

Thomas Hustler

(b.1801, d.1886)

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Thomas Hustler was born in Calverley on December 20th, 1801, and was baptised at Calverley Parish Church on January 24th, 1802 **(1)**. His parents were Samuel Hustler and Sarah Walker who were married at Calverley Parish Church on June 8th, 1806, **(2)** five years after the birth of Thomas. At the time they lived in the nearby village of Farsley which was in the parish of Calverley. Possible siblings for Thomas were John born 1798 and died 1801, and Sarah born 1800, both baptised in Calverley

When he was twenty-one years old Thomas married Ann Craven at Calverley Church, on April 7th, 1823 **(3)**. At the time his occupation was a 'clothmaker', very common in this area at that time. Their first child, Samuel, was born on July 20 in the same year and was baptised on November 2nd **(4)**. Three more sons were born a few years later – Joseph in 1826, Squire in 1834 and John in 1837, but no baptisms have been found for them.

By 1841 **(5)** Thomas and his family had moved from Calverley to Catherine Street in the Kirkgate area of the centre of Leeds. Thomas, aged about 35, was described as a 'cloth maker' and with him were his wife Ann (35) and sons Joseph (15), Squire (6) and John (4). His oldest son, Samuel, was not found on the 1841 census and records show that he enlisted in the army in 1842 and served for 21 years in the 2nd battalion, 1st Regiment of Foot until he was discharged in 1864 **(6)**. Sadly, Samuel ended his days in the West Yorkshire Pauper Lunatic Asylum in Wakefield and after he died there in 1882, he was buried in Beckett Street Cemetery.

In 1851 **(7)** Thomas aged 49 and a clothier, his wife Ann aged 49, and their two sons, Squire aged 17 and a shoemaker and John aged 14 and a cloth weaver, were living at 107 Marsh Lane in the Hunslet area of Leeds. In 1860 Ann sadly died and was buried in Beckett Street Cemetery on December 2nd, the cause of death being 'bronchitis and febris continuous'. The death was registered by Jane, the wife of Thomas's son Joseph and according to the death certificate, Ann died at their house at 136 Marsh Lane **(8), (9)**.

The following year Thomas was still living in Marsh Lane but was now at number 110 **(10)**. His son John had now left home and living with Thomas was his son Squire, age 28 and a shoemaker. They also had another shoemaker lodging with them. The following year Squire married Eliza Lancaster and also left home, leaving Thomas on his own.

Thomas was admitted to the Leeds Union Workhouse where he was listed in the 1871 census aged 70 **(11), (12)**. It is presumed that he remained in the Workhouse as he was listed there as an inmate there ten years later, in 1881 **(13)**.

In March 1886 Thomas was transferred to the Union Infirmary where he died aged 84 a month later on April 14th, the cause of death being bronchitis **(14), (15)**.

Thomas was buried in the unconsecrated section of Beckett Street Cemetery on April 17th **(16)**. His grave number was 25343 and he shared it with three other adults and fifteen young children **(17)**.

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