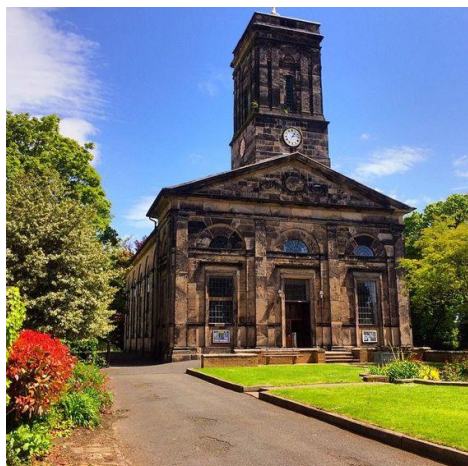


Walmsley,  
Surgeon,  
Hodnet.



Who were the  
Walmsley's?



John Walmsley was born on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1795 in Wellington to parents Samuel and Sarah (nee Taylor). They had married on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1794 in All Saints Church, Wellington. John was baptised on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1795 in the same church. His father Samuel was an ironmonger.

On 8<sup>th</sup> October 1822, John Walmsley married Mary Allen at Holy Trinity church in Uffington. During their marriage they had ten children.



Their eldest child, **John Allen Walmsley** was born in 1823 in Much Wenlock. He was baptised on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1823 at Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock and I have the extract from the baptism record:

Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Allen Son of	John Mary	Walmsley	Surgeon	Wenlock	Edw. Tillet Curate
No. 718.						

Their second child, **William Taylor** was again baptised at Holy Trinity Church in Much Wenlock on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1825.



May 26 <sup>th</sup>	William Taylor son of	John & Mary	Walmsley	Woodcock	Surgeon	Edw <sup>d</sup> Toller Curate
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No. 851.

You will note that on both the above baptism records, John is described as a surgeon.



So, where is the connection with Hodnet? John and Mary's subsequent children were all baptised in St Luke's Church, Hodnet.

I have studied the baptism records at St Luke's Church and found the following information:

**Jane Elizabeth** was baptised on 26<sup>th</sup> December 1826.

- 27.	Jane Eliz <sup>th</sup> d. of	John & Mary	Walmsley	Hodnet.	Surgeon.	J. Blunt.
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No. 716.

**Samuel Elsmore** was baptised on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1828 but sadly, died on 14<sup>th</sup> February 1829.

- 17.	Samuel - Elsmore son of	John & Mary	Walmsley	Hodnet.	Surgeon	J. J. Blunt.
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No. 789.

**Thomas Elsmere** was baptised on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1829 but again died in infancy on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1830.

7 <sup>th</sup> No. 856.	Thomas Elsmere son of	John and Mary	Walsley	Surgeon.	Hodnet.	J. J. Short.
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**Richard Joseph** was baptised on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1831.

10 <sup>th</sup> No. 912.	Richard Joseph son of	John and Mary	Walsley	Hodnet.	Surgeon	J. J. Short.
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**Sarah Ann** was baptised on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1833 but died aged 9 months on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1834.

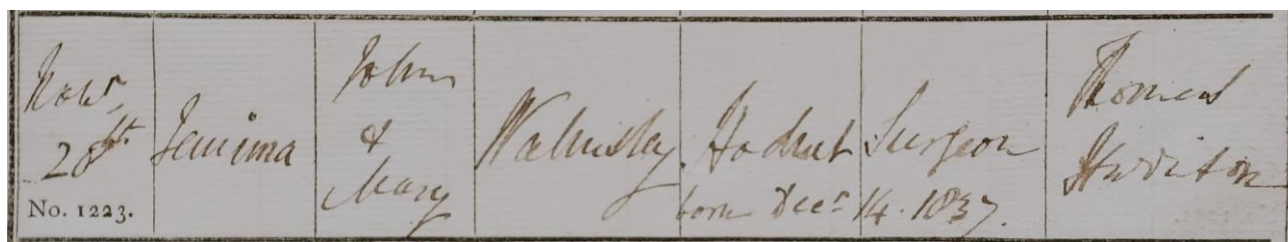
July 30 No. 1002.	Sarah Ann	John and Mary	Walsley	Hodnet	Surgeon	Charles B. Taylor
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**Mary Ellen (aka Eleanor)** was born on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1835 and baptised on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1835.

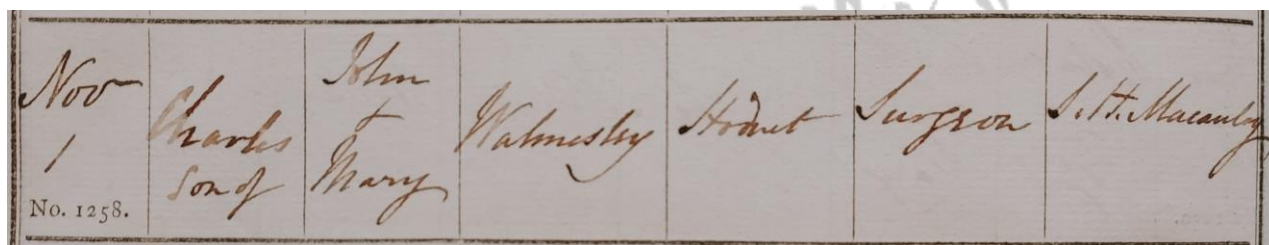
March 31. No. 1079.	Mary Ellen	John and Mary	Walsley	Hodnet	Surgeon	Charles B. Taylor
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**Jemima** was born on 14 December 1837 and was baptised on 28<sup>th</sup> November 1838.



