

Family Story of:
John and Mary Ann Hardman
1. Lancashire and Yorkshire, England



Book 1 – John and Mary Ann Hardman – England

JOHN and MARY ANN HARDMAN - ENGLAND

JOHN HARDMAN was born c1821 at Hindley, Lancashire England, which is within the metropolitan borough of Wigan, Lancashire.

- Hindley is used on his children's birth certificate details
- Wigan is used on Death Certificate and Census information

Hindley and Wigan are just under 5km in distance from each other.

John Hardman

Born c1821 Hindley, Lancashire

Married Mary Ann Foster

Migrated to Australia (Port Phillip per ship 'Atkins' 2 Aug 1853

Lived Four Mile Flat Goldfield, Avoca Vic

Selector – Bendick Murrell / Postmaster - Monteagle

William Hardman

Born 1786 Wigan, Lancashire

Married 15 May 1806 – All Saints Church, Wigan

Died c 1853 – Ashton Under Lyne, Lancashire

Elizabeth Martindale

Born c1785 Wigan, Lancashire

Married 15 May 1806 – All Saints Church, Wigan

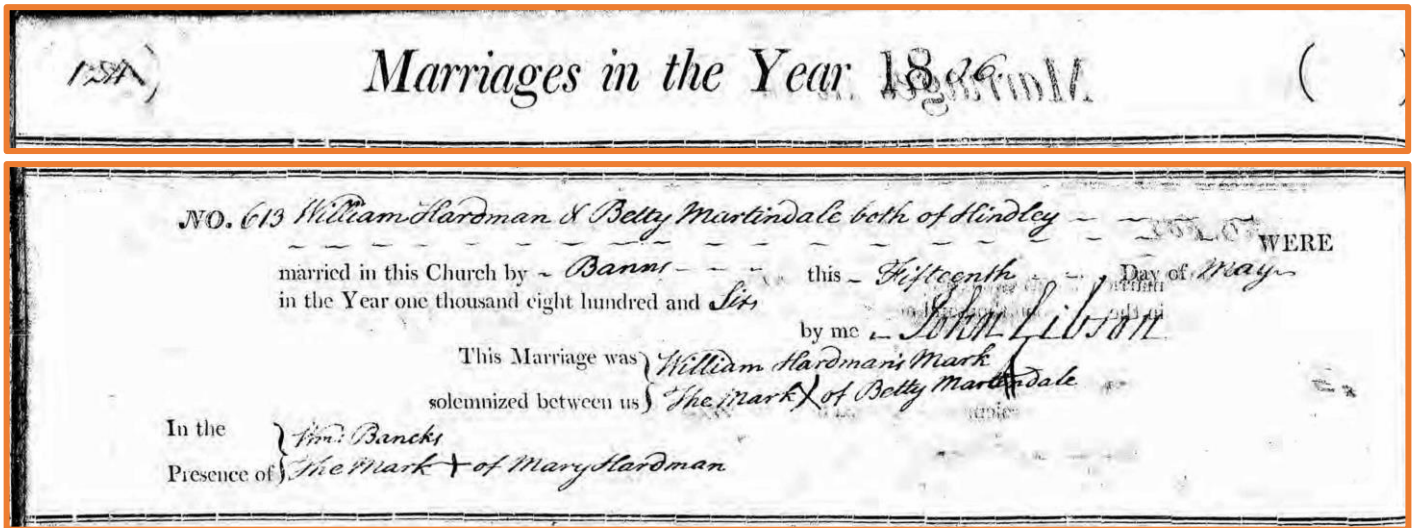
Buried 19 March 1827 – Bolton-Le-Moors, Lancashire

The township of Hindley lies in the centre of the great Lancashire coalfield, and the ancient road from Manchester to Wigan goes west-north-west through the township of Hindley.



John Hardman was the son of a Lancashire Cotton Spinner, **William Hardman** and his wife **Elizabeth (Betty) Martindale**.

William Hardman and Elizabeth (Betty) Martindale were married at All Saint's Church, Wigan on 15 May 1806.



All Saint's Church, Wigan, Lancashire
[Visited by Pam Malone (nee Hardman) in 2015]

JOHN HARDMAN BAPTISM

It appears to be 3-4 years after his birth, that John Hardman was baptised on 1 October 1825 in the **Parish of Cheetham**.

