

## **Craven Dunnill Tile Works, Jackfield– Key dates and People**

### **Built on the site of Ash Tree Pottery – Pot Works**

**1728**

Morris Thursfield's Pottery.

**1780**

New-built pottery used for Cream-colour and white stonewares. In lease for 90 years of which 10 of which are expired. Upon banks of Severn. Apply William Evans of Broseley or John Thursfield of Benthall.<sup>1</sup>

Rose is said to have set up a porcelain factory here before moving to Coalport.<sup>2</sup>

**1796**

To be sold at Jackfield. Tools & utensils, stock in trade, mill work and other appendages to a China Work. For particulars apply to Mr Boden of Broseley aforesaid who has no objection to retain a share therein.

**1823**

Adam Yates Pottery to be sold or let. Two kilns fitted for biscuit and glazed work – trade fully established in the sale of fine cane-coloured ware, fireproof.<sup>3</sup>

**1834**

Marriage John Myatt earthenware manufacturer to Susannah, younger daughter of Mr Adam Yates of Jackfield.<sup>4</sup>

**1835**

William son of John Myatt (manufacturer, Jackfield) and Susannah baptised January and buried six months later. John Myatt listed as a potter in Pigot's directory

**1838**

Broseley Tithe Map – John Myatt & William Yates.  
Myatt & Yates – partnership dissolved.

**1841**

Census: Adam Yates (70) barge owner. Myatt is not listed.

**1846**

House, Potworks, buildings & yards in occupation of William Exley & Adam Yates.<sup>5</sup>

**1851**

Census: Robert Yates (40) of Ash Tree pub Victualler & Waterman. George Proudman (next to school house) Earthenware manufacturer employing 24 Bagshaw directory. George Proudman earthenware manufacturing. Ivanhoe Pottery.

**1852**

Pottery Works, yards buildings & road. Leased to Robert Yates and George Proudman and in occupation of George Proudman (Born in Measham in 1841 George Proudman was a Pot maker at Withington, Leicestershire).<sup>6</sup>

**1857**

To be sold Potworks, kilns, and hovels in occupation of George Wootton. Bed of clay adjacent to premises. Apply to proprietor Mr Robert Yates.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Aris's Birmingham Gazette 28<sup>th</sup> August 1780

<sup>2</sup> Potteries Examiner 16<sup>th</sup> September 1876

<sup>3</sup> Aris's Birmingham Gazette 10<sup>th</sup> February 1823.

<sup>4</sup> Wolverhampton Chronicle 5<sup>th</sup> February 1834

<sup>5</sup> Shropshire Union Railways Plan Shropshire Archives DP341

<sup>6</sup> SVR Plan Shropshire Archives DP349

<sup>7</sup> Wellington Journal 21<sup>st</sup> February 1857

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### 1860

To be let old established Pottery with dwelling house, workshops, warehouses, kilns, yards stables & other appurtenances. On the banks of Severn and adjoin the Severn Valley Railway and are surrounded by beds of clay of the best quality. Apply Potts & Gordon Solicitors.<sup>8</sup>

### 1862

August: The partnership between Willaim Weaver and Thomas Hassell of Jackfield Pottery dissolved by mutual consent. All monies owing to go to Thomas Hassell. Witness John Hammersley, Jackfield. John Donkin, Longton.

August: Jackfield Pottery Broseley. Hassell and Son can supply Rockingham & Cane coloured. Hassell and Son's motto is "Quick sale and quick returns" Terms cash. NB Weaver has retired from the partnership.<sup>9</sup>

October, November: References to Hassel not paying wages suggest that the works were in financial trouble.<sup>10</sup>

### 1863

Post Office Directory. Thomas Hassall, earthenware manufacturer.

### Encaustic tile works.

### 1854

Richard Haworth and Co. was founded in c.1854. Richard Haworth, with Frederick Copley Hulton and James Craven, worked in partnership to begin trading as yarn and cloth commission agents in Cannon Street, Manchester. The partners then established a small weaving shed on Mount Street until, following a growth in demand, they expanded into spinning and leased a large mill at Broughton Bridge. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard\\_Haworth\\_Ltd](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Haworth_Ltd)

### 1861

Hargreaves & Craven Stone Merchants in Manchester.

### 1863 –Hawes Denny & Hargreaves

The first reference is in December when the pottery had recently been taken over by Hawes, Denny and Hargreaves for the manufacture of Encaustic tiles.<sup>11</sup>

In 1867 the fourth annual treat implies it was set up in June 1863.

### 1864

The partnership of **J Hargreaves**, G. H Newton, **J Craven** and **F C Hulton** Alrewas, plaster of Paris manufacturers was dissolved.<sup>12</sup>

Willaim Owen sinking a pit for Messrs. Hawes & Denny<sup>13</sup>)

Works treat with Denny presiding. Three cheers for Mr Hawes, Mr Denny & Mr Hargreaves, Mrs Denny & other ladies.<sup>14</sup>

### 1865

21 Nov 1st Advert for tiles at Hargreaves & Craven, Junction Wharf Ducie Street, Piccadilly, Manchester for Encaustic tile pavements, Enamelled and White wall tilings. This seems to be their main officed see 1868.

### 1866 – Denny, Hargreaves, Craven, Hulton

**Hawes leaves** the partnership. J. B Hawes, J D. Denny, **J Hargreaves, J Craven F.C. Hulton**

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<sup>8</sup> Wolverhampton Chronicle 21<sup>st</sup> March 1860.

<sup>9</sup> Wellington Journal. 30<sup>th</sup> August 1862

<sup>10</sup> Wellington Journal 18<sup>th</sup> October 1862, 15<sup>th</sup> November 1862

<sup>11</sup> Shrewsbury Chronicle 4<sup>th</sup> December 1863

<sup>12</sup> Liverpool Mercury 29/12/1864

<sup>13</sup> Eddowes Shrewsbury Journal 21<sup>st</sup> September 1884

<sup>14</sup> Eddowes Shrewsbury Journal 31<sup>st</sup> August 1864

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Annual dinner mentions Denny, Hargreaves & Craven.<sup>15</sup>

### 1867 - Hargreaves, Craven, Hulton

Calcutts Encaustic tile works of Denny Hargreaves & Co – the fourth annual treat to employees – an anniversary previously in field adjoining works but this time in the large glazing room.