**Charles** was baptised on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1839.



I then checked the burial records and found that the three children who died in infancy were all buried in Plot T23. Sadly, their gravestone no longer exists but the following memorial inscription record survives.

T32. Beneath this stone rest the mortal remains of three children/ sons and daughter of John WALMSLEY/ surgeon of this place and Mary his/ wife. Samuel Elsinore died February 12th 1829, aged 9 months/ Thomas Elsinore died May 18th 1830/ aged 3 months./ Sarah Anne/ died March 25th 1834 aged 8 months.

At the time of the 1841 census the family were living in Hodnet. The 1841 census is brief in its description of the address of the occupants, so Hodnet is the only description that is given:

c/o	1	John Valmsley	45	Surgeon	2
		Mary do	45		2
		Mary Eleanor do	5		2
		Femima do	3		2
		Charles do	1		2
		Thomas Parrot	25	Assistant	2

Once again, John's profession is given as surgeon. You will note that John and Mary's four eldest children are not resident with them.

Having done some further research, I have found the following information regarding John and Mary's children. **John Allen** was listed as a medical student on the 1841 census, and he was resident at Euston Grove, London.

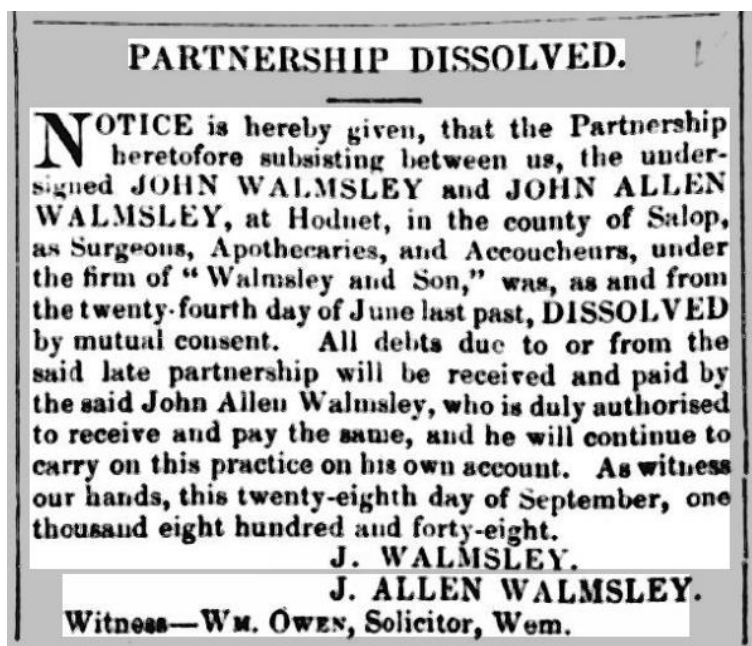
Thomas Parrot	20	Student	No
Thomas Davis	20	do	No
John Clark	15	Student	No
John Valmsley	15	Student	No
Mary Tucker	22	F. S.	2
Elizabeth Jackson	25	F. S.	2
William Ward	15	M. S.	2

At the time of the 1841 census **William Taylor** was living on High Street, Wem and was listed as being a draper.

On the 1841 census **Jane Elizabeth** was a pupil at Noble Street School in Wem (now Thomas Adams School).

I have been unable to find **Richard Joseph** on the 1841 census.

What I have found is that **John Allen Walmsley** qualified in 1844 as MRCS and LCA and he and his father John went into partnership as Surgeons, Apothecaries and Accoucheurs (male midwives). On 24<sup>th</sup> June 1848 this partnership was dissolved, and I found the following newspaper articles in the Shrewsbury Chronicle and Eddowes's Shrewsbury Journal:



Eddowes's Shrewsbury  
Journal dated 25<sup>th</sup> October  
1848

So, what happened to John Walmsley and family after the above partnership was dissolved?

At the time of the 1851 census John, his wife and children **Jane Elizabeth**, **Richard Joseph**, **Mary Ellen** and **Jemima** were living at Malloon, West Felton, Nr Oswestry.

36	John Walmsley	Head	Mar	56	Licentiate Apothecaries Hall	Wellingt
	Mary	Wife		55	London - General Practitioner	Wellingt
	Jane	Daughter	16	23		Hodnet
	Richard	Son	11	19		
	Mary	Daughter	11	16		
	Jemima	Daughter		13		
No. of House	on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Head of Family	Males	Females	Occupation	Dist. and Parish
						Shropshire, Hodnet



John Walmsley died on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1857. It was noted in the local newspaper.

**3<sup>rd</sup> inst., at West Felton, Salop, aged 64, Mr John Walmsley, surgeon, formerly of Hodnet, Salop.**

Mary, John's wife died on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1857 in Ballaughton on the Isle of Man as detailed in the notice published in Eddowes Shrewsbury Journal: (The connection to the Isle of Man will become apparent later in this document).

