

Joseph Bridge

Summary Timeline

6th June 1823: Joseph Bridge is born to Henry/Harry (a weaver) and Alice Bridge in Harwood, Bolton. He was the eldest of 8 children, with siblings Mary, Betty, Alice, Jane, John and James, Robert and Edwin.

12th June 1823: Joseph is baptised at St Anne's Church, Tottington.

6th June 1841: (*Probably*) Joseph is lodging at Chipfield, Bury with the Carter family. Joseph is a cotton power weaver, while his landlord is a sawyer.

17 June 1848: Joseph marries Sarah Nuttall at Mary the Virgin Church, Bury, Sarah was born 21st May 1829, the daughter of Thomas (a shopkeeper) and Alice Nuttall of Booth Lane, Tottington.

22nd March 1850: Sarah gives birth to daughter Alice.

31st March 1850: Alice is baptised at St Anne's Church, Tottington. Joseph's occupation is given as "Sawyer".

4th August 1850: Alice is baptised for a second time, again at St Anne's Church, Tottington. Joseph's occupation is given as "Joiner".

30th March 1851: Joseph and Sarah are living at Buckley Wells, Bury, with their baby daughter Alice and Sarah's brother Joseph Nuttall (a butcher)

11th October 1852: Sarah gives birth to daughter Betsy.

26th December 1852: Betsy is baptised at All Saints Church, Elton. Joseph's occupation is given as "Joiner".

20th February 1854: Sarah gives birth to daughter Elizabeth.

2nd November 1856: Elizabeth is baptised at All Saints Church, Elton. Joseph's occupation is given as "Joiner".

~1857: Sarah dies.

Q2 1858: Joseph Bridge marries Ann Kay in Bury/Tottington. Ann was born 10th June 1832, the daughter of Robert (a weaver) and Nancy Kay of Walshaw Lane, Tottington.

24th June 1859: Ann gives birth to daughter Mary Alice in Bury.

10th January 1860: Mary Alice is baptised at All Saints Church, Elton. Joseph's occupation is given as "Sawyer".

7th April 1861: Joseph, Ann and their 4 children are living (briefly) in Green Street, Radcliffe (now the site of Dunelm Mills and a car park/gipsy camp).

~June 1861: Ann gives birth to daughter Jane Ann.

Between Q2 1861 and Q4 1862: the family moves to 7 Barker Street, Bury.

21st December 1862: Jane Ann dies at Barker Street, Bury, and is buried at St Anne's Church, Tottington.

28th November 1863: Ann gives birth to son Thomas in Bury.

3rd July 1864: Thomas is baptised at All Saints Church, Elton. Joseph's occupation is given as "Turner".

Q2 1866: Joseph dies in Bury, aged 43.

~1866-7: Ann gives birth to daughter Sarah Emily.

2nd April 1871: The widow Ann is still living in Barker Street with the 6 children, and is taking in washing. The 4 eldest children are all wool weavers.

Questions

- Why was the first child, Alice, baptised twice? Did they initially think she wasn't going to survive, so she was hastily baptised when she was just a few days old?
- Why did the family move briefly to Radcliffe around 1861?
- Why was Jane Ann apparently never baptised?
- Why was Jane Ann buried at St Anne's Church rather than All Saints that the family normally used?

Missing Data

For completeness, details on the following need digging out or confirming:

- 1841 census record for Joseph. (From the census record of his parents and siblings, we know he had left home, so he was probably lodging somewhere in the Bury area. There are two possible records, depending whether his age – the census was taken on his 18th birthday – was rounded up to 20 or down to 15. From his job as a cotton weaver, and his landlord's as a sawyer, the lodging in Chipfield, Bury seems the most likely.)
- Marriage details for Joseph and Ann
- Death of Sarah
- Death of Joseph
- Birth of Sarah Emily

Details and Evidence

Joseph birth

Born 6th June 1823 in Harwood, Bolton. Baptised 12th June 1823 at St Anne's Church, Tottington.

Parents: Henry and Alice Bridge. Father's occupation: weaver.

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<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L965-FSZF?i=139>

Joseph census records

1841 Either: Union Square, Bury

First name(s)	Last name	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
John	Bentley	Male	85	1756	Bleacher	Lancashire
John	Bentley	Male	55	1786	Bleacher	Lancashire
Elizabeth	Bentley	Female	55	1786	Bleacher	Lancashire
Ellen	Cook	Female	20	1821	Bleacher	Lancashire
Joseph	Bridge	Male	15	1826	Bleacher	Lancashire

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<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1841%2F0538%2F0609&parentid=GBC%2F1841%2F0011263946>

Or (more likely): Chipfield, Bury

First name(s)	Last name	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Samuel	Carter	Male	25	1816	Sawyer	Lancashire
Sarah	Carter	Female	25	1816		Lancashire
Benjamin	Carter	Male	6	1835		Lancashire
Mary	Carter	Female	0	1841		Lancashire
Mary	Fell	Female	65	1776		Lancashire
Joseph	Bridge	Male	20	1821	Cotton power weaver	Lancashire

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<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1841%2F0538%2F0029&parentid=GBC%2F1841%2F0011244848>

The latter is the more likely. Working for a sawyer would have been Joseph's introduction to his life working with wood, and he would have been a cotton weaver by following his father's trade.