Denny occupied the chair and Morris the vice-chair.

No lack of orders and a wage bill of £1,500 per annum.

Evening Mrs Denny gave tea to the wives.

**Denny leaves partnership J.D. Denny, J Hargreaves, J Craven & F. C Hulton.**

Advert for tile Hargreaves & Craven, Junction Wharf Ducie Street Manchester

### 1868

An assistant manager wanted for a small geometric & encaustic tile manufactory. Apply Hargreaves & Craven, Junction Wharf Ducie Street.<sup>16</sup> See 1869

### 1869

A lad called George Edge died in a clay pit adjoining the Calcutts Encaustic tile works. He was messing around with the skip and fell down the 35-yard-deep shaft.<sup>17</sup>

Wanted a first-class hollow ware presser - apply to Hargreaves & Craven, Jackfield Tile Works.<sup>18</sup>

Designs for Hargreaves & Craven tiles by George Goldie of Kensington Square.<sup>19</sup> See

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George\\_Goldie\\_\(architect\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Goldie_(architect))

### 1870

17 Nov Portland Cement for Bradford supplies to Hargreaves & Craven at Dulcie Wharf

Alexander H Brown – junior member (MP) for Borough of Wenlock in connection with friend J P G Smith of Liverpool and Mr F C Hulton of Manchester have consented to join Hargreaves & Craven on condition that the men (no mention of women) employed in those branches of manufacture be permitted to participate in the profits. Works to be taken down and entirely rebuilt.

### 1871 - Hargreaves, Craven, Dunnill & Co.

A new lease was obtained for 60 years and some £10,000 was to be expended on works and machinery.

Profit sharing starts after 10% is paid in dividends.

Treat at Mr Smiths at Swinney Cliff

Partnership dissolved. **J Hargreaves, J Craven and F C Hulton** Manchester, Stone Merchants<sup>20</sup>

18 Mar – Hargreaves & Craven stone and flag merchants Dulcie St

15<sup>th</sup> May – Hargreaves Craven Dunnill & Co.

7 Nov – James Hargreaves James Craven Fredk C Hulton stone merchants' partnerships dissolved

### 1872 - Craven, Dunnill, and Company Limited.

Capital £14,000, in 28 shares of £500.—This company will carry on business as a manufacturer of encaustic, geometric, and other tiles at Jackfield, Salop. The subscribers are—A. H. Brown, M.P., Richmond-hill, near Liverpool, 12 shares; J. P. Smith, Sweeney Cliff, near Coalport, Salop 4 shares; James Craven, Manchester, 1 share; F.C. Hulton, Salford, 5 shares ; H. P. Dunnill, Jackfield, 4 shares; S. B. Brown, Richmond-hill, near Liverpool, 1 share; and M. Rawdon, Edge-lane, Liverpool, 1 share.

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<sup>15</sup> Bridgnorth Journal 28<sup>th</sup> July 1866.

<sup>16</sup> Staffordshire Advertiser 18<sup>th</sup> April 1868

<sup>17</sup> Wellington Journal 13<sup>th</sup> February 1869

<sup>18</sup> Staffordshire Advertiser 29<sup>th</sup> May 1869

<sup>19</sup> Kensington News 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1869.

<sup>20</sup> Morning Advertiser 11/11/1871

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### 1873

Tiles made of Broseley clays. Agents W Harrison & Son, London, T Thomason, Manchester & Birmingham, W Goodall, Liverpool, George Swift Leeds.

### 1874

July Lithographic printer wanted – Craven Dunnill & Co.<sup>21</sup>

JACKFIELD ENCAUSTIC TILE WORKS. (The Architect)

ENCAUSTIC TILES have been made in Jackfield for a number of years, but since the old works came into the possession of the present firm of Messrs. Craven, Dunnill & Co., great changes have taken place. The firm took a lease of about four acres of ground, and adjoining the old works built a large and commodious manufactory, which has been in operation for nearly two years. They have since taken down all the buildings of the old works and have erected on their site and joining up to their new works large new warehouses, showroom, offices, and entrance lodge. The plan of the works is very complete, so as in every way to economise in the process of manufacture, and they are now, probably, one of the most complete works of the kind.

The buildings consist of four blocks, one detached and the others connected, each block accommodating a separate branch of the manufacture.

In the detached block the raw materials are reduced to a state ready for the hands of the workmen.

This building comprises the boiler-house, engine-house, pan-rooms, blunging-rooms, slip kilns and dust mills, together with stores for the various coloured clays as they leave the slip kilns ready for grinding.

The second block accommodates the work-people in the raw material, and the stores for the various clays and dust, as prepared for their use, and contains the damping places, where the clays are kept in a certain degree of moisture; pressers' shops for the various colours of geometric tiles, and the encaustic tile makers' shops, with their stoves.

The next block provides for the drying and firing of the goods and decorating shops, and comprises the "drying-house," where tiles made from dust are partially dried; the "seggar-house," where goods are prepared for and received out of the "ovens;" and the "ovens" where the goods are "fired" or baked, and also the glazing and enamelling kilns.

On the first floor are workshops employed for painting, enamelling, or other decorative purposes.

The fourth block provides for the sorting and stocking of goods and for packing them for despatch; also the offices and showroom. It contains the sorting-house, best and second warehouses, showroom, offices for principals. and clerks, packing house, straw store, lodge, staircase, main entrance, lodgekeepers dwelling. &c. This part of the building is fitted with water-closets and lavatories, and there are separate earth-closets provided for male and female workpeople.

Near to the detached block first described a small gas-works has been erected, which supplies the whole of the buildings.

The encaustic makers' stoves, the drying-house, warehouses, and offices are heated by steam pipes from the engine-boiler.