**WALMSLEY.—25th Nov, at Ballaughton, Isle of Man, Mary, relict of the late John Walmsley, E-q, surgeon, of West Felton, and formerly of Hodnet, in this county.**

Again, I was able to find that they were buried in Plot M6 and the following memorial inscription details:

M1. Beneath this stone/ rest the mortal remains/ of John WALMSLEY/ Surgeon formerly at this place/ who died at West Felton/ Oct<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1857/ aged 62 years/ Also of Mary wife of/ the said John WALMSLEY/ who died at Ballaughton Isle of Man/ Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1857/ aged 63 years.

The gravestone is still in place but is moss and lichen covered so is not legible.

I will now refer to each of John Walmsley's children. I will come back to **John Allen Walmsley** later after working through the other children.

At the time of the 1851 census, **William Taylor** was living on Birmingham Street, Willenhall with a Joseph Harthill who



was a GP. **William** was described as a medical assistant.

1	Birmingham	Jeremiah Warrell	Head	11	46	General Practitioner L.R.C.	Staffordshire Willenhall
		William Taylor Walmsley	serv	11	24	Medical Assistant	Staffordshire Much Wenlock
		John Richard Wickham	App	11	20	Medical Student	Staffordshire Bilston
		William Gitt	App	11	16	Dr. & Co. & Co.	Staffordshire Bilston
		Sarah Adams	Serv	11	31	Cook	Staffordshire Willenhall
		Sarah Pitt-Bottley	Serv	11	22	Housemaid	Staffordshire Bilston

The next time I found **William** was on the Australia, Inward, Outward and Coastal Passenger Lists. He had boarded the ship Alabama which left Liverpool on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1853 bound for Melbourne, arriving there on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1853. In 1858 he married **Elizabeth Reynolds Dale (nee Winn)** in the state of Victoria, Australia. During their marriage they had at least three children – **William Winn Walmsley 1858-1863** and **Jane Jemima Walmsley 1860-1940** and **Charles 1862-1940 1862**. Sadly, on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1863 **William Taylor** died. I have not been able to find any newspaper reports or other documentation.

He was buried at Chewton Cemetery in Victoria. He was buried in the same plot as his son **William Winn Walmsley** who had died on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1863.



I found the following announcement in the newspaper in 1867 relating to **Elizabeth, William's** widow:

**COSTELLO—WALMSLEY.**—On the 6th February, by the Rev. James Love, Wickham Terrace Presbyterian Church, Alexander Costello, Esq., Brisbane Academy, Herbert-street, to Elizabeth, widow of the late William T. Walmsley, Esq., M.D., Chewton, Victoria,



**Jane Elizabeth** married **Thomas Yates** on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1851 in St Michael's Church, West Felton.

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.
68	July 23.	Thomas Yates	30	Bachelor	Yeoman	West Felton	Robert Yates	Yeoman
		Jane Elizabeth Walmsley	21	Spinster		West Felton	John Walmsley	Yeoman

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Anglican Church by me, Mr George Bentley

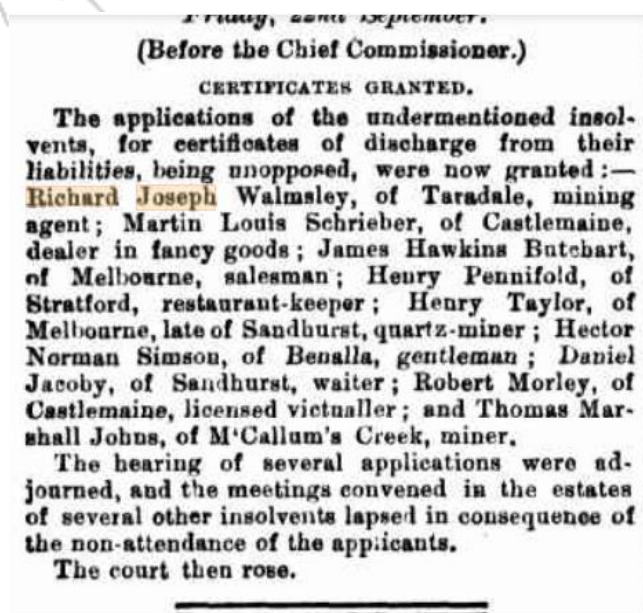
This Marriage was solemnized between us, Thomas Yates in the Presence of us, William Taylor Walmsley and Jane Yates Wm. Yates

During their marriage they had ten children – **John Roger 1852-1901, Agnes Mary 1854-1888, Edith Eleanor 1856-1860, Frederick Thomas 1858-1860, Charles Walmsley 1859-1860, Thomas Ellesmere 1861-1935, Rowland Walmsley 1863-1899, Hugh Clement 1867-1867, Allen Walmsley 1869-1901, and Jane Elizabeth Ellen 1871-1943.**



In 1861 the family were living in Prestwich where **Thomas** was described as a cotton merchant. By 1871 and 1881, still living at Prestwich Park, **Thomas** was described as a share broker. On 26<sup>th</sup> July 1885 **Thomas** died at Claremont, Prestwich. By the time of the 1891 **Jane** had moved to Barton upon Irwell. She was described as living on her own means. At some point **Jane Elizabeth** emigrates to Australia. She died in 1901 in Ballarat, Victoria.

I have found a Quarter Sessions document dated 1852 which refers to **Richard Joseph Walmsley** of West Felton as an assistant surgeon. It would appear as though he went to Australia at the same time as his older brother **William Taylor** under the Victoria, Australia, Assisted and Unassisted Passenger Lists in May 1853. I have found a register for The Southern Cross Lodge of Freemasons in Australia dated 1863. This shows **Richard** living at Daylesford and lists his occupation as a chemist. A newspaper report regarding insolvency in 1865 gave **Richard's** occupation as a mining agent.



