 1860, Wombourne, Staffs - Parish Church.¹⁹
iv Mary Clift #700, b. bef 18 Jan 1863, Giggety, Wombourne, Staffordshire,¹⁹ baptized 18 Jan 1863, Wombourne, Staffs - Parish Church.¹⁹
v Samuel Clift #701, b. bef 2 Apr 1865, Giggety, Wombourne, Staffordshire,¹⁹ baptized 2 Apr 1865, Wombourne, Staffs - Parish Church.¹⁹
vi Emma Clift #702, b. bef 7 Apr 1867, Wombourn Heath, Staffordshire,¹⁹ baptized 7 Apr 1867, Wombourne, Staffs - Parish Church.¹⁹
vii George Clift #703, b. bef 3 Jan 1869, Giggety, Wombourne, Staffordshire,¹⁹ baptized 3 Jan 1869, Wombourne, Staffs - Parish Church.¹⁹
viii James Clift #704, b. ___ Feb 1871, Giggety, Wombourne, Staffordshire,²⁰ baptized 12 Mar 1871, Wombourne, Staffs - Parish Church.¹⁹
8. ix Charles CLIFFT #56 b. 9 Jul 1873.

7. Charles Clift #727, b. bef 19 Sep 1830, Codsall, Staffordshire,²¹ baptized 19 Sep 1830, Codsall, Staffordshire - Parish Church.³

1881: Census (RG11/2795 ff 42 Reg Dist: 372 Wolverhampton, Sub Dist: 4 Wolverhampton West) Schedule 156 Gaisby House, Penn Road.
head Charles Clift, married aged 50, gardener born Staffs, Codsall;
wife Sarah aged 60, born Staffs, Tong;
daughter Rose, unmarried aged 23, dressmaker, born Staffs Tettenhall;
daughter Louisa, unmarried aged 21, born Staffs, Woverhampton;
daughter Sarah, unmarried aged 18, pupil teacher, born Staffs Wolverhampton;

He married Sarah _____ #946, b. 1821, Tong, Staffordshire ?.²¹

Children:

- i Rose Clift #947, b. 1858, Tettenhall, Staffordshire,²¹ occupation Dressmaker.
- ii Louisa Clift #948, b. 1860, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire,²¹
- iii Sarah Clift #949, b. 1863, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire,²¹ occupation Pupil Teacher.

Fourth Generation

8. Charles CLIFFT #56, b. 9 Jul 1873, Heath, Wombourne, Wolverhampton,²² ref: W012, occupation Coal Miner.
Lived at Streets Lane, Landywood, Cheslyn Hay

1873: Birth Certificate (Reg Dist: Wolverhampton, Sub Dist: Wombourne, Stafford)
born 9 Jul 1873 at Heath, Wombourne. Father: William Clift, farm labourer.
Mother: Ann Clift formerly Macefield. Birth registered by Ann Clift
mother of Heath, Wombourne on 19 Aug 1873.

1881: Census - (RG11/2849 ff 21 p 35). Charles is living with his parents
and two elder brothers.
Reg Dist: 373 West Bromwich, Sub Dist: 4 West Bromwich North East.
Parish or Township: West Bromwich, Village: Wednesbury, Schedule: 151,
Address: 45 New St.
head William Clift [sic], married aged 54, General labourer, born Staffs, Codsall;
wife Ann, aged 50, born Staffs, Staffs, Bager [sic];
son George, aged 14, scholar, born Staffs, Wombourne;
son James, aged 11, scholar, born Staffs, Wombourne;
son Charles, aged 7, scholar, born Staffs, Wombourne;

1896: Marriage certificate (Reg Dist: Cannock) They married after Banns
in St Marks, Great Wyrley, Staffordshire on 24 May 1896.
Charles Clift, age 23 bachelor. A miner, living at Great Wyrley.
Father: William Clift, Gardener.
Eliza Ann Heafield age 20, spinster. Living at Great Wyrley. Father:
George Heafield, miner.
Witnesses Jonas Heafield & Miss Ann Garratt.

1897-1907: Charles and Rebecca's children George Harold, Alice May, Edith
Bertha, Sydney Charles and Beatrice Amy were all baptised at the Parish
Church, Great Wyrley. Charles was a miner throughout this period.
1897: Birth of son George Harold on 7 February. They lived at Low Street, Cheslyn Hay.
1899: Baptism of daughter Alice May on 18 June. They lived at Cheslyn Hay.
1901: Baptism of daughter Edith Bertha on 27 January. They lived at Great Wyrley.
1905: Baptism of son Sydney Charles on 29 January. They lived at Great Wyrley.
1907: Baptism of daughter Beatrice Amy on 28 April. They lived at Great Wyrley.

