

Biography of Maria Jowett (nee Longbottom)

B c. 1820, D 1882

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Maria Jowett was an inmate in the Leeds Union Workhouse on the night of the 1881 Census (1). She was 60 years old and had worked as a Housekeeper.

Maria was born in Leeds on 26 November 1820, the daughter of Joseph Longbottom, a weaver, and his wife Mary and baptized 3 months later in St Peters Parish Church, Leeds (2). The family lived in Black Dog Yard, East Street, Leeds, but by 1851, Maria was living on her own, working as a Washerwoman (3, 4).

On 21 August 1851, Maria married John Jowett, a 28-year-old Widower, in St Peters Church (5). John at the time was working as a brickmaker and had a son, Matthew, from his first marriage (8). The family lived in Leather Street, East Leeds and had a son, Joseph, who sadly died soon after his birth in 1853 (6,7).

Maria's husband, John, sadly died in 1868 and was buried in the Beckett St Cemetery (9) and 3 years later, in 1871, Maria was working as a Housekeeper for Charles Marson, a Clothing Machinery manager, and his family who lived in Beckett St (10).

By 1881, Maria was in the Leeds Union Workhouse and died the following year in the Leeds Union Infirmary, joining her husband in the Beckett St Cemetery on 28 December 1882 (11).

Reference list:

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