**Richard Joseph Walmsley**, of Taradale, and formerly of Daylesford, mining agent. Causes of insolvency: Adverse judgment, which he is unable to satisfy, pressure of creditors, and inability to realise on Daylesford mining scrip. Liabilities, £108 9s 9½d; assets, £67 3s 1d; deficiency, £341 6s 9½d. Mr Goodman, official assignee.

Like his brother, **Richard** met an early death in February 1866.

#### DEATH OF MR R. J. WALMSLEY

With feelings of the most poignant distress, we are called upon to chronicle the death of Mr Richard J. Walmsley, formerly Chemist of Maldon. Mr Walmsley was for some years in business in Maldon, and we can safely say he was one of those men who could not make an enemy. He was the friend of all. Giving up business in Maldon, he proceeded to Daylesford, where he was not fortunate in mining speculations. Taking up his abode in Taradale he still remained unsuccessful, and just a week ago he came to Maldon, with the intention of again going into business here. On Wednesday he was attacked with that horrible disease, known, we believe, as "putrid sore throat." From the first the medical attendant, Dr O'Neill, had no hope, and on Sunday morning, at near two o'clock, Mr Walmsley expired. The very sudden nature of the calamity cast a great gloom on the town generally, and of the deep grief of his more immediate friends we will not speak. His remains were yesterday consigned to their last resting place at the Maldon cemetery. Deceased was a brother of the Southern Cross Lodge of ancient and accepted Masons; and his funeral was attended by the brethren of that Lodge, and many members of the Odd Fellows and Forsters' societies, to which Mr Walmsley belonged. The procession altogether was one of the largest we have yet seen in Maldon, and amply (particularly on the short notice) testified to the general respect in which deceased was held. The Masonic brethren performed their solemn and impressive ceremony after the R. v. Mr Stretch had gone through the beautiful service of the Church of England. Deceased was a native of Salop, in Shropshire, and was thirty-five years of age. He was borne to the grave by three immediate friends and three Past Masters of the Southern Cross Masonic Lodge. His brother Charles is well known to Maldon, and we understand is now in Queensland. The only other relations we know of are the widow and family of his deceased brother, William T. Walmsley, formerly dispenser at the Maldon Hospital. Not only his Mrs Walmsley and Mr Charles Walmsley lost a firm and steadfast friend, but all intimately acquainted with deceased will agree with us, that they have lost a manly fellow—who had a kind thought—and action—for all.



**Mary Ellen (aka Eleanor)** married **James Hargreaves** on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1853 in St Michael's Church, West Felton.

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1853. Marriage solemnized *at the Parish Church* in the *Parish* of *West Felton* in the County of *Salop*

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.
83	<i>September 8<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>James Hargreaves</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Gent.</i>	<i>Whittington</i>	<i>James Hargreaves</i>	<i>Gent.</i>
		<i>Mary Eleanor Walmsley</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Spinster</i>		<i>Felton</i>	<i>John Walmsley</i>	<i>Surgeon</i>

Married in the *Parish Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Established Church* by me, *Wm. Jones Bentley*

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { *James Hargreaves* } in the Presence of us, { *John Walmsley* }

**MARRIAGES.**

**8th Sept. at Westfelton, by the Rev. P. G. Bentley, James Hargreaves, Esq. of Penybryn, Whittington, to Mary Eleanor, second daughter of John Walmsley, Esq. of The Malloon, Westfelton.**

The newspapers were full of the news of their marriage as the following articles show:



WASTFELTON.—On Thursday last this village was all astir, celebrating the marriage of James Hargreaves, Esq. of Penybryn, Whittington, to Miss M. E. Walmsley, second daughter of J. Walmsley, Esq. of the Malloon, Felton. Triumphal arches spanned the road in several places, bearing mottoes, expressive of the feelings of the inhabitants towards the happy pair. The ceremony took place about ten o'clock, in the parish church, in the presence of a very numerous and highly respectable company assembled to witness the same. The service was performed by the Rev. P. G. Bentley. After the ceremony was over the cortege, consisting of five carriages, returned to the bride's father's residence. The children of the National Schools, the committee, a waggon conveying an ox and four fat sheep, followed by a large number of friends and well-wishers, joined in procession, headed by a capital band of music, which accompanied the bridal party to the entrance gate of Mr. Walmsley's, where the cheers of the assembly were deafening. After partaking of a sumptuous dejeuner the bride and bridegroom left Felton, and proceeded per rail, on a tour. The popularity of Mr. Hargreaves, his benevolence and kind offices, are so well known, that as soon as it was known this interesting event was to take place, it was determined that something should be done to celebrate it. Subscriptions, to a good round amount, flowed in, and a committee, at the head of which was Mr. G. D. Brittain, of Sutton, proceeded to business. An ox and four sheep were purchased and distributed amongst the poor; the children of the schools were regaled with a plentiful supply of old English fare at the Fox and Hounds; tea and plum-cake was provided for the ladies in a large marquee, and to those who preferred it a quantity of French cream. Sundry old English sports, after tea, took place, and a merry dance closed the amusements of the day. The committee and friends dined at the Lion, where a dinner was provided by the landlord, Mr. Bromley. The chairs were filled by Mr. Brittain and Mr. Morrell; about fifty gentlemen from the neighbourhood of Oswestry, and several from Shrewsbury and Whittington sat down to dinner. The healths of Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves, Mr. and Mrs. Walmsley, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer were pledged and drank with due honours, and every fervent wish expressed for their continued health and happiness. We must not omit to mention that a very great number of ladies in Felton did their best to promote the hilarity of the party, by taking the duties of the tea-table with an earnestness that showed their warmth in the festivities of the day. A shower of rain came on a little too soon, which rather abruptly broke up the fun. A large subscription is raised at Whittington, where it is intended to renew the festivities, on the return of Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves.