There is a complete system of deep and surface-drains, and the yards and open spaces are well paved. Every part of the building has been carefully arranged, so as to meet the special purposes for which it is employed, and the connection of the several parts have been so adjusted as to economise labour to the utmost. Ample provision for the admission of light and air has been carefully studied, together with ease of supervision and management by the heads of departments.

All the workrooms are large, lofty, and well ventilated. The encaustic tile makers' room is 87 feet long by 25 feet wide, and the upper room of the warehouse block is 83 feet long by 36 feet wide, the roof being supported by massive, polished principals.

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<sup>21</sup> Birmingham Daily Post 4<sup>th</sup> July 1878

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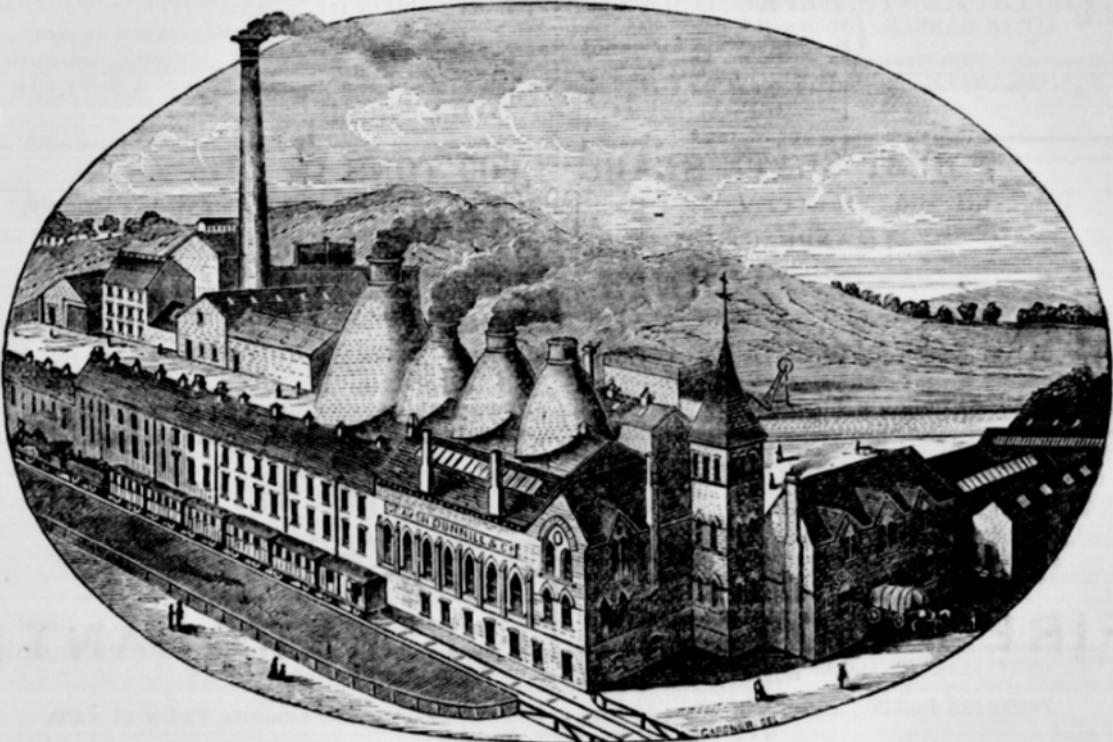
In the exterior design extravagance of detail has been avoided, as not appropriate to the purposes of the building; but, by a judicious use of local materials of good quality, and by a natural treatment of the many requirements of the premises, varying from perfect plainness in the mill and workshops to a freer handling in the warehouses, showroom, and principal entrance, a certain amount of architectural character has been attained which does not always accompany ordinary manufacturing buildings, but which, in this case, may be said rather to enhance the picturesque effects of the banks of the Severn, on which the premises are situated.

The general contractor was Mr. W. Exley, of Broseley, Mr. Bailey, of Ironbridge, sub-contracting under him for the joiners' work; Mr. Boulton, of Burslem, supplied the engineers' work, Mr. Price has acted as clerk of works, and Mr. Lynam, of Stoke-upon-Trent, was the architect.

The clays of Shropshire were turned to account by the Romans, and the relics dug up at Urconium, near the foot of the Wrekin, of tessellated tiles, made from red clay, were in all probability made from clays similar to those now worked at Jackfield. From a period so early as 1453 it would seem that the valley of the Severn was famous for ornamental tiles, for many specimens bearing that date have been found in cathedrals and churches. Jacquemart, in his "History of Ceramic Art," says that Jackfield is the most ancient site of pottery in Shropshire, and that there exists a specimen of its brown pottery dated 1634. It is also said that names of persons from Jackfield are entered in the parish registers of Stoke-upon-Trent who are supposed to have been potters as early as 1660, and the site of that old pottery was on the ground which is now occupied by the Jackfield Encaustic Tile Works. The clays of Jackfield are specially adapted for geometrical and encaustic tiles, and the red clay under the present works is probably the finest in the world.

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**ENCAUSTIC AND GEOMETRICAL TILES**  
**CRAVEN, DUNNILL, and CO. (LIMITED).**  
Jackfield Works, near Ironbridge, Shropshire.



**BEAUTIFUL DESIGNS. REPRODUCTION OF ANCIENT WORK. IMPERISHABLE PAVEMENTS, ECCLESIASTICAL and DOMESTIC, made from the celebrated FINE CLAYS of JACKFIELD and BROSELEY**  
The large new works have been designed for and fitted with every appliance, and the Tiles are the BEST NOW MADE. Samples, Pattern Sheets, and Estimates on application to Works.

London Agents: WM. HARRISON & SON, 133, UPPER THAMES STREET.