1851: Buckley Wells, Bury

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Joseph	Bridge	Head	Married	Male	27	1824	Joiner	Harwood, Lancashire
Sarah	Bridge	Wife	Married	Female	22	1829	-	Tottington, Lancashire
Alice	Bridge	Daughter	-	Female	1	1850	-	Bury, Lancashire
Joseph	Nuttall	Brother	Unmarried	Male	20	1831	Butcher	Tottington, Lancashire

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<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1851%2F4299005%2F00082&parentid=GBC%2F1851%2F0001897626>

1861: Green Street, Radcliffe (now the site of Dunelm Mills and a car park/gipsy camp)

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Joseph	Bridge	Head	Married	Male	38	1823	Wood turner	Harwood Lee, Bolton
Ann	Bridge	Wife	Married	Female	26	1835	-	Tottington, Lancashire
Alice	Bridge	Daughter	Unmarried	Female	11	1850	Scholar	Tottington, Lancashire
Betsey	Bridge	Daughter	-	Female	11	1850	Scholar	Tottington, Lancashire
Elizabeth	Bridge	Daughter	-	Female	6	1855	Scholar	Tottington, Lancashire
Mary	Bridge	Daughter	-	Female	1	1860	-	Bury, Lancashire

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<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1861%2F2854%2F00096A&parentid=GBC%2F1861%2F0015078790>

1871: 7 Barker Street, Bury (Ann now a widow)

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Ann	Bridge	Head	Widow	Female	38	1833	Laundress	Tottington, Lancashire
Alice	Bridge	Daughter	Unmarried	Female	21	1850	Wool weaver	Bury, Lancashire,
Betsy	Bridge	Daughter	Unmarried	Female	19	1852	Wool weaver	Bury, Lancashire,
Elizabeth	Bridge	Daughter	Unmarried	Female	16	1855	Wool weaver	Bury, Lancashire,
Mary Alice	Bridge	Daughter	Unmarried	Female	11	1860	Wool weaver	Bury, Lancashire,
Thomas	Bridge	Son	Unmarried	Male	7	1864	Scholar	Bury, Lancashire,
Sarah Emily	Bridge	Daughter	Unmarried	Female	4	1867	Scholar	Bury, Lancashire,

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<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=gbc%2f1871%2f3955%2f0274&parentid=gbc%2f1871%2f0012110885>

Census records for Joseph's parents

1841: Antoney Fold, Bury

First name(s)	Last name	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Harry	Bridge	Male	40	1801	Cotton weaver	Lancashire
Alice	Bridge	Female	35	1806		Lancashire
Mary	Bridge	Female	15	1826		Lancashire
Betty	Bridge	Female	11	1830		Lancashire
Alice	Bridge	Female	9	1832		Lancashire
Jane	Bridge	Female	7	1834		Lancashire
John	Bridge	Male	4	1837		Lancashire
James	Bridge	Male	1	1840		Lancashire
William	Holt	Male	20	1821	Print washer	Lancashire

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC/1841/0011269364>

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1841%2F0538%2F0784&parentid=GBC%2F1841%2F0011269364>

1851: 18 Penington Row, Tottington

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Henry	Bridge	Head	Married	Male	51	1800	Power Loom Weaver Cotton	Elton, Lancashire
Alice	Bridge	Wife	Married	Female	48	1803	-	Tottington Lower End
Betty	Bridge	Daughter	Unmarried	Female	21	1830	Power Loom Weaver Cotton	Elton, Lancashire
Jane A	Bridge	Daughter	Unmarried	Female	17	1834	Power Loom Weaver Cotton	Elton, Lancashire
John	Bridge	Son	Unmarried	Male	14	1837	Joiner Apprentice	Elton, Lancashire
James	Bridge	Son	-	Male	19	1832	Scholar	Elton, Lancashire
Robert	Bridge	Son	-	Male	9	1842	Scholar	Elton, Lancashire
Edwin	Bridge	Son	-	Male	7	1844	Scholar	Elton, Lancashire

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<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1851%2F4299003%2F00215A&parentid=GBC%2F1851%2F0001867058>

Marriages

17 June 1848 Joseph Bridge marries Sarah Nuttall at Mary the Virgin Church, Bury:

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17 Jun 1848 St Mary the Virgin, Bury, Lancs.