His parents were living at **Crumpsall**, a suburban area near Manchester and approximately 30km from his birthplace of **Hindley**, Lancashire and just 15km from **Ashton Under Lyne** where John Hardman was to marry.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <i>Manchester and Chapelry of Cheetham</i> in the County of <i>Lancashire</i> in the Year 1825						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
18 July 3 rd No. 321	<i>Croft</i> son of	<i>Robert</i>	<i>Crast</i>	<i>Cheetham</i>	<i>Painter</i>	<i>P. Hordern</i>
July 26 th No. 322	<i>Mary</i> Daughter of	<i>William</i> & <i>Alice</i>	<i>Seane</i>	<i>Crumpsall</i>	<i>Labourer</i>	<i>P. Hordern</i>
July 28 th No. 323	<i>Emma</i> Daughter of	<i>James</i> & <i>Mary</i>	<i>Grimshaw</i>	<i>Manch^r</i>	<i>Weaver</i>	<i>P. Hordern</i>
August 14 th No. 324	<i>Alice</i> 3 rd of	<i>Thomas</i> & <i>Ann</i>	<i>Wisdale</i>	<i>Crumpsall</i>	<i>Weaver</i>	<i>P. Hordern</i>
August 14 th No. 325	<i>Mary</i> Daughter of	<i>Richard</i> & <i>Eliza</i>	<i>Lomas</i>	<i>Ardivick</i>	<i>Printer</i>	<i>P. Hordern</i>
Sept 25 th No. 326	<i>Maryann</i> Daughter of	<i>Joseph</i> & <i>Sarah</i>	<i>Barker</i>	<i>Crumpsall</i>	<i>Tailor</i>	<i>P. Hordern</i>
Oct 1 st 1 st No. 327	<i>John</i> son of	<i>William</i> & <i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Hardman</i>	<i>Crumpsall</i>	<i>Weaver</i>	<i>P. Hordern</i>
Oct 12 th 12 th No. 328	<i>Sarah</i> Daughter of	<i>Sarah</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Cheetham</i>	—	<i>P. Hordern</i>

1841 English Census:

In the 1841 English Census, the Hardman family are living in **Dove Lane, Hindley**, Lancashire. The head of the household was William Hardman (the father of John Hardman). William Hardman was an Agricultural Labourer and his age was listed as 60 years *[closer to 55 years]*.

- Note: *{in the 1841 English Census, ages were often rounded off to the nearest 10 years with younger people rounded to the nearest 5 years and were thus only very approximate}*

William Hardman's wife Elizabeth (nee Martindale) had died very young and was thus **not listed** in the Census.

City or Borough of		Parish or Township of		11		Enumeration Schedule.	
PLACES	HOUSES	NAMES	AGE and SEX	PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or INDEPENDENT MEANS	Where Born	Whether Born in same Family	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Parts
Dove Lane	1	William Hardman	25	Atk. Man	3		
		Margaret	35		3		
		Mary	10	Cotton Worker	3		
		Isabella	5		3		
		Elizabeth	1		3		
Dove Lane	1	Peter Thompson	25	Driver	3		
		Ann	25		3		
		John	4		3		
Dove Lane	1	Thomas Long	25	Engineer	3		
		Maria	20	Cotton Worker	3		
		Peter	1		3		
		Maria	10	Housekeeper	3		
Dove Lane	1	Frederick	35	Driver	3		
		Butty	15	Driver	3		
		James	7		3		
		James	9		3		
Dove Lane	1	William Hardman	60	Ag. Lab.	3		
		Margaret	50		3		
		William	20	Cotton Worker	3		
		John	20	no description	3		
		Catherine	15	Driver	3		
		James	15	Driver	3		
		Thomas	1		3		
Dove Lane	1	James	60	Driver	3		
		Ellen	50		3		

John Hardman was listed in the 1841 English Census as 20 years of age - **born c1821**

Other members of the household were most of William and Elizabeth Hardman's family members:

- ✓ Margaret 30 yrs
- ✓ William 20 yrs
- ✓ **John** 20 yrs
- ✓ Catherine 15 yrs
- ✓ James 15 yrs
- ✓ Thomas 1 yr

Thomas - possibly a child of Margaret or Catherine

William, John, Catherine and James Hardman were all occupied in the cotton industry, the actual individual occupation being quite hard to decipher.

The Census address for the Hardman family is listed as Dove Lane, Wigan, but Wigan is the Parish, the townland being Hindley.



