

Harry Werneth Doodson

A tree tracing the family of Harry Werneth Doodson, found at Werneth Railway Station in 1861

Family trees prepared by Mike Doodson

Sources of information: Census returns for 1841-1911 plus Births Marriages and Deaths records, US census returns, and additional information from Lynne Stephenson (descendent of Agnes Hannah Werneth Doodson)

Entries in **bold** type - given (Christian) names
Entries in *italic* type - spouse surnames



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Little Harry was found on Werneth Railway Station on the evening of 17th February 1861. Authorities made every effort to find his "owner" but failed, so the police allowed John Doodson to adopt him. John and Mary Doodson had Harry baptised on 31st March 1861. The baptism records were annotated with this story of his being found and adopted.

John and Mary are a mystery. No trace has yet been found of their marriage, or any entry in censuses either side of the 1861 census. They were recorded in 1861 as DODSON, but Harry was always recorded in censuses and civil registers as DOODSON.
1861 census Harry Dodson recorded as being adopted by John and Mary Dodson, living at Back Fletcher Street, Oldham
Unable to trace the family to 1871 census

On marriage record no name or occupation given for Selina's father.
John and Selina emigrated to USA (Liverpool to Philadelphia) in August 1910 (on ship Friesland). They set up home in Fall River, Massachusetts. John and Selina naturalised as US citizens in 1917
Note that on his US forces draft card in 1917 Selina's middle name also given as Werneth. Selina's name was often spelled Celina in the USA
1920 US census - at Ash Street, Fall River, Mass. Selina recorded as Celia. John (snr) - overseer in printing works.
1930 US census - at Bay Street, Fall River, Mass. Birthplace of Selina's parents given as "unknown" (but in England). John (snr) - overseer in printing works. Selina recorded as Celina
1940 US census - at Bay Street. John listed as street labourer.
* In 1943 Selina changed her date and location of birth in US social security records - unknown where she got this information from.

John
(1832 - ?)
Bolton

Mary
?
(1831 - ?)
Oldham

1881: Henry and family at 35 Ogden Street, Chadderton
1891: at 562 Middleton Road, Chadderton
1901: at 598 Middleton Road, Chadderton.
1911: at 16 Taylor Street, Chadderton. Harry - invalid for 9 years. All members of family (including Violet) recorded as having middle name Werneth. Harry's birth place recorded as "not known - found". Sarah Ann shown as visitor, with married surname

Henry/Harry
(1857 - 1922)
"found"
d. Chadderton

m.
27/8/1877
St Matthew,
Chadderton

Violet
Milhench
(1858-1930)
b.Delph, nr.Saddleworth
d.Oldham

Mary Werneth
(1878 - 1942)
b.Chadderton
d.Oldham

John William Werneth
(1880 - 1954)
b.Chadderton
d.Fall River, USA

m. 1910
Oldham

Selina Hammonds
(1880 - 1969)
b.Birmingham*
d.Fall River, USA

?
Harry Werneth
(1883 -)
Oldham

Samuel Werneth
(1886 - 86)
Chadderton

Elizabeth Hannah Werneth
(1887 - 88)
Chadderton

Sarah Ann Werneth
(1890 - 1967)
b.Chadderton
d.Middleton

Hannah Werneth
(1894 - 95)
Chadderton

Ethel Werneth
(1897 - 1939)
b.Chadderton
d.Ashton

Agnes Hannah Werneth
(1899 - 1963)
Chadderton

Mary married Charles Henry Whyatt, in Chadderton in 1897
Father Harry recorded as "labourer"

Children (all born in Oldham):
John James Whyatt (b.1898)
Wilfred Whyatt (b.1899)
Doris Whyatt (b.1901)
Tom (b.1903)
Frank (b.1904)
Eva (b.1908)
Florrie b.1912)

Charles died in Oldham in 1956

John and Ruth's residence in 1957
(per City Directory), Touisset Ave,
Swansea, Mass.

John William Werneth
(1911 - 85)
b.Fall River, Mass. USA
d. Swansea, Mass. USA

m.

Ruth
?
(? - ?)

Elaine Werneth
(? -)

Celia
(1921 - 88)
b/d.Fall River,
Mass., USA

Assume Harry died young, but no record of his death being registered

Information per findagrave.com:
Celia married Stephen B Shoesmith (b. 1917, d.1980) in 1944 in Fall River, Mass.

Children:
Janice C (b.1951, d.1968)
Stephen D. (b.1952, d.2015)
Leonard Allen (b.1956, d.2003)
Wendy Lee (b.1961, d.2006)
Russell
Dana P.
Judith A
Phyllis M
Donna M

Details of Russell, Dana, Judith, Phyllis and Donna per Wendy Lee Shoesmith's entry on Findagrave.com

Sarah married Bernard J J Nailous in 1910 in Oldham
Formal registers record the marriage as between either Sarah A W Dodson and Bernard JJ Nailous or Sarah A W Doodson and Bernard Nailors

Children (all born in Chadderton):
Bernard Joseph E (b.1911)
Ethel Agnes H (b.1913)
Nora Catherine (b.1919)
Agnes (b.1924)
Mary (b.1925)
Grace (b.1932)

Death registers record surname as Nailous
Bernard James Joseph Nailous died in Oldham in 1954

1901: Egna H
1911: "Eggness" Werneth
Agnes married Wilfred Stacey in Oldham in 1923. Wilfred (b. 1899) died 1933, aged just 34

Children (born Chadderton):
Wilfred Bernard Stacey (b.1925)
Derek Stacey (b.1933)

Agnes re-married
Dionysius Hawarth (b.1907, Oldham, d.1971 Victoria Australia) in 1934