WHITTINGTON.—THE RETURN OF MR. HARGREAVES AND HIS BRIDE.—Yesterday being the day fixed for the return of Mr. Hargreaves with his bride to Whittington, the village was early up and doing to welcome them home. As we noticed in our account of the Felton festivities that a large sum of money had been collected for the occasion, it was yesterday that a demonstration in honour of the happy event came off. A bill about a yard and half long announced what was to take place; and as the hour approached for the arrival of the train conveying the happy pair, the village became thronged with friends and well-wishers, to participate in the festivities, and join in welcoming them home. Triumphal arches were erected in various parts of the village, and every house on the route displayed some tasteful display of evergreens and flowers, surmounted with appropriate mottoes. On the arrival of the train, the immediate relations and friends of the bride and bridegroom were in attendance at the railway station to receive them. As soon as they entered their carriage, the joyous shout and the loud hurrah arose from the assembly. A procession was formed of the children of the schools, clad in neat apparel, with new caps and bonnets, bearing green and white favors, headed by a band in full uniform, followed by the friends and well-wishers, and a large and well ordered retinue of flags, &c.; the rear was closed by two waggons conveying two oxen and four sheep gaily decorated, and attended by the knights of the cleaver. The procession thus formed, accompanied the party to Penybryn, where a quantity of prime old stingo awaited them, to pledge the healths of the happy pair; which, we need not say, was done in true English style. After this the procession returned to the village, and the children to the new school (which, through the kindness of the worthy rector, the Rev. W. W. How, was temporarily finished, and very tastefully decorated for the occasion). Here a bountiful supply of old English fare awaited the youngsters, which they did ample justice to. Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves and friends shortly after went amongst them, and were welcomed by repeated cheers. A variety of sports, calculated to amuse both old and young, afterwards came off, to the great merriment of all concerned. A dinner at the White Lion followed, presided over by Mr. J. Ward, of Donnet. Upwards of seventy guests, from Oswestry, Felton, and the neighbourhood, sat down to an ample repast, provided by the Misses Venables. The healths of Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves was drank in enthusiastic cheers, and toast and sentiment was the order of the evening, and every thing passed off with great glee.—To-day the oxen and sheep will be cut up and distributed to the poor; after which a rural fête will take place on the Green.—The manifestation of good feeling to Mr. Hargreaves in this event, seems to have included every class.

During their marriage they had two children – **James Walmsley 1854-1881** and **John Richard 1855-1863**. Sadly, on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1858 **Mary Eleanor** died in the Isle of Man. This is the reason, I imagine, her mother Mary Walmsley, was in the Isle of Man at the time of her death.

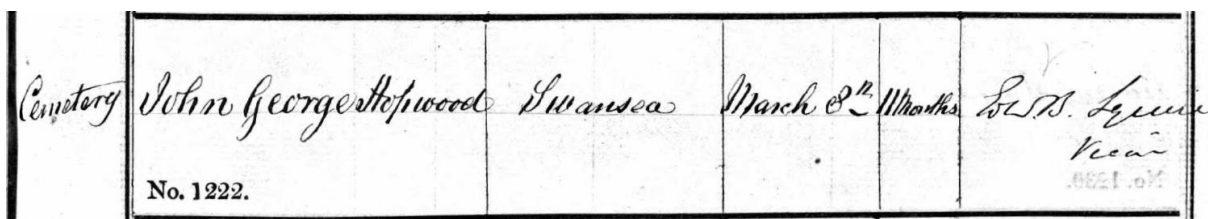
6th inst., at Mill-mount, near Douglas, Isle of Man, Mary Eleanor, wife of James Hargraves, Esq., formerly of Whittington, near Oswestry.

Again, I have found a memorial inscription and grave for **Mary Eleanor** at St Luke's Church, Hodnet. The grave is still there but once again, the grave is covered in moss and lichen so is partly illegible.

M6. Sacred to the memory of/ Mary Eleanor, wife of/ James HARGREAVES/ and daughter of the late John and Mary WALMSLEY of Hodnet/ She departed this life/ on the sixth day of April 1858/ in the twenty fourth year of her age.

**Jemima Walmsley** married **Frederick Augustus Hopwood** in 1858 at St Luke's Church, Hodnet. During their marriage they lived at Moor Park, Hoole, near Chester. **Frederick** was described as an agent for Great Western North Railway. During their marriage they had two children – **Ellen Walmsley 1859-1927** and **John George 1861-1862**. At some point after the 1861 census the family moved to Swansea. Their son **John George** died aged 11 months in March 1862 and was buried on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1862 in St Mary's Church (Danycraig) cemetery, Port Tennant, Swansea.