Record Transcription:

1841 England, Wales & Scotland Census

Dove Lane, Wigan, Lancashire, England

William Hardman's Household Members



First name(s)	Last name	Sex	Age	Birth year	Birth place
William	Hardman	Male	60	1781	Lancashire, England
Margaret	Hardman	Female	30	1811	Lancashire, England
William	Hardman	Male	20	1821	Lancashire, England
John	Hardman	Male	20	1821	Lancashire, England
Catherine	Hardman	Female	15	1826	Lancashire, England
James	Hardman	Male	15	1826	-
Thomas	Hardman	Male	1	1840	Lancashire, England

William Hardman's Census Details



First name(s)	William
Last name	Hardman
Sex	Male
Age	60
Birth year	1781
Birth county	Lancashire
Birth county as transcribed	LANCASHIRE
Birth place (other)	England
House name	-
House number	-
Street	Dove Lane
Parish or township	Wigan
Town	Hindley



- Pam Malone (nee Hardman) visiting All Saints Church, Hindley in 2015
- A "Hardman Headstone" in the cemetery grounds at All Saints Church, Hindley

MARY ANN HARDMAN (nee FOSTER) was born c1830 at Barnsley, Yorkshire England, the daughter of Lancashire Cotton Spinner John Foster and his wife Mary (nee Williams). (*Mary Williams* was added to Mary Ann Hardman's original death certificate by Thomas Foster, a nephew, of 20 Lincoln St Stanmore).



John Hardman, aged c21 yrs, married Mary Ann Foster c15 yrs, at Ashton-Under Lyne, Lancashire England on 8 May 1845.

(Ashton-Under Lyne is approx. 40 km from Hindley).

The date 8 May 1845 is provided on the birth certificate of their daughter Ada Ann Hardman)

PARENTS.		
FATHER.		MOTHER.
(1) Name and Surname, Rank or Profession of the Father. (2) Age. And (3) Birth-place.	(1) When and where Married. (2) Issue living and deceased.	(1) Name and Maiden Surname of the Mother. (2) Age. And (3) Birth-place.
John Hardman Miner	Eighth of May 1845	Mary Anne Foster
Thirty Seven Years of age	Ashton-Under-Lyne Lancashire England	Thirty Years Barnsley Yorkshire England

In the following Marriage Certificate, Mary Ann Foster's age is stated as **20 years** but it was most likely overstated and actually closer to just **15 years** of age as it appears she was born c1830 as per the information below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Presumed Date of Birth</u>
1858	Birth of second child - Ada	28 yrs	c1830
1860	Birth of third child - Emily	30 yrs	c1830
1889	Death Certificate	59 yrs	c1830

1841 English Census:

In the 1841 English the Foster family were living in Cavendish Street, Ashton Under Lyne, Lancashire. The household was quite compact with 16 people listed in the census. Parents **John and Mary Foster** had living in the house, **7 children**, Elizabeth, William, Robert, John, **Mary Ann**, Joseph and 5 year old James. There were a further **seven** cotton industry workers listed, most likely **boarding** in the household.

PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
	Uninhabited or holding	Inhabited		Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Parts
Beverdish St		1	Betty Ingram		50	Medicine & Surgery	Yes	
			James do	17	✓	Cotton Weaver	Yes	
			Abraham do	15	✓	do	Yes	
			Betty do		12		Yes	
			Henry do	9			Yes	
			Harriet Gifford		30	Textile	Yes	
do		1	John Foster	55	✓	Cotton Weaver	Yes	
			Mary do		50		Yes	
			Elizabeth do		30	Cotton Weaver	Yes	
			William do	30	✓	do	Yes	
			Robert do	25	✓	do	No	
			John do	17	✓	do	No	
			Mary Ann do		15	do	No	
			Joseph do	10			No	
			James do	5			No	
			William Bayle	35	✓	Cotton Weaver	Yes	
			Minfred Gunning		23	Cotton Weaver	I	
			Mary Bannister		21	do	I	
			Elizabeth Jackson		20	Cotton Weaver	Yes	
			Harriet do		15	do	Yes	
			Charlotte Johnson		25	do	Yes	
			John Gadda		20	Cotton Weaver	Yes	
do		1	John Dyson	60	✓	Woker	No	
			John do	20	✓	do	No	
			Mary do		25	Cotton Weaver	No	
TOTAL in 2 Page 43				12	16			

Note: Ages listed in the 1841 Census were often rounded to the nearest 5 and 10 years.

