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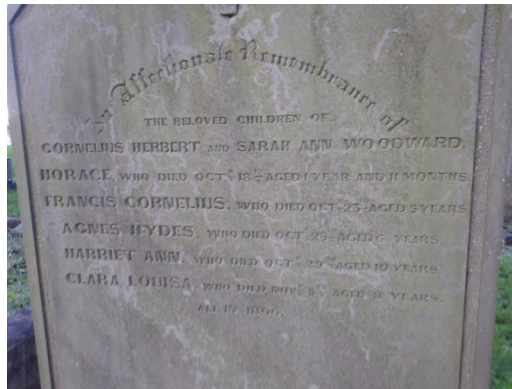
WOODWARD CHILDREN 1866

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Five children lost – a family move from Whittington to Wortley to Hickingwood Farm, Clowne and Woodall.

When checking the churchyard, again, for WW2 war graves we found this headstone and research on the family Woodward has the following story.

FIVE children of this family died in a three weeks period 13 Oct- 5 Nov in 1866. What health crisis was there then?



In Affectionate Remembrance of

THE BELOVED CHILDREN OF

CORNELIUS HERBERT AND SARAH ANN WOODWARD

- HORACE WHO DIED OCT 13TH AGED 1 YEAR AND 11 MONTHS
- FRANCIS CORNELIUS WHO DIED OCT 23RD AGED 5 YEARS
 - AGNES HYDES WHO DIED OCT 25TH AGED 6 YEARS
 - HARRIET ANN WHO DIED OCT 20TH AGED 10 YEARS
 - CLARA LOUISE WHO DIED NOV 5TH AGED 8 YEARS

ALL IN 1866

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Circa. 1760 Peter and Anne Woodward were the grandparents of Cornelius Herbert.

His Parents were Cornelius and Anne (nee Pinder) who were living at Hickingwood Farm in 1861 but prior to that was farming at Harthill/Killamarsh and Wortley/Upperthorpe areas.

The Derbyshire Courier for Sat Dec 9th 1854 has a Cornelius Woodward donating 10 shillings to the Killamarsh Patriotic Fund Collection?

-----Father or son? - both were Cornelius see below-----

Marriage Register for 1860 has a Sarah Woodward.

1861 Census -----Park House, Wortley- Barnsley

Cornelius H. Woodward Head (born 1828) age 33 Farmer of 150 acres employing 4 labourers **born Whittington.**

Sarah A. Woodward age 28 born Sheffield

Joseph H. son age 6 born Wortley

Harriett A. age 4 born Wortley

Clara L. age 2 born Wortley

Agnes H. age 1 born Wortley

Margaret Fitzgerald General Servant age 22 born Ireland

John Cadman Farm Servant age 21 born Mosborough

Edward Brammer Farm Servant 15 born Killamarsh

James Newman? Farm Servant age 15 born Hemsworth

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Also in **1861 Census at Hickingwood Farm, Clowne** is Cornelius (head of household aged 61 – Farmer of 73 Acres) born Staveley.) With in the household Elizabeth Daughter aged 25 born Whittington, Arthur Tickhill Grandson aged 10 born Mosborough and a Sarah Ann Tickhill, Granddaughter aged 6 born Mosborough and Ann Louisa Woodward Granddaughter aged 1 born Hickingwood .

Also in the household 1861 is a George Smith aged 23 Servant/Carter born Creswell.

1866 news item

Looks as if they all died from diphtheria.

See news report—Sheffield Daily Telegraph 27 October 1866

On the 18th inst. Of diphtheria, Horace, son of Mr and Mrs Woodward of Hickingwood ,Clown, aged 1 year 11 months; and on the 23rd,Francis Cornelius, son of the above, aged 5 years. Friends will please accept this intimation.

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1871 Census we have a Hickingwood Farm Clowne entry

Cornelius H Woodward head of household aged 43 farmer of 77 Acres employing 1 boy.
Born at Whittington.

Wife Sarah Ann aged 38 born Sheffield.

Hannah M daughter aged 7 (so born 1864).

Also Rebecca Law General Servant aged 15 born Bradford,
and John Marshall aged 17 Farm Servant born Wellow.

SURVIVING CHILDREN

HANNAH MARIA (b 1863) AND JOSEPH HERBERT (b.1855 –BELOW) THE CHILD SURVIVORS
TO THE FAMILY OF THE DISEASE THAT OCCURRED IN 