He married Eliza Ann HEAFIELD #57, 24 May 1896, in St Mark's Church, Great Wyrley, Staffs,¹⁶ b. 23 Sep 1876, Landy Wood, Wyrley, Cannock, Penkridge,²² (daughter of
George HEAFIELD #657 and Rebecca STANTON #88) ref: W013.
Eliza: 1881: Census (RG11/2787 Folio 136) - age 4, living in Landywood, Great
Wyrley with her parents. See notes for father George Heafield for more details.
1891: Census (RG12/2222 Folio 157) - not living at home.

Children:

- i George Harold CLIFFE #5, b. 7 Feb 1897, Low Street, Cheslyn Hay, Cannock, STS, baptized 7 Mar 1897, Great Wyrley, Staffs.- Parish Church,²³ ref: W006, d. 13 Sep 1977, Lowdges, Sheffield.²⁴
1897: Birth registered as CLIFFT.
George Harold Clift was born on 7 February 1897 in Low Street, Cheslyn Hay, Staffordshire. His father was Charles Clift, Coal Miner, and his mother was Eliza Ann Clift formerly Heafield. E A Clift - mother registered the birth on 9 March 1897. The birth was registered in the Registration District of Cannock, in the Sub-District of Cannock.
George Harold was baptised at the Parish Church of Great Wyrley on 7 March 1897, the son of Charles and Eliza Ann Clift of Cheslyn Hay. His father was a miner.

1918: Married at Dore. He was nearly 21, but declared his age as 27, adding 6 years to his age, while Doris was 32, and also admitted to 27. He was a Sapper R.E. resident at Redmires Camp, Fullwood, Sheffield. He listed his father as Charles Cliffe, Miner. Witnesses were Thomas Samuel Drury and Jennie Copestake

1924-5: (2) Spring 1924, Spring & Autumn 1925.
Living at 94 Buttermere Road. GHC and Doris were listed. Note that (1) gives the occupant as Mrs Emily Adams in 1924-6. GHC was not at Buttermere Rd in the Spring 1923 Roll.

1927-8: (1) GHC was living at 10 Molloy Place, Meersbrook. His occupation was journeyman tinsmith. Next door at No 8, lived William Alexander Bridges, an engraver. GHC was not living there in 1926, although Bridges was.

1928/9-1934/5: (3) (6 Poll Books) 10 Molloy Place. Electors GHC + Doris. In 1932/3 there was a Fredk. Woodrow at the same address.

1931,1933-4: (1) Living at 10 Molloy Place, occupation bus driver in 1931 & 1933. In 1934, his occupation was 'car driver'..

1934/5: (3) 10 Molloy Place. Electors GHC + Doris + Shelah Cliffe + George Davies [BDW recalls that Shalah was engaged to George Davies, but doesn't recall him living with them]. Harold George Bridges was living at No 8 during all these years (1928-35).

1935/6: (3) 10 Molloy Place. Electors GHC, Doris, Shelah. Harold Bridges had gone from No 8.

1936-7: (1) Living at No 1 Essendine Crescent, Sheffield. Occupation, brake fitter.

1977: George Harold Cliffe died on 13 September 1977 in a Local Authority Old Peoples home at 501 Lowedges Crescent, Sheffield. He died of heart failure. His death was reported by Barbara Dorothea Wager, his daughter, who gave his date of birth as 1895. George Harold had added two years to his age at some time and never given it up!

The Clif/Cliff/Cliff/Cliffe spelling was quite flexible up until the mid-19C. Then you can see the different spellings hardening within different branches of the family. The curates registering their births had trouble, and there are references to 'Cliff alias Cliff' and so on.

References:

- (1) Kellys Directory of Sheffield & Rotherham - Sheffield Local Studies Library.
 - (2) Electoral Rolls for Eccleshall Ward, Carterknowle Polling District - Sheffield Local Studies Library.
 - (3) Electoral Rolls for Heeley Ward, Ruskin Polling District - Sheffield Local Studies Library.
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He married Doris Dorinee PEARSON #6, 1 Jan 1918, in Christchurch, Dore, DBY,²⁵ b. 9 Jun 1886, Providence Terr, Swaffham, U.S.D.,²⁶ (daughter of David Scase PEARSON #514 and Annie Dorothea BUTTERS #513) baptized 7 Jul 1886, Parish Church of Swaffham, Norfolk,²⁷ ref: W007, d. 26 Jan 1971, Sheffield.²⁴

Doris: From BDW: Lived at Castleacre nr Swaffham - probably born there or thereabouts. She spoke of Rider Haggard who lived there too. Also of eel spearing at night on R Waveney and Bungay Common.

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- ii Alice May Clift #58, b. 20 May 1899, Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley, Staffs,²⁸ baptized 18 Jun 1899, Great Wyrley, Staffs.- Parish Church.²³ Address (1995) 7 St John's Lane Estate, Great Wyrley. May is still alive and complaining that BDW has not sent a b'day card 12 Jan 1998.

She married John (Jack) Hassall #124.