Mary Ann Foster 15 years was more likely to be much younger at just 11-12 years of age when the Census was taken in 1841

Record Transcription:

1841 England, Wales & Scotland Census

Cavendish Street, Ashton under Lyne, Ashton & Oldham, Lancashire, England

Mary Ann Foster's Household Members




First name(s)	Last name	Sex	Age	Birth year	Birth place
John	Foster	Male	55	1786	Lancashire, England
Mary	Foster	Female	50	1791	Lancashire, England
Elizabeth	Foster	Female	32	1809	Lancashire, England
William	Foster	Male	30	1811	Lancashire, England
Robert	Foster	Male	25	1816	-
John	Foster	Male	17	1824	-
Mary Ann	Foster	Female	15	1826	-
Joseph	Foster	Male	10	1831	-
James	Foster	Male	5	1836	-
William	Coyle	Male	35	1806	Lancashire, England
Winifred	Gunning	Female	20	1821	Ireland
Mary	Brennan	Female	20	1821	Ireland
Elizabeth	Jackson	Female	20	1821	Lancashire, England
Hannah	Jackson	Female	15	1826	Lancashire, England
Charlotte	Johnson	Female	25	1816	Lancashire, England
Helen	Goddard	Female	20	1821	Lancashire, England



*Remains of the Cavendish Cotton Mill, Ashton Under visited by Pam Malone (nee Hardman) in 2015.
Did the Foster family work in this cotton mill?*

John Hardman and Mary Ann Foster – Marriage Certificate

(Provided by William and Elizabeth Armstrong (Brisbane) in 2017)




CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE **GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE**

Application Number 8707845-1

1845 Marriage solemnized at the Catholic Chapel, Dunkinfield in the District of Ashton and Oldham, in the County of Lancashire and Cheshire.							
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.
4	8 th of May 1845	John Hardman	23 Years	Bachelor	Weaver	Church Street Ashton under Lyne	William Hardman
		Mary Ann Foster	20 Years	Spinster		Old Street Ashton under Lyne	John Foster
Married in the <u>Catholic Chapel</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Catholic Church</u> by <u>Mr James Fisher</u> Catholic Priest.							
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>John Hardman</u>		In the Presence of us,		<u>She Marked by x John Nowlan</u> <u>Jane Nowlan</u>	
						<u>John Whithead</u> Registrar	

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Ashton and Oldham
 Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 7th day of November 2017

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According to the Marriage Certificate John Hardman married Mary Ann Foster in the Catholic Chapel of St Mary's Church Dunkinfield (a small village just 3km south of Ashton Under Lyne).

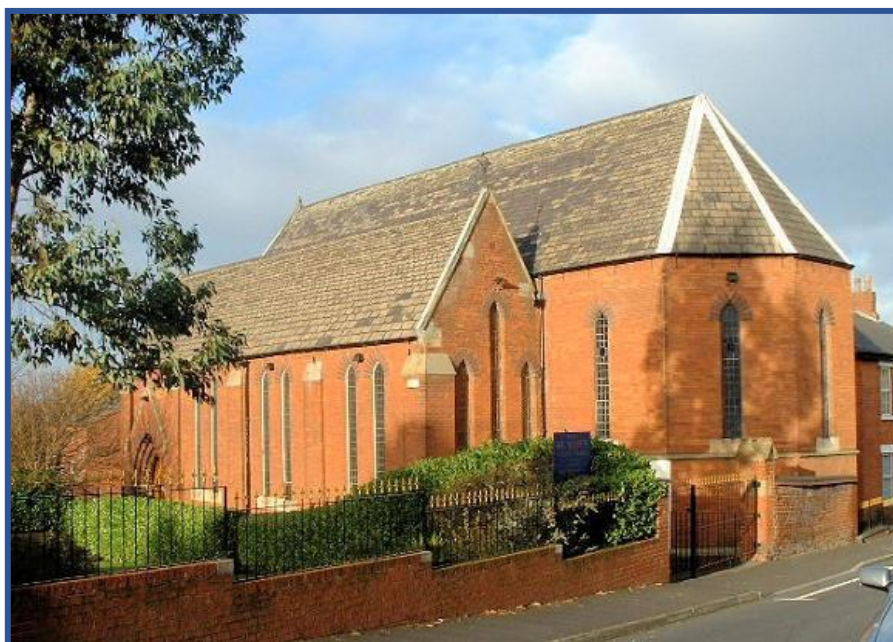
They were married on the 8 May 1845.