Sadly, on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1863 **Jemima** died and was buried on 29<sup>th</sup> January in St Mary's Church (DanyCraig) cemetery, Port Tennant, Swansea.

Jan. 26, at Brunswick-street, Swansea, aged 26,  
**Jemima**, wife of Mr. F. A. Hopwood.



At the time of the 1851 **Charles Walmsley** was a boarding pupil at the school located on Belmont, Shrewsbury. I believe he emigrated to New Zealand as I have found a marriage record there for a **Charles Walmsley** to a **Martha Turner (nee Pascoe)** in 1877. They had at least three children - **Jane Agnes 1878-1963, Mary Fanny 1880-1977 and Nellie Beatrice 1882-1969**, all born in New Zealand. He was certainly in Queensland, Australia by 1903 as I have found an electoral register for him. He is described as a patent medicine manufacturer! I found a death record for him in Ipswich, Queensland 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 1909.

## Charles Walmsley in 1909

Queensland Deaths 1829-1964

Queensland, Australia

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### Transcript of Charles's record

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Record set	Queensland Deaths 1829-1964	Mother's first name(s)	Mary
Death date	10 Aug 1909	Mother's last name	Allen
First name(s)	Charles	Father's first name(s)	John Walmsley
Last name	Walmsley	Registration number	1909/001733
Registration year	1909	Category	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records
State	Queensland	Subcategory	Civil Deaths & Burials
Country	Australia	Collections from	Australasia, Australia

The following newspaper articles were found relating to *Charles's* death in the Australian press:

<p><b>DEATH.</b> <b>WALMSLEY.</b>—On the 10th of August, at his residence, Pring-street, Ipswich, <b>Charles</b>, youngest son of Dr. John <b>Walmsley</b>, of Hodnet, England. (Home papers please copy.)</p>
<p><b>FUNERAL.</b>—The Friends of Mr. <b>CHARLES WALMSLEY</b>, Deceased, are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral, to move from his late Residence, Pring-street, at 3 o'clock THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON. J. W. REED, Undertaker.</p>
<p><b>FUNERAL.</b>—The Friends of Mrs. W. F. LANE, Mrs. E. V. YOUNG, and Mrs. G. A. JACKES, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their Deceased Father, <b>CHARLES WALMSLEY</b>, to move from his late Residence, Pring-street, at 3 o'clock THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON. J. W. REED, Undertaker.</p>





On 30<sup>th</sup> August 1848, **John Allen** married **Mary Heatley** of Wolverley Hall, Wem at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Wem.

You will note from the marriage register that both **John Allen** and his father John, give their profession as surgeons.

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1848. Marriage solemnized at the *Parish Church* in the *Parish* of *Wem* in the County of *Shrop*

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.
313	August 30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John Allen Walmsley</i> <i>Mary Heatley</i>	<i>24</i> <i>20</i>	<i>Bachelor</i> <i>Spinster</i>	<i>Surgeon</i> —	<i>Hodnet</i> <i>Morp W Wem</i>	<i>John Walmsley</i> <i>Samuel Heatley</i>	<i>Surgeon</i> <i>Surgeon</i>

Married in the *Parish Church* of *Wem* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Established Church* by me, *Rev R Parkins*

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *John Allen Walmsley* and *Mary Heatley* in the Presence of us, *Samuel Heatley* and *Ann Heatley*

The marriage was reported in Eddowes's Shrewsbury Journal dated 13<sup>th</sup> September 1848:

On the 30th ult. at Wem, by the Rev. R. Parkins, Mr. J. Allen Walmsley, surgeon, of Hodnet, to Mary, eldest daughter of the late Samuel Heatley, Esq. of Wolverley Hall, in this county.

**HODNET.**—The marriage of J. A. Walmsley, Esq. with Miss Heatley, was celebrated by a large assembly of friends, and the respectable inhabitants of Hodnet and its neighbourhood, in the parochial school, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. After tea a ball commenced, and was continued with great spirit until a late hour.

Oak Cottage	Jane Butcher	12		Y
Wollerton	Joseph Dickson	55	Coroner	Y
	Sarah Dawes	45	Ph. & S.	Y
	Ann Cartwright	80	Widow	N
	Ann Pickering	7		Y

TO THE FREEHOLDECS OF THE NORTHERN  
DIVISION OF THE HUNDRED OF BRADFORD

MY LORDS, AND GENTLEMEN,  
**U**NDERSTANDING that it is the in-  
tention of the Magistrates, on the vacancy  
which has now occurred by the death of Mr. Dicken,  
to obtain a Division of the Coroner's District lately held  
by him, and that the Northern Division of the Hun-  
dred of Bradford will form one district, I beg leave  
most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for that  
division.

I belong to the Medical Profession, one generally  
allowed to be well fitted for the office of Coroner. I  
am situated in the centre of the proposed district, and  
I trust, should I succeed, that I shall prove myself  
worthy of your confidence.

I am,  
My lords and gentlemen,  
Your most obedient servant,  
J. ALLEN WALMSLEY.

Hodnet, November 9th, 1849.

On 24<sup>th</sup> May 1850 the following newspaper article was published in the Shrewsbury Chronicle:



**ELECTION OF CORONER FOR THE NORTH BRADFORD DISTRICT.**—The vacancy caused in the coronership of the Bradford North and Brimstree Shiffnal division by the death of the late Mr. Dicken, is now filled up ; the latter division by the election of Mr. Newill, a short time since, and the former, or North Bradford division by the election of Mr. John Allen Walmsley, of Hodnet, which took place on Wednesday.

