

Stanley Lodge (1897 – 1938)



Stanley Lodge (1897 – 1938) was born in Lepton, Yorkshire in 1897. His parents were Robert Lodge (1871 -1937) and Evelyn Blanche Adams (1872 – 1936). His father had been born in Lepton, Yorkshire and his mother had been born in Eckington, Derbyshire. Stanley was their first of seven children. On the 1901 Census, Stanley, aged three, was living with his parents in Ince-in-Makerfield, which is close to Wigan. The rocks underlying Ince contained strata of cannel and coal and many collieries were sunk, the early pits were 120 to 900 feet deep, and subsequently to 1,800 feet. Its coal pits included Moss, Ince Hall, Rose Bridge and Ince Collieries. Mining left a legacy of spoil heaps and flashes which were known as the Wigan Alps. They were living at 98, Petticoat Lane. By the time of the 1911 Census, the family had moved to Barlborough around 1904 and were living on Low Common. Stanley was thirteen years old and attending the local school. Stanley, aged 23, married Harriett Mary Hemingway in 1920. Their first child, Gertrude was born in the same year, but died later that year. Their first son, Stanley was born in 1921, but tragedy hit the family again when he died in the same year. They had a further four children.

At the time of the disaster, Stanley was working at Markham Colliery as a belt erector and was living at Low Common, Barlborough with his wife and children.

Several newspapers mentioned Stanley and his family after the disaster.

Sheffield Independent 11th May 1938

Mrs. Lodge was found by our representative grief-stricken. She was being cared for by neighbours. She said that her husband, Stanley Lodge, never feared work. They had been married for 17 years. Mrs. Lodge could not remember her husband ever drawing any State insurance pay for illness. Last week, she said she was unable to sleep and dreamed that her husband had been killed. "How pleased I was to wake up and find it a dream" she said, "but I never thought it would come true." She bore her trouble with bravery and stated that she never remembered her husband having a scratch through his work.

Derbyshire Times 13th May 1938

Stanley Lodge (38), Low Common, Barlborough was a football enthusiast and was prominently associated with the old Barber's Row Welfare Club. He buried his father and mother last year. He leaves a widow and family.

Funeral 14th May 1938

Derbyshire Times 16th May 1938

At Barlborough

At the neighbouring village of Barlborough ten of the eleven were interred in one large grave, which was lined with ivy. They were: Rowe Kirk, Leonard Atkin, **S.Lodge**, Joseph Hibberd (sic), Frank Smith, Bernard Gregory, George Davidson, Charles Bown, Henry (sic Harry) and Colin Gee-Pemberton. The eleventh victim, Edward Salt, a colliery deputy, who resided at Poolsbrook, was buried earlier on Saturday in a grave adjoining that of his father (who was killed at the Crown colliery some years ago) in Barlborough churchyard. The Rev. G. W. Ready, vicar of Duckmanton conducted the service. Bearers were provided by the Markham Colliery ambulance division, in charge of Sergt. F. Greaves, V.C. Salt's ambulance cap was buried with him. Fr. Gregson conducted the service for Leonard Atkin, who was a Roman Catholic, and Canon E. G. Walmsley officiated at the funeral of the other nine.

Parents

Father: Robert Lodge (1871 – 1937)

Robert Lodge was born in Lepton, Yorkshire on 31st December 1871. His parents were Freedom Lodge (1852 – 1926) and Jane Senior (1852 – 1929). Both of his parents were from Lepton. On the 1881 Census, Robert, aged nine, was living with his parents and five younger siblings in Little Lepton. His father was employed as a general labourer. On the 1891 Census the family were still living in Lepton. Robert, aged 19, was employed as a coal miner, as were his father and two younger brothers. It appears that Robert was moving around the country looking for work. On the 13th January 1897 he married Evelyn Blanche Adams in Barlborough and Stanley was born the same year in Lepton, Yorkshire. Their second child, Henry Lodge was born in Wigan, Lancashire. On the 1901 Census, which included 3 year old Leonard, the family were still living in Ince in Makerfield, and his father was employed in a sawmill as a labourer, probably making pit props. Robert moved his family to Barlborough around 1904 and on the 1911 Census, Robert and his family are living at Low Common, Barlborough. He was now employed underground as a hewer. He died in 1937.

The Derbyshire Times 11th December 1937 reported the death

An old Barlbro' resident, Mr. Robert Lodge, has died at his home at the age of 65. He had not been well for some considerable time. A native of the Huddersfield district, Mr Lodge came to Barlborough nearly 33 years ago. His wife died 18 months ago. Canon E. G. Walmsley (rector) conducted the funeral service at Barlborough on Saturday

Mother: Evelyn Blanche Adams (1872 – 1936)

Evelyn Blanche Adams (1872 – 1936) was born in Eckington. Her parents were John Clegg Adams (1836 - 1885) and Betsy Penelope Grey (1839 – 1891). Her father had been born in Rotherham and her mother came from Fulham in south west London. Evelyn Blanche was their fourth child. Evelyn Blanche married Robert Lodge on the 13th January 1897 in Barlborough. Stanley was born later that year. Evelyn and Robert had six children. Evelyn Blanche died in 1936, at the age of 64, only 18 months before the death of her husband and two years before the death of Stanley.

Wife: Harriet May Hemmingway (1903 – 1978)

Harriet May Hemmingway was born in Eckington, Derbyshire on the 13th May 1903. Her parents were Francis Hemmingway (1870 – 1932) and Harriet Martha Cuckson (1877 – 1957). On the 1911 Census, Harriet May, aged 7 was living with her parents and three siblings in Spinkhill, near Chesterfield. Her father was employed as a coal miner – hewer. In September 1920 Harriet May married Leonard. Harriet May and Leonard had six children, unfortunately the first two died soon after birth. After the death of Leonard in 1938, Harriet May continued to live at Low Common, Barlborough with her four surviving children. This can be seen on the 1939 Register.

1939 REGISTER **Harriet Mary Lodge's life in 1939**
Low Common, Clowne R.D., Derbyshire, England

Lodge household (5 people)

| First name(s) | Last name(s) | DOB | Sex | Occupation | Marital status | Schedule | Schedule Sub Number |
|---------------|------------------|-------------|--------|------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------|
| Harriet Mary | Lodge | 13 May 1903 | Female | Unpaid Domestic Duties | Widowed | 125 | 1 |
| William Henry | Lodge | 16 Jun 1922 | Male | Seeking Work | Single | 125 | 2 |
| Evelyn M | Harrison (Lodge) | 23 May 1925 | Male | Apprentice Hairdresser | Single | 125 | 3 |

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