John Hardman, a bachelor, was listed as 23 years of age, a weaver living in Church Street, Ashton Under Lyne, Lancashire.

Mary Ann Hardman, a spinster, was listed as 20 years (**more likely 15 years**) and living in Old Street, Ashton Under Lyne, Lancashire.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Catholic Priest, Father James Fisher.

John Hardman signed his own name while Mary Ann signed with an "x mark". Witnesses were John and Jane Nowlan.



John Hardman

On 1 May **1847**, John Hardman's name was listed on a Chartist document at Ashton-Under-Lyne, Lancashire England

John Hardman

overlooker

Hodgson St Ashton

an
overlooker
was a
foreman
in the cotton mill



Chartism was a **working-class** movement for political reform in Britain which existed from 1838 to 1858. Support for the movement was at its highest in 1839, 1842, and 1848, when petitions signed by millions of working people were presented to the House of Commons. The strategy employed was to use the scale of support which these petitions and the accompanying mass meetings demonstrated, to put pressure on politicians to concede manhood suffrage. (**manhood suffrage** is a form of voting rights in which all adult males within a political system are allowed to vote, regardless of income, property, religion, race, or any other qualification. It is sometimes summarized by the slogan, "**one man, one vote**")

The People's Charter called for six reforms to make the political system more democratic:

1. A vote for every man twenty-one years of age, of sound mind, and not undergoing punishment for a crime.
2. The **Secret Ballot** – To protect the elector in the exercise of his vote.
3. No Property Qualification for Members of Parliament – thus enabling the constituencies to return the man of their choice, be he rich or poor.
4. Payment of Members, thus enabling an honest trades-man, working man, or other person, to serve a constituency; when taken from his business to attend to the interests of the country.
5. Equal Constituencies, securing the same amount of representation for the same number of electors, instead of allowing small constituencies to swamp the votes of large ones.
6. Annual Parliament Elections, thus presenting the most effectual check to bribery and intimidation, since as the constituency might be bought once in seven years (even with the ballot), no purse could buy a constituency (under a system of universal suffrage) in each ensuing twelve month; and since members, when elected for a year only, would not be able to defy and betray their constituents as now.

Chartism can be interpreted as a continuation of the 19th century fight against corruption and for democracy in an industrial society.

The 1851 English Census adds to the story of John and Mary Ann Hardman:

Parish or Township of <i>Ashton-under-Lyne</i>		Ecclesiastical District of <i>St. Peter</i>		City or Borough of <i>Ashton-under-Lyne</i>		Town of <i>Ashton-under-Lyne</i>		Village of <i>273</i>			
House Number	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb		
					Males	Females					
74	24 Moss St.	David Hill	Son		2		Scholar	Lancashire Ashton-under-Lyne			
75	44 Moss St.	Thomas Wilson	Head	Mar	29		Cotton Weaver	Lancashire Wigan			
		Caroline Do	Wife	Mar	27			Lancashire Salford Bridge			
		Betsy Do	Daughter		4			Do Do			
		Mary Ann Do	Daughter		1			Do Do			
76	61 Moss St.	W ^m Hardman	Head	Mar	63		Servant Man	Do Wigan			
		John Do	Son	Mar	30		Overlooker Cotton Looms	Do Do			
		Mary Ann Do	Daughter	Mar	25		Cotton Weaver	Yorkshire Barnsley			
		Ambrose Henry Do	Son		2m			Lancashire Ashton-under-Lyne			
77	54 Cotton St.	W ^m Hull	Head	Mar	22		Warehouseman	Cotton-lane	Yorkshire Millfield		
		Elizabeth Do	Wife	Mar	21			Do	Ashtly		
		Samuel Do	Son		7		Scholar	Do	Millfield		
		George Do	Son		4		Do	Do	Do		
78	52 Cotton St.	Thomas Wild	Head	Mar	23		Cotton Weaver	Lancashire Ashton-under-Lyne			
		Mary Ann Do	Wife	Mar	22			Do Do			
79	100 Cotton St.	William Potter	Head	Mar	24		Bookbinder Cotton Weave	Do Do			
		Alice Do	Wife	Mar	23			Yorkshire Wigan			
		Ann William Do	Daughter		4			Lancashire Ashton-under-Lyne			
80	102 Cotton St.	Ann Tharmby	Head	Mar	26		Cotton Weaver	Do Do			
		Joseph Do	Daughter		15			Do Do			
Total of Houses		16		U		B		Total of Persons		11	9

Living at 61 Moss Street, Ashton Under Lyne, Lancashire were:

Name	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Where born
William Hardman	Head of the house	63 years	Servant Man	Wigan
John Hardman	Son	30 years	Overlooker Cotton Looms	Wigan
Mary Ann Hardman	Daughter (in-law)	25 years	Cotton Weaver	Barnsley Yorkshire
Ambrose Henry Hardman	Son	2 months		Ashton Under Lyne

John and Mary Ann Hardman were living with John's father William, along with their newly born son Ambrose.

