

## Phoebe Elizabeth Lowe, (nee Broome)

(b.1819, d.1885)

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Phoebe Elizabeth Broome was born in the small village of Empingham in Rutland about 1819. Information on later census and marriage documents shows that her father was Henry Broome and her mother was Mary (nee Percival). No record of her baptism has been found.

Phoebe's father died when she was just over a year old and was buried in Empingham on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1821, aged 45 years **(1)**. (Phoebe was probably the last-born child of Henry and Mary.) Details of the lives of the remaining family in the following twenty years are not known.

It seems that the family remained in the village of Empingham after Henry's death, as in the 1841 census **(2)** Phoebe, aged about 20, was recorded as living there with her mother, aged about 55. Phoebe is described as a 'cottager' and her older brother George, aged about 30 is an agricultural labourer.

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1844, Phoebe married Scotney Lowe, a wheelwright, in Empingham Parish Church **(4)**. Scotney Lowe was born in Lincolnshire, but in the 1841 census **(3)** he was living in Empingham.

By 1850 Phoebe and Scotney had moved to Market Deeping in Lincolnshire where their only child, Eliza, was born. She was baptised at the local church on July 21<sup>st</sup> 1850 **(5)**. In the 1851 census **(6)** the family was living in Towngate, Market Deeping with Phoebe being 31 years old, Scotney being 33 and a journeyman wheelwright, and Eliza being 9 months old.

In 1861**(7)** they were recorded as living in Doncaster in West St James Street. Phoebe's husband was now described as a 'carriage builder'.

Phoebe's husband sadly died in 1866 aged 48 and was buried on November 25<sup>th</sup> in Hyde Park Cemetery, Doncaster **(8)**. Phoebe would have been about 47 years old, and their daughter Eliza would've been 16.

Eliza was married at St John the Evangelist Church on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1870 **(9)**, her address at the time being given as Grove Place, Clay Pit Lane, Leeds. The next year found Phoebe living with her daughter and son in law at 9, Ridge Road, Armley **(10)**. Phoebe's occupation is given as a 'nurse' which may have meant she was caring for her daughter who would have been pregnant at the time with Phoebe's first grandchild.

By 1877 her daughter, son-in-law, and her two grandchildren had moved to Rotherhithe in Kent where their next child was born. By 1881 **(11)** Phoebe was an inmate in the Leeds Union Workhouse. Her occupation was described as a 'seamstress'.

Phoebe died in the Leeds Union Infirmary, attached to the Workhouse, in February 1885 aged 66 **(12)** and was buried in the Anglican section of the nearby Beckett Street Cemetery on February 18<sup>th</sup> **(13)**. She shared her grave (number 11365) with five others.

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