- iii Edith Bertha Clifft #170, b. bef 27 Jan 1901, Great Wyrley, Staffordshire,²⁹ baptized 27 Jan 1901, Great Wyrley, Staffs.- Parish Church.²⁹
- iv Sydney Charles (Sid) Clifft #61, b. bef 29 Jan 1905, Great Wyrley, Staffordshire,²⁹ baptized 29 Jan 1905, Great Wyrley, Staffs.- Parish Church.²⁹
- v Beatrice Amy Clifft #60, b. bef 28 Apr 1907, Great Wyrley, Staffordshire,²⁹ baptized 28 Apr 1907, Great Wyrley, Staffs.- Parish Church.²⁹
Known as Amy [BDW].
- vi Minnie Florence (Vera) Clifft #171, b. 26 Jul 1910, Landy Wood, Wyrley, Cannock, Penkridge,³⁰ baptized 21 Aug 1910, Great Wyrley, Staffs.- Parish Church.³⁰
- vii Albert Cliffe #59, b. 14 Dec 1916, Landy Wood, Wyrley, Cannock, Penkridge,³⁰ baptized 14 Jan 1917, Great Wyrley, Staffs.- Parish Church.³⁰
Lived at Streets Lane after parents died.(BDW).

¹ Codsall, Staffordshire - Registers of the Parish Church. Burials 1813 - 1853 Microfiche copy in the Staffordshire Record Office, Stafford. Fiche D743/9.

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³ Codsall, Staffordshire - Registers of the Parish Church. Bapt. 1813-1837 Microfiche copy in the Staffordshire Record Office, Stafford. Fiche D743/6.

⁴ 1851: Census - (HO107/2016 ff 613 p 11). Reg Dist: 378 Penkridge, Sub Dist: 3 Cannock, ED 9b. Parish: Cheslyn Hay Extra Parochial, Schedule: 46, Address: Lowney Green.

⁵ Codsall, Staffordshire - Registers of the Parish Church. Burials 1853-1886. Microfiche copy in the Staffordshire Record Office, Stafford. Fiche D743/10.

⁶ Codsall, Staffordshire - Registers of the Parish Church. Marriages 1837-1917. Microfiche copy in the Staffordshire Record Office, Stafford. Fiche D743/14.

⁷ 1851 Census for Wolverhampton Seisdon, Tettenhall, ED 1a. HO107/2017/.

⁸ Death Certificate - Copy in the File.

⁹ Codsall, Staffordshire - Registers of the Parish Church. Burials 1886 - 1918. Microfiche copy in the Staffordshire Record Office, Stafford. Fiche D743/11.

¹⁰ 1841 Census for Parish of Codsall, Staffs - HO107/1002/5 folio 11.

¹¹ IGI for Staffordshire at the Society of Genealogists.

¹² Codsall, Staffordshire - Registers of the Parish Church. Microfiche copy in the Staffordshire Record Office, Stafford. Fiche D743/11.

¹³ 1861: Census - (RG9/1984). Reg Dist: Wolverhampton, Sub Dist: Tettenhall, ED 11. Parish or Township: Codsall, Village: Oaken, Schedule: 70, Address: Oaken Lane.

¹⁴ 1881 Census Codsall, Staffordshire - RG11/2789 ff 66v. RSD Seisdon, Parish of Codsall. Codsall Wood.

¹⁵ 1871: Census - (RG10/2927 ff 169). Parish: Codsall, Village: Oaken, Schedule: 79, Address: Oaken Lawn.

¹⁶ Marriage Certificate in the file.

¹⁷ IGI for Shropshire as of Mar 1992 - Copy at Society of Genealogists - 1996/7, Source C131173.

¹⁸ 1861 Census, Wolverhampton, Wombourne, ED 2, Schedule 48; RG9/1986 folio 29.

¹⁹ Wombourne, Staffordshire - Parish Registers - Baptisms Staffordshire Record Office Fiche Copies F3710/1/5 (3 fiches).

²⁰ 1871 Census, Wolverhampton, Wombourne ED 2D Sch 42, Parish of St Benedict; RG10/2929 folio 26.

²¹ 1881 Census Wolverhampton West - RG11/2789 ff 66v. St Pauls, Wolverhampton, Gaisby House, Penn Road.

²² Birth Certificate in file.

²³ Great Wyrley Parish Registers. Baptisms 1886 - 1899. Microfiche copy at Staffordshire Record Office. D1215/1/2.

²⁴ Death Certificate.

²⁵ Marriage Certificate.

²⁶ Birth Certificate.

²⁷ Parish Register of Swaffham, Norfolk. Microfiche Copy - SoG NF/REG/74283 & 79742.

²⁸ Barbara Dorothea Wager - Personal Information.

²⁹ Great Wyrley Parish Registers. Baptisms 1899 - . Microfiche copy at Staffordshire Record Office. D1215/1/3.

³⁰ Great Wyrley Parish Registers. Baptisms Original Registers at Staffordshire Record Office.