### **John Brazier Hawes – Draughtsman, Traveller**

- 1816 Born 29 December to Richard Brasier Hawes & Elizabeth.
- 1817 2 Feb. Baptised Southwark Wesleyan Chapel, Bermondsey.
- 1820 Father at Walworth, carpenter, and timber dealer, bankrupt.
- 1830 Father Richard Brazier Hawes & Charles Smith, Horsley Street, Walworth Bankrupt.
- 1836 Father Richard Brazier Hawes was admitted to the company of Carpenters in London.
- 1839 Marriage to Emma Clarke, St George Southwark district.
- 1840 Electoral register – House on Walworth Common.
- 1840 Birth of daughter Elizabeth
- 1841 Newington, Lambeth, occupation: Builder
- 1842 Birth of daughter Emma Beatrice.
- 1843 Death of daughter Elizabeth.
- 1844 4<sup>th</sup> September Birth of son John Brazier Jr.
- 1845 Death of his father Richard.
- 1847 Electoral register – House on Walworth Common.  
Birth of daughter Anne Walsham Hawes
- 1851 Living at Camberwell, Lambeth John B, Carpenter. Emma 31, Emma B 8 John B 6, Ann 4.
- 1852 Partnership dissolved - William Buckland & John Brasier Hawes Walworth-place, Walworth  
Land and house agents, surveyors, valuers & appraisers.

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- 1857 License for the Crown (pub) Walworth Place application withdrawn.
- 1861 Census: Madeley, Draftsman, Emma 41, Emma B, 18, Ann 14.
- 1862 Daughter Emma married James Davy Denny at Ironbridge. Occupation Draughtsman.
- 1863 Hawes Denny & Hargreaves. – set up the works?
- 1864 Willaim Owen sinking a pit for Messrs. Hawes & Denny (Eddowes 21/09/1864)
- 1866 **J B Hawes leaves the partnership. – James Davey Denny, James Craven, and Frederick Copley Hulton** geometric and encaustic tile manufacturers Jackfield-works, Broseley 25<sup>th</sup> June
- 1871 Census Madeley Road, Madeley. Emma 51, Emma B Denny (married) 28, James Denny (son-in-law) 36 Draftsman.  
John Brasier Sr Commercial Traveller in Bridewell, London at Angus's Hotel.
- 1873 Commercial Traveller (Marriage of JB Jnr.)
- 1879 Death of daughter Anne Washam Hawes of Ironbridge – left £300. Wife Emma took over the shop.
- 1880 Wife running Fancy repository (Anne's shop) in Ironbridge. Also Bookseller, stationer and dye-works agent.  
June. Bankrupt. Commercial traveller & administrator to daughter Anne.  
July. Stock and furniture at the shop are to be sold by tender.  
October 1<sup>st</sup> dividend 1s 6d.
- 1881 Census: John Brazier Hawes 64, Town Traveller (Tiles). Boarding at 29 Windmill Street St Pancras.  
Wife Emma living with son-in-law James D Denny at Church Gresley.
- 1889 Wife Emma died at Denny's house on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1889.  
The date and place of death are unknown but not found in the 1891 census.

### **John Brasier Hawes Jnr. 1844-1909 – Maws Agent in Chicago**

- 1844 Born in London district St Mary Stoke Newington
- 1860 Bible prize winner of Coalbrookdale Company's school. £1 prize 5<sup>th</sup> in list
- 1861 Census: Christchurch, Southwark, 42 Stamford Street, John Brazier Jnr. 16, Booksellers assistant boarding at the house of John Marriott a printer's messenger.
- 1871 Census: 6. Edward St, Newington, Lambeth, Lodger, Encaustic tile merchant.
- 1873 Married Mary Griffiths (26) at Ironbridge. Occupation Commercial Traveller, residence, Ironbridge.
- 1877 House on Lincoln Hill occupied as tenant by J B Jnr for sale.
- 1881 Census: Madeley, Old Turn Pike Road, The Ivies. (nr Lincoln Hill) Commercial Traveller Encaustic tiles.
- 1890 Arrives in New York.
- 1897 Probable date of setting up Hawes & Dodd Chicago agents for Maws tiles by J B Jnr.<sup>22</sup>  
Arrives at Liverpool. John B Hawes, merchant.
- 1909 Died 27<sup>th</sup> April 1909 in Chicago  
Probate 4848 Calumet Avenue Chicago. Died 27 April in Room 60 of the Galily Buildings 24 E Adams Street Chicago. London 27 August to Sidney Raymond Maw tile manufacturer the attorney of Mary Hawes widow. £578 162 7d.

### **James Davy Denny – Draughtsman & Architect**

- 1828 Sister Lavinia baptised Fressingfield.
- 1834 24 Oct baptised at Fressingfield, Suffolk. Father Charles, Mother Mary  
In the Census he lists himself as being born at Harleston, Norfolk which is four miles north of Fressingfield.

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<sup>22</sup> Chicago Tribune 28 April 1909.