In 2015 while visiting Ashton-Under-Lyne, we tried to locate **61 Moss Street**, Ashton-Under-Lyne.

Moss Street is now divided into two sections, East and West. As far as we could ascertain, the location of 61 Moss Street is most likely that of the second photo below, which is now a used car yard.



In the street running parallel to Moss Street there is some indication of the current housing in the area as well as the remains of a cotton mill.



John and Mary Ann Hardman's first child, Ambrose Henry Hardman was born on 14 January 1851 and baptised just 5 days later at St Ann's Church, Ashton-Under-Lyne.



Ancestor Search
in the County of
-- Lancashire --



There was 1 match for this search!

Baptism: 19 Jan 1851 St Ann, Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire, England
Ambrose Henry Hardman - [Child] of John Hardman & Mary Ann (formerly Foster)
Born: 14 Jan 1851
Godparents: Mary Foster
Parents' Marital Status: con.
Baptised by: J. Quealy
Register: Baptisms 1849 - 1856, Page 15, Entry 2
Source: Original Register

Godparent was Mary Ann Hardman's mother Mary Foster.

The officiating Minister was Rev John Quealy.



St Ann's Catholic Church, Ashton-Under-Lyne
– Photo 2015

Ambrose Hardman's life was cut quite short with his death aged 2 years in 1853.

Name	Abode	When Buried	Age
Ambrose Henry Hardman	Ashton under Lyne	11 May 1853	2 years

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BURIALS in the DISTRICT PARISH of ST. PETER, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, in the County of LANCASTER, in the Year 1853				
Name.	Abode.	When Buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
1853 Ambrose Henry Hardman No. 2557	Ashton under Lyne	May 11 th	2 years	W. Greenwood
George Howard Hunter No. 2558	Ashton under Lyne	May 11 th	2 years	W. Greenwood
George Renshaw No. 2559	Ashton under Lyne	May 11 th	5 years	W. Greenwood
James Bromby Bramby No. 2560	Ashton under Lyne	May 12 th	10 months	W. Greenwood
Samuel James Crompton No. 2561	Ashton under Lyne	May 14 th	12 years	W. Greenwood
James Hall No. 2562	Ashton under Lyne	May 14 th	33 years	W. Greenwood
Jane Taylor No. 2563	Ashton under Lyne	May 14 th	9 months	W. Greenwood
Joseph Austerbury No. 2564	Ashton under Lyne	May 14 th	58 years	W. Greenwood



Added to the tragic loss of their first child Ambrose, John Hardman's father William Hardman was to die a few months later in September 1853.

John Hardman was not present at the death of his father as he by then, had reached Port Phillip, Melbourne, Australia, just one month earlier on 2 August 1853.



Page 1 BURIALS in the District Church of St. Peter, Ashton under Lyne, in the County of Lancaster, in the Year 1853				
Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
Alfred Clayton No. 1	Little Mosf.	Sep. 2 nd	3 mos	J. W. Morris Incumbent
Maria Fowler No. 2	Asht.	Sep. 28	2 nd yrs	J. W. Morris
Alfred Seel No. 3	Ashton under Lyne	Sep. 28	8 yrs	J. W. Morris
Samuel George Johnson No. 4	Ashton under Lyne	Sep. 28	1 yr	J. W. Morris
James Leech No. 5	Ashton under Lyne	Sep. 30 th	4 yrs	Mr. Webb
William Hardman No. 6	Ashton under Lyne	Sep. 30 th	66 yrs	Mr. Webb
Mary Thone No. 7	Ashton under Lyne	October 1 st	41 yrs	Mr. Webb
William Wright No. 8	Ashton under Lyne	October 1 st	48 yrs	Mr. Webb

Name	Abode	When Buried	Age
William Hardman	Ashton under Lyne	30 September 1853	66 years