Joseph Bridge - of full age Joiner Bachelor of Walshaw Lane

Sarah Nuttall - (X), of full age Spinster of Walshaw Lane

Groom's Father: Henry Bridge, Weaver

Bride's Father: Thomas Nuttall, Shop Keeper
Witness: John Gurnel; Ra. Crompton
Married by Banns by: G. Nightingale Curate

Q2 1858 Joseph Bridge marries Ann Kay in Bury/Tottington

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2DQB-Q43>

Joseph's wives

1. Sarah (Sally) Nuttall

Born 21st May 1829. Baptised 24th April 1830 at St Anne's Church, Tottington
Parents: Thomas and Alice Nuttall. Residence Booth Lane, Tottington. Father's occupation:
shopkeeper

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQCW-CMD>

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-8965-FSSV?i=223>

1841 census: Booth Lane, Tottington

First name(s)	Last name	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Thomas	Nuttall	Male	50	1791	Provision dealer	Lancashire
Alice	Nuttall	Female	50	1791	Cotton weaver	Lancashire
James	Nuttall	Male	30	1811	Agricultural Labourer	Lancashire
Betty	Nuttall	Female	15	1826	Cotton weaver	Lancashire
Sarah	Nuttall	Female	12	1829		Lancashire
Joseph	Nuttall	Male	8	1833		Lancashire
George	Walker	Male	6	1835		Lancashire

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<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1841%2F0540%2F0272&parentid=GBC%2F1841%2F0011293739>

1851 census for Thomas and Alice Nuttall: Booth Lane, Tottington

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Thomas	Nuttall	Head	Married	Male	64	1787	Provision Dealer	Tottington, Lancashire
Alice	Nuttall	Wife	Married	Female	42	1809	Domestic Duties	Bury, Lancashire
James	Nuttall	Son	Unmarried	Male	41	1810	Agricultural Labourer	Bury, Lancashire
George	Walker	Lodger	-	Male	18	1833	Clagger	Bury, Lancashire

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2. Ann Kay

Born 10th June 1832. Baptised 11th June 1832 at St Anne's Church, Tottington

Parents: Robert and Nancy Kay. Residence Walshaw Lane, Tottington

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<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G965-FSQW?i=246>

1841 census: Croston Brow, Bury

First name(s)	Last name	Sex	Age	Birth year	Birth place
Robert	Kay	Male	35	1806	Lancashire
Nancy	Kay	Female	30	1811	Lancashire
Marey	Kay	Female	13	1828	Lancashire
Ann	Kay	Female	9	1832	Lancashire
Mary	Chadwick	Female	20	1821	Lancashire

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC/1841/0011267352>

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1841%2F0538%2F0723&parentid=GBC%2F1841%2F0011267352>

1851 census: Grundy Row, Bury

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Robert	Kay	Head	Married	Male	48	1803	Labourer	Bury, Lancashire
Nancy	Kay	Wife	Married	Female	48	1803	-	Bury, Lancashire
Mary	Kay	Daughter	Unmarried	Female	23	1828	Drawer In Cotton Mill	Bury, Lancashire
Ann	Kay	Daughter	Unmarried	Female	18	1833	Factory Operative	Bury, Lancashire
Alice	Kay	Daughter	Unmarried	Female	7	1844	Scholar	Bury, Lancashire

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Children of Joseph and Sarah

Alice: Born 22nd March 1850. Baptised twice (why?) 31st March 1850 and 4th August 1850, both at St Anne's Church, Tottington

(Joseph's occupation: Sawyer the first time, then Joiner the second time)

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQ9R-86T>

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DRXS-G39?i=387>

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J9Y9-RDZ>

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DRXS-5VH?i=404>

Betsy: Born 11th October 1852. Baptised 26th December 1852 at All Saints Church, Elton

(Joseph's occupation: Joiner)

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<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DRXS-2P8?i=619>

Elizabeth: Born 20th February 1854. Baptised 2nd November 1856 at All Saints Church, Elton

(Joseph's occupation: Joiner)

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<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9Q97-YSNY-VCG?i=74&cc=1788853>

Children of Joseph and Ann

Mary Alice: Born 24th June 1859 in Bury. Baptised 10th January 1860 at All Saints Church, Elton

(Joseph's occupation: Sawyer)

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N13R-5S7>

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6XGS-38L?i=587>

Jane Ann: Born ~June 1861. Died 21st December 1862. Buried St Anne's Church, Tottington. (Why not at All Saints? And why isn't there a christening record?)

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N52G-54M>

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6PC9-WY?i=235>

Thomas: Born 28th November 1863 in Bury. Baptised 3rd July 1864 at All Saints Church, Elton

(Joseph's occupation: Turner)

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<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6PCS-N8?i=398>

Sarah Emily: Born ~1867

(Can't find any records)

Death (Sarah)

Has to be after 20th February 1854 and before Q2 1858. Possibilities:

Died Q4 1857 in Bury – <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2NNJ-9QL>

Died Q1 1858 in Bury – <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2NN1-HN5>

Death (Joseph)

Has to be between 1866 (birth of last child) and 1871 (when Ann is listed as a widow)

The only full record I can find is for 11th October 1868 in Bury, but it gives his age as either 57 or 67 (it's been altered but I can't tell which way). In either case that is far too old. In 1868 he would have been 45.

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZTW-LJW>

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-8965-84DY?i=306>

Another possibility is: died Q2 1866 in Bury, aged 43

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2V94-12Y>