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- 1837 At Newington, Surrey – birth of brother Charles Thomas.
- 1841 Census: Newington, Surrey, Father Charles Labourer
- 1851 Census St Mary Newington (mother widow). James - Architects' office boy.
- 1858 Marriage James Davy Denny of London to Annie Rees at Llantrisant
- 1859 Death of Annie at Llangibby Castle – wife of J D Denny of Ironbridge.
- 1861 Salop Road (between Wharfage and Bridge Street Ironbridge) Madeley, Draughtsman & Designer lodging with Sarah Fairbanks a grocer
- 1862 9 Sept or 31 Aug married **Emma Beatrice Hawes** at Madeley – He was a widower with occupation as a draughtsman.
- 1867** 30<sup>th</sup> Aug Leaves partnership: James Davey Denny, **James Hargreaves**, **James Craven** and **Frederick Copley Hulton**
- 1868 Church Warden at Jackfield (WJ 01/02/68)
- 1871 Madeley Road, Madeley. They were living with their parents in Law – the Hawes with his wife and listed as a Draughtsman.
- 1876 Architect formerly Student at Govt School of design Somerset House & for many years with architect Sir M Digby Wyatt in London). The cottage Hastings Road Swadlincote.
- 1877 Swadlincote - Building land for sale – Plans of lots apply to Denny Architect.
- 1878 Ashby-de-la-Zouch - Secretary (School board?) James D Denny, Church Gresley Hon Sec. Art class prizes.
- 1881 Church Gresley (46) Architect & Surveyor. Applied to be Clerk to Local board. Got to the last 3 but did not receive any votes perhaps as he wanted a salary of £15 per year whereas the selected candidate wanted £12.
- 1882 Running roofing tile department at J. C Edwards Brickworks, Ruabon.
- 1885 Patent Invention double lock and key locks for fireproof ventilating ceilings. Of Newbridge Road, Ruabon.
- 1886 Of Llangollen Improvements in Terracotta and appliances for making the same.
- 1887 Manager of Pant Works of Henry Dennis. Rhos works at Pant taken over by Dennis in 1886 (<http://industrialgwent.co.uk/g61-northwales/index.htm> )
- 1889 Patent for manufacturing of facing bricks& tiles.
- 1891 Meadow Cottage, Llangollen. – Architect  
Member of English Wesleyan Chapel.
- 1894 Involved in erecting offices &c for Town Schools. Regent Street, Llangollen
- 1899 Plans submitted to the council by Denny for buildings.
- 1901 Meadow Cottage, Regent Street, Llangollen. Architect
- 1908 Bankrupt. Liabilities of £131 16s 3d – deficiency of £98 14s. Started business with a capital of £20. Went to Llangollen about 20 years ago. First employed by Mr J. C. Edwards as a brick & tile manager subsequently to Mr Dennis's works and warned £150 a year as manager. Afterwards started for himself. In 1890 lost £200 on promoting two patents, facing bricks and side pressure die. Done nothing for 12 months.
- 1911 22 West Side Llangollen (born Harleston Norfolk), retired architect. The couple were at the same house as Jane Jones and her 2 children possibly lodging.
- 1912 Died 20 Nov. buried at Llangollen. (According to the Burial Law Amendment Act. Suicide?)

### **James Hargreaves – Stone Merchant & Investor**

No obvious link to A Hargreaves Brown

- 1824 Born Halifax
- 1830 Hannah Hawley was baptised on 26 Mar 1830. Parents John & Betty Hawley.
- 1841 Hawley family living at Ruby Street, Hulme, Chorlton
- 1851 Q1 James Hargreaves married Hannah Hawley at Chorlton-cum-Hardey district, Lancashire. Not found in the 1851 census



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- 1853 No one called James Hargreaves with a connection to stone or building is listed in the Manchester Directory – However, Craven is listed as a stone merchant.
- 1854 Born 14 Aug - First child Martha born in Manchester. No record of baptism.
- 1855 Harriet was born on 7<sup>th</sup> February at Chorlton.
- 1856 August. Hargreaves & Farrow. The partnership between James Hargreaves & Charles Farrow Flag & Stone merchants dissolved – debts to Charles Farrow.  
December Craven was listed as a stone merchant at Moss side.
- 1858 First Advert for Hargreaves & Craven Junction Wharf Stone Merchants
- 1861 55 Percival Road Chorlton on Medlock, Manchester Stone & Lime Merchant
- 1863 Calcutts Works – Hawes, Denny & Hargreaves. Denny & Hawes were local so how did Hargreaves get involved? He was probably the financial backer.
- 1864 Partnership dissolved **J Hargreaves**, G. H Newton, **J Craven** and **F C Hulton** Alrewas, plaster of Paris manufacturers <sup>23</sup>
- 1865 Advert for Geometrical mosaic, Venetian and encaustic tile pavements. Hargreaves & Craven
- 1866 Hawes leaves partnership of John B Hawes, James Craven, James Davy Denny, Fred. C Hulton, **James Hargreaves**.
- 1868 Hannah Born 17 November
- 1870 Son Harry was born in Manchester.
- 1871 Albers Lane Cheadle Merchant Stone & Cement &c  
Partnership dissolved. **J Hargreaves**, **J Craven** and **F C Hulton** Manchester, Stone Merchants<sup>24</sup>
- 1872 Not amongst investors in Ltd company Craven etc.
- 1887 A Mr J. Hargreaves attended the burial of James Craven (Man Courier 26/08)
- 1890 Bridge House, Cheadle Hulme – freehold house & land
- 1891 33 Lady Bridge Road, Cheadle – merchant Tobacco Agent
- 1894 Death Notice – at his residence Birch Lane, Longsight, James Hargreaves (Hargreaves & Craven stone merchants) in his 71<sup>st</sup> year (late of Cheadle Hulme) – Funeral Southern Cemetery. (Chorlton-cum-hardy plot CNon Conformist 1302)  
Probate 98 Birch Lane Longsight, Manchester tobacconist, stone merchant died 4/02/1894.  
Probate to Fred Hargreaves salesman £1217 15s 5d. (income value £1,062,000)
- 1901 Hannah Snr, Hannah Jnr. & Harriet had moved to Evesham.
- 1917 Hannah Snr 10 May 1917 (Chorlton-cum-hardy plot CNon Conformist 1302)
- 1941 Harriet died Evesham  
Marthe Died buried on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 1941 (Chorlton-cum-hardy plot CNon Conformist 1302)
- 1934 Harry Hargreaves 10m May (Chorlton-cum-hardy plot CNon Conformist 1302)
- 1943 Hannah Jnr death Evesham
- 1955 Adeline Hargreaves 22 Jun 1955 (Chorlton-cum-hardy plot CNon Conformist 1302)

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Alderman Manchester City Council

- 1817 Born 10 Jan in Colne (Death Notice 27/08/1887) his Father Thomas was a Mason, Baptised 9 Feb. living at Carry Bridge, Colne.
- 1839 Married Sarah Welcher on 9<sup>th</sup> June at Doddington Cambridge. They were both living in the parish. Sarah's father was a farmer of 50 acres.
- 1840 Baptism of son John at Roundhay, Leeds. Occupation mason.
- 1841 James, Sarah & son John living at Roundhay. Listed as Ag Lab??
- 1845 Birth of daughter Sarah. Baptism at Holy Trinity, Hulme. Occupation Mason at New Street.
- 1847 Birth of daughter Mary Ann. Baptism at Holy Trinity Hulme. Occupation Mason at Alderley St