The proceedings commenced opposite the Bear Inn, Hodnet, when the Rev S. H. Maculey proposed Mr. Walmsley in very complimentary terms, who, he believed, would fill the station of coroner with credit to himself and satisfaction to the electors.

Sir B C. Hill said he had great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Mr. Walmsley. He added that great praise was due to Mr. Warren, of Market Drayton, (who, it was thought, would have contested the election,) for the manner in which he had acted, having told Sir Robert on the day previous, that finding Mr. Walmsley had the promise of such large support, he (Mr. Warren) would not, by a contest, disturb the peace of the district.

Mr. J. J. Peele, Under Sheriff, then called upon any other elector to propose a candidate, and none appearing, Mr. Walmsley was declared duly elected.

Mr. Walmsley having taken the usual oaths, returned thanks for the honourable position in which he had been placed.

A vote of thanks to the Under Shereiff was proposed by Sir R. C. Hill, seconded by Mr. Walmsley, and unanimously carried, for which Mr. Peele returned thanks.

Mr. Walmsley afterwards entertained his friends and supporters at a substantial collation at the Bear Inn.

The bells of the parish church sent forth merry peals during the afternoon.

An excerpt from the UK and Ireland Medical Directories lists *John Allen Walmsley*:

WALMSLEY, JOHN ALLEN, Hodnet, Salop—M.R.C.S. Eng. and L.S.A. 1844 ; Coroner of the County, and Med. Off. of the Market Drayton Union.

During their marriage, *John Allen* and *Mary* had five children: *Allen John* 1849-1858, *Mary Elizabeth* (married

Thomas Shaw) 1851-1905, **Eleanor Anne** (married Edward Stanley) 1852-1911, **Samuel James** 1854-1877 and **Charlotte Jane** 1856-1856.

Although I have searched the baptism records at St Luke's Church, Hodnet I have been unable to find a baptism record for **John Allen and Mary's** eldest son **Allen John**.

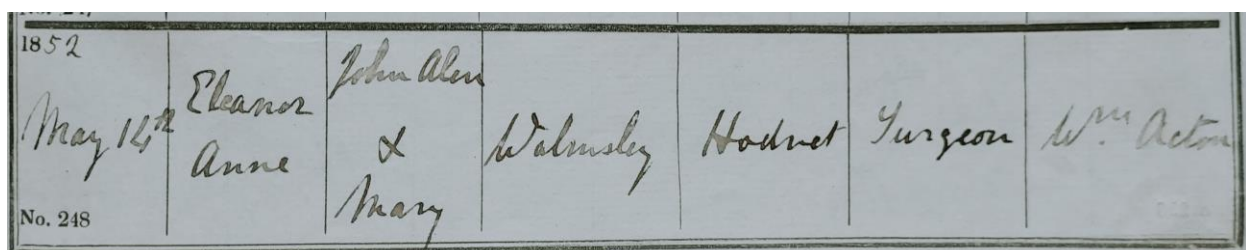
Their first daughter **Mary Ellen** was born in 1851 and she was baptised at St Luke's Church, Hodnet on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1851.



By the time of the 1851 census **John Allen** and his family were living in Hodnet.

14	Hodnet	John Allen Walmsley	Mar	Mar	27	Rev. Practitioner Mr R. G. B. & L. A. Cursons.	Salop. March 1851
"	"	Mary	Wife	"	"	"	"
"	"	Allen John	Son	"	15	"	"
"	"	Mary Eliza	Daughter	"	11	"	"
"	"	Martha Pugh	Servant	"	10	"	"
"	"	Mary Price	"	"	10	"	"
"	"	Robert Harrison	"	"	19	"	"

**Eleanor Anne** was born in 1852 and she was baptised at St Luke's Church, Hodnet on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1852.

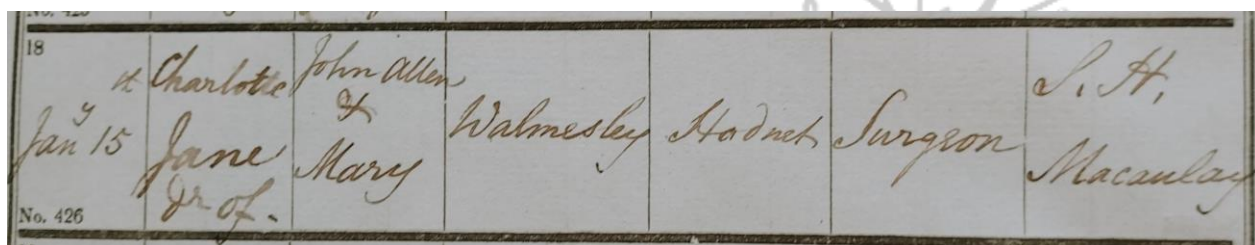




**Samuel James** was born in 1854 and I have found his baptism record from St Luke's Church, Hodnet.



**Charlotte Jane** was born in 1856 and I have found her baptism record at St Luke's Church, Hodnet.



She died on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1856 and was buried at St Luke's Church, Hodnet.