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<sup>23</sup> Liverpool Mercury 29/12/1864

<sup>24</sup> Morning Advertiser 11/11/1871

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- 1850 Birth of son Thomas. Baptism at Holy Trinity Hulme. Occupation Stone Mason at 169 Warde Street
- 1851 Census: Moss Lane, Moss Side, Manchester - Stone Mason Employing 10 men.
- 1852 Birth of son Jonas. Baptism at Holy Trinity Hulme. Occupation Stone Mason at Moss side.
- 1853 Listed as a stone merchant in the Manchester Directory.
- 1855 Chorlton Union Guardians – James Craven Moss Side, Mason
- 1856 Stone Merchant Moss Side
- 1861 Census: Withington Road Moss Side. Stone Merchant
- 1862 Queens Terrace Whalley Range
- 1863 Cambridge Villas, Whalley Range. (upper Chorlton Rd – now demolished)  
Re-elected to Manchester Council. Medlock Street Ward
- 1871 Cotton & Stone Merchant
- 1872 Craven Dunnill & Co Ltd Company - one share. Of Whalley Range, Manchester Gentleman  
no occupation
- 1881 Census. Woodland House, Upper Chorlton Road. Occupation Cotton Manufacturer.
- 1882 Woodland House, Whalley Range.
- 1887 Died 20<sup>th</sup> August (Man Courier 24/01/1890 court case – F B C Hulton)  
Left £22,714 4s 5d (income value £21,250,000)  
Of Woodland House, Whalley Range but late of Rixton Lodge Seymour – Grove Stretford.
- 1889 Son at Oakleigh Upper Chorlton Road, Whalley solicitor
- 1894 Death of Jonas Craven son of later James Craven of Whalley range
- 1905 Death of Wife Sarah

Mr. James Craven was a native of Lincolnshire (*census states Colne, Lancashire*), but came to Manchester about 1850, and lived towards the end of his life in Upper Chorlton Road, and at Rixton Lodge, Seymour Grove.

He was an Alderman of the City of Manchester, and his interest in local affairs led to his being elected a member of the Stretford Local Board, as well as a member of the Local Board for the adjacent district of Moss Side. He was a builder by occupation, and soon after coming to Manchester was engaged on the erection of Holy Trinity Church, Stretford Road, Hulme. He died on August 20, 1887.

His eldest daughter Sarah married John Worthington, of the firm of William and John Worthington of Manchester, Contractors, both of whom resided in Seymour Grove, and his grandson, Frank Worthington, became a member of the firm of Crofton, Craven, and Worthington, Solicitors, Manchester. His second daughter, Mary Ann, married Taylor Sharpe, Esq., of Baumber Park, co. Lincoln. He had also three sons, John, Thomas, and Jonas; John died some years ago; Thomas was a partner, and is now a Director, of the firm of Gresham and Craven, Ltd., a Deputy Lieutenant for the county of Chester, and lives at Woodhays Park, Ashton-on-Mersey; he married Annie, daughter of William Halliday Cornforth, Esq., who was Churchwarden of Stretford 1860-1 862, and by her, he has issue three sons and a daughter.

Mr. Jonas Craven married Ada, daughter of David Chadwick, Esq., M.P. for Macclesfield, and died November 21, 1894, aged 42, leaving five sons and three daughters. He was educated at Shrewsbury Grammar School and was admitted as a Solicitor in 1875, after serving his articles with Messrs. Hulton and Lister. Until 1885 he was a partner with Mr. Brett, formerly Town Clerk of Salford, who was for several years partner with Mr. Frederick Blethyn Copley Hulton. In 1885 he joined Mr. H. T. Crofton, who had succeeded to the business of Hulton and Lister, which was thereafter carried on under the title of Crofton and Craven.

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He was at one time a member of the Stretford Local Board and lived at Oak Lea, Upper Chorlton Road.

In memory of Alderman Craven the family erected the north porch of the Manchester Cathedral.

A short account of Mr. Jonas Craven's active career and his portrait appeared in Manchester Faces and Places vol. vi. pp. 60-62.

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### Frederick Blethyn Copley Hulton – Wealthy Solicitor & investor

Descendants of Henry VII ([https://www.angelfire.com/realm/gotha/Part\\_h6.htm](https://www.angelfire.com/realm/gotha/Part_h6.htm) )

He never married.

- 1817 Baptised, Malew IOM. 3 Oct 1817. Henry Hulton, Louisa Caroline Campbell
- 1860 Withington Road Moss Side Manchester. & 1870
- 1861 Census: Withington Road, Whalley Range. Occupation Attorney.
- 1870 F C Hulton at Withington Road, Moss Side. Renting house from John Noblett, Snow Hill.
- 1871 ?ualey Bank, Moss side Aged 53, Attorney, born Isle of Man
- 1872 Craven Dunnill & Co Ltd– five shares. Salford Attorney-at-Law
- 1873 Agent for Sun Life, 1 High Street (PO directory of Manchester)
- 1881 77 Withington Road, Whalley Range. Occupation Solicitor
- 1886 Died left £458,175 9s 10d. (income value £441,600,000). Will proved by nephews who were executors.

Buried at St Cuthbert, Lytham, Frederick, son of Henry Hulton, esq., Preston (10). Frederick Blethyn Copley, the youngest son, on leaving the school in 1834, was articled to Mr. Charles Buck, attorney, of Preston, and in 1840 was admitted an attorney, entering as a partner in the firm of Cross and Forrest, of Preston. Mr. Cross was father of Richard Assheton Cross, M.P., and died some time before Mr. Hulton joined the firm. In 1845 he came to Manchester, and since 1847 has held the office of registrar to the Salford County Court and clerk to the justices of the New bailey prison, as well as other official legal appointments. Mr. F. Hulton who is unmarried, and resident at Whalley view, Whalley Range, near Manchester, published in 1841 a small book entitled the practice of the County Courts of Lancashire, and was junior steward of the anniversary festival of 1852. ([https://prestonhistory.com/sources-2/manchester-grammar-school-preston-pupils-1740-1837/#\\_ftn45](https://prestonhistory.com/sources-2/manchester-grammar-school-preston-pupils-1740-1837/#_ftn45) )

### Sir Alexander Hargreaves Brown – wealthy investor

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sir\\_Alexander\\_Brown,\\_1st\\_Baronet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sir_Alexander_Brown,_1st_Baronet)

- 1844 11 April Beilby Grange, Weatherby, Yorkshire to Alexander & Sarah Benedict Brown
- 1871 Grosvenor Gardens, Knightsbridge, Magistrate & MP
- 1872 Craven Dunnill & Co. Ltd – twelve shares. Richmond Hill near Liverpool.
- 1903 Created 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet Brown of Broome Hall Holmwood Surrey
- 1922 Died left £1,408,308 18s 4d (income value £519,900,000)

Hargreaves link may be through Grace Brown daughter of William Brown from this family.

### Sarah Benedict Brown – Mother of A H Brown –wealthy investor

- 1819 Birth 12 Nov Baltimore USA
- 1871 Living with son at 12, Grosvenor Gardens. Eight servants including butler.
- 1872 Craven Dunnill & Co. Ltd – - one share, Richmond Hill, Liverpool
- 1881 18 Grosvenor Gardens with 7 servants.
- 1902 Died 19 Aug - £231,755 1s 9d (income value £172,500,000)

### Matilda Rawdon – a wealthy investor

Possible link to the Smith family as Rawdon was used as a middle name for John Peter Gordon Smith's son.

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- 1782 James Rawdon baptised 10 Feb 1782 North gate End Presbyterian Halifax.
- 1794 Matilda Sage Birth, Non-conformist – parish of St Peter Cornhill, Middlesex. Edwards Sage and Sarah who was the daughter of Christopher Rawdon.
- 1841 69 Brunswick Road, West Derby. James Rawdon 55, Merchant. Living with wife Matilda & 7 servants.
- 1851 Brunswick Road, West Derby. James Rawdon 68, Merchant
- 1852 Rawdon had sold the Brunswick House Estate, and the house was being demolished.
- 1855 Husband James Rawdon died.
- 1861 11 Edge Lane, Liverpool. Fund holder & Railway Shareholder.
- 1871 11 Edge Lane, Liverpool
- 1872 Craven Dunnill & Co Ltd. one share. 11 Edge Lane, Liverpool
- 1881 11 Edge Lane Liverpool
- 1882 Matilda Rawdon (Sage) Death - £3,329 4s 10d. (income value £2,970,000). Of Edge-lane, Liverpool. Will was proved by John Peter George Smith of Sweeney(sic) Cliff, Coalport.

### John Peter George Smith – Esquire, Merchant, Banker

Possible link to the Rawdon family as Rawdon was used as the middle name for John Peter Gordon Smith's son.

- 1778 Birth of brother Lord Henry Smith.
- 1818 Born 16 Oct, Baptised 1 Jan 1819 at St Alphage, Greenwich. Father: Lord Henry (Gentleman), Mother Jane Mary. London Street.
- 1841 Married Emma Juliana Gray at Hove on 4<sup>th</sup> November. He was of Liverpool Esquire – Father Esquire. Emma's father was Francis Edward Gray Esquire. – none of them had occupations. Council of Liverpool Anti-monopoly Association Christopher Rawdon on the same council
- 1846 Death of daughter Emma. Address Spring-bank, Everton
- 1848 Walton on the Hill (Walton Brick) Merchant. Elected as director of Liverpool Union Mill & Bread company.
- 1849 Death of infant son Herbert Edward Rawdon – Link to Rawdon Family?
- 1851 Census: General merchant – Walton on the Hill, West Derby – **near the Rawdon's**  
Birth of Francis Rawdon Smith. Baptised 19<sup>th</sup> June. Walton on the Hill.
- 1856 Manager Liverpool Borough Bank.
- 1857 December - Liquidators appointed to Liverpool Borough Bank.
- 1859 Bankrupt due to failure of Liverpool Borough Bank  
Address Spring Bank, Breck Lane, Walton on the Hill. – occupier of a house & land at a rental of £50 per annum and upwards.
- 1864 Described as Merchant.
- 1871 Manufacturer at Oakfield Rod Walton on the Hill.
- 1872 Craven Dunnill & Co Ltd Francis– four shares. Sweeney Cliff, near Coalport and listed as out of business.
- 1881 Census; Retired General merchant & banker  
Son Francis R (29) Encaustic tile manufacturer. (born Walton on the Hill)  
Francis R married Beatrice Melly, second daughter of George Melly JP of Liverpool at the Ancient Chapel Toxteth.
- 1901 Swiney Cliff Encaustic tile manufacturer
- 1909 Died 31 May at Abbey gate Beach-road Weston-Super-Mare £2,138 17s 2d.  
Income value (£1,585,000)  
He had lived there only two months. Mourners included Sir Alexander 7 Lady Brown of Liverpool.

### Francis Rawdon Smith – Son of JPG, manager

- 1851 Baptised 19<sup>th</sup> June. Walton on the Hill
- 1881 Census: Living at Sweeney Cliff with parents – Encaustic tile manufacturer.

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- Married Beatrice Melly, second daughter of George Melly JP of Liverpool at the Ancient Chapel Toxteth.
- 1891 Census: Francis Rawdon Smith – Eastfield, Ironbridge, Encaustic tile manufacturer.
- 1901 Census: Francis Rawdon Smith – Eastfield, Ironbridge, Encaustic tile manufacturer.
- 1910 Marriage of George Francis Rawdon Smith at Lancaster. Son of Francis Rawdon Smith a tile manufacturer.
- 1911 Census: Francis Rawdon Smith – Eastfield, Ironbridge, Retired Encaustic tile manufacturer manager.
- 1921 Census: Francis Rawdon Smith – 16 Buildwas Road, retired Encaustic tile manufacturer.
- 1931 Francis Rawdon Smith (rugby old boy) died leaving £4,021 (income value £1,591,000)

### Henry Powell Dunnill – Printer, Bookseller

See Biography which has some errors.