You will also note above that **John Allen** and **Mary's** eldest son **Allen John** died on 30<sup>th</sup> December 1858 and I have found the following report in the Wellington Journal dated 15<sup>th</sup> January 1859:

30th ult., aged 9, eldest son of J A Walmsley, Esq.  
Hodnet.

At the time of the 1861 census the family were still living in Hodnet.

121	2%	1	John A. Walmsley	Head	Mar.	39	Owner for County - general Practitioner	2%	Mrs. Walmsley
			Mary	Wife	Mar.	34		1%	Walmsley Hall
			Eleanor Ann	2nd		8	Schooler	2%	Hodnet

Once again, there is no address given other than Hodnet. In 1871 the census described **John Allen** as General Practitioner and Medicines.

76.	do Cottage.	1	John A. Watkinson	Head.	Mar.	47	General Practitioner.	Salop. Hodnet.
			Mary Watkinson.	Wife.	Mar.	44	Do.	Salop. Hodnet.
			Eliza A. Watkinson.	Daughter.	Mar.	20	Do.	Salop. Hodnet.
			Eliza A. Watkinson.	Daughter.	Mar.	18	Do.	Salop. Hodnet.
			Samuel A. Watkinson.	Son.	Mar.	16	Schooler.	Salop. Hodnet.
			Elizabeth Gregory.	Servant.	Mar.	40	General Servant.	Salop. Hodnet.

Their son **Samuel James** died on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1877, and I have found a copy of his death certificate.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



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Application Number 2873078-4

REGISTRATION DISTRICT	MARKET DRAYTON
1877 DEATH in the Sub-district of Hodnet	in the County of Salop

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
158	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 1877 Hodnet Salop.	Samuel James Watkinson	Male	2.3 years	Son of J. Allen Watkinson Surgeon	Disease of the Heart 14 years certified by J. Allen Watkinson M.D. 1877	J. Allen Watkinson Father in Attendance Hodnet	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 1877	George Haywood Deputy Registrar

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the

22<sup>nd</sup>

day of

December

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I have also found the burial record which took place at St Luke's Church, Hodnet on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1877.



1877	Samuel James Walmsley No. 414.	Hodnet	July 5	23	D.B. Lennard.
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Less than five weeks later, on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1877 **John Allen Walmsley** died in Hodnet.

**WALMSLEY—12th inst., aged 54, at Hodnet, John Allen Walmsley, M.R.C.S.E. and L.S.A.L.**

I have also found his probate document.

**WALMSLEY John Allen.**  
Effects under £3,000.

21 September. The Will of John Allen Walmsley late of Hodnet in the County of Salop Surgeon and Apothecary who died 12 August 1877 at Hodnet was proved at Shrewsbury by William Heatley of Wem in the said County Mercer one of the Executors.

I have also found his burial record at St Luke's Church, Hodnet.

1877.	John Allen Walmsley	Hodnet	Aug <sup>th</sup> . 16	54	Rich. Hugh Cholmondeley
No. 418.					

By the time of the 1881 census his widow **Mary** had moved to Wollerton Bank along with their two surviving daughters **Mary Ellen** and **Eleanor Anne**.

40	1	Mary Walmsley	Head	W	54	Surgeon's Widow	St. Wollerton Hall
		Mary E. J.	Daughter	Unm	30		St. Hodnet
		Eleanor A. J.	Do	Unm	28		St. Do

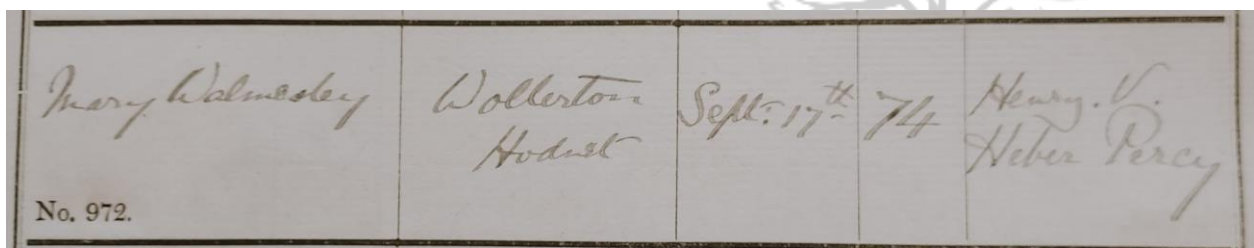
By 1891 her two daughters had married and left home, but **Mary** was still living at Wollerton Bank.

51	Wollerton Bank	1	Mary Walmsley	Head	Mid	64	Living on her own means			Widow of John
			Anne Pemberton	serv	d	78	Domestic			Salop. Wm
			Colls. Dawson	Head	d		Widow of John			Do. Hodnet

She remained there until her death on 13<sup>th</sup> September 1900.

**WALMSLEY** Mary of "Wollerton-bank" Market Drayton Shropshire widow died 13 September 1900 Probate **London** 3 October to Mary Elizabeth Shaw widow Effects £150.

**Mary** was buried at St Luke's Church on 17<sup>th</sup> September, and I found her burial record:



I found this photograph online of one of the graves – that of **Samuel James** and **Charlotte Jane's**.





Having had a wander around St Luke's Church graveyard after looking at the burial records I found these four gravestones which, from front to back, are those of Samuel James and Charlotte Jane, John Allen and Mary (nee Heatley) Walmsley, John and Mary (nee Allen) Walmsley and Eleanor Jane (nee Walmsley) Hargraves.