- 1821 Born 22 Sept Wakefield. Mother's maiden name is Powell.
- 1840 Wakefield Temperance anniversary. Infant Society Secretary.
- 1841 Living alone Robinsons Yard, Westgate, Wakefield – Bookkeeper.
- 1842 Lecture on Optics for Wakefield Mechanics' Institution
- 1844 Join Secretary of Wakefield Mechanics institution.
- 1847 Of Manchester (son of Mr Dunnill, Silver Street Wakefield) lecture to Mechanics' Institute – Borneo & Tropical Australia.
- 1848 Life member of Wakefield Mechanics Institution.
- 1850 Dunnill and Palmer Stationers & Printers in Manchester– first reference found. H Dunnill (Manchester). Wakefield Temperance Anniversary.
- 1851 Salem Chapel Wakefield, of the firm of Dunnill & Palmer stationers Manchester to Eliza daughter of George Lee Esq of Providence House Wakefield.
- 1856 D&P published Manchester Papers - Educational essays
- 1860 Partnership dissolved. H Dunnill & J Plamer, Manchester engravers. Dunnill leaves the partnership.
- 1861 Stretford Manchester – lithographic Printer.  
Powell & Dunnill Lithographic and Chromo printers, engravers, embossers & pattern card makers dissolved.
- 1862 Henry Dunnill leaves partnership with John Plamer & Thomas Howe. Dunnill Palmer & Co English & Foreign Booksellers and Printers  
Lived at Cambridge Villas owned by Craven.
- 1864 Warehouse in 5 Cross Street St Anns Ward Manchester
- 1865 Death of son Herbert Sydney – Cambridge Villas Whalley Range – next door to or with Craven!  
H S Born Q3 Chorlton District – death Q1 Charlton district
- 1867 Eliza Died. 13 Aug at Clarendon Villa Cotham Bristol. Wife of H Dunnill late of Walley range Manchester. Clifton district Q3 1867
- 1868 First reference in newspapers to Dunnill in Broseley.
- 1871 8 March. Married. Eliza Jane daughter of Rev Samuel Evans of Ironbridge
- 1872 Ltd Company – four shares. Jackfield, Tile manufacturer.
- 1895 Died 26 March – estate £3,128 14s 10d. Death Notice in Manchester papers.

### Frederick Charles Howells 1864-1933, manager

The Father

Thomas Howells was baptised on 27th April 1823 in Holdgate a small hamlet in Corvedale. In 1841 the family were living at Brookhampton to the east of Holdgate. His father Thoms Snr. had died and his mother Mary aged 50 is listed as a publican with Thomas (15) being employed as an agricultural

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labourer. In 1843 he married Ann Evans, a native of Broseley in Shrewsbury and by 1851 he had trained as a cordwainer and moved to Broseley where his family were lodging with his father-in-law Thoams Evans a coalminer in Hockley Road. In April 1861 he was clearly doing well for himself as his is listed as a shoe manufacturer and was living on Barratts Hill. His wife Ann had died earlier in the year and his mother had moved in with the family. In 1863 married Mary Williams.

Thomas continued to live on Barratts Hill until his death in 1900, styling himself as a Master shoemaker in 1891. The house was rented and when it was sold in 1902 it was described as a Messuage or Dwelling House with yard and outbuildings. There was a cottage at the back of the dwelling on Padmans Alley both properties together were the subject to an amercement rent of 6s 8d to Lord Forester.

Thomas was said to have been a devoted member of the Congregational Church. He held the office of treasurer for several years, was a senior deacon up to the time of his death and had been superintendent of the Sunday School for 40 years.

Mary died in 1902 and is also buried in the family grave.

### Children

Edwin	1850-1927 Shoemaker - married Hephzibah Churchman 4/7/1882
Isaac	1852
Mary Ann	1856
Selina	1858-1862
John H	1866-1926

### Frederic

He may have been taken under the wing of Henry Powell Dunnill who was a prominent member of the Congregational Church. In 1881 he is listed as an Encaustic tile designer presumably working at Dunnill's and married Harriet Davies at Broseley in 1885. By 1891 they had moved to Ruabon, possibly working at the Dennis Works. He then moved to Clifton (Lancs) where he worked for Pilkington's returning to Broseley in 1912 to become manager of the Craven Dunnill works living at Field House on Queen Street. He died on 12<sup>th</sup> April 1933 and left £12,414 5s 2d (income value £4,980,000) with probate to his widow Harriet.

Harriett continued to live at Field House until she died in 1946. She left £16453 5s 7d (income value £3,074,000) with probate to Thomas Wilfred Howells company director (Craven Dunnill?)

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*Figure 1 Fred and Harriet Howells (left) outside Field House with two members of the Broadhurst family (Broadhurst family collection)*

### **Thomas Wilfred Howells 1887-1965**

He was the only child of Frederick and Harriet.

He was born in Broseley in 1887 moving with his family to Ruabon and then to Clifton, Lancashire. In 1911 Thomas was living at Rooks Haven, Rake Leave, Clifton Junction, and was a Tile, Faience & mosaic designer presumably working at Pilkington's. He married Margaret Bowness, a Domestic Science Teacher (1888-1976) at Bolton in 1919 (Q2). Her father was a drysalter, oil refiner & paint merchant and had died in 1908. By 1921 he had returned to Broseley to take over the managership of the Craven Dunnill works and his family were living at Hurstlea next door to Alison House where his parents lived. He was living at the same house in 1939 and is listed as 'Managing director glazed & floor tile company'.

Thomas died in September 1965 at Hurstlea, Conduit Lane, Bridgnorth with probate to his wife Margaret. He left £10,487 (income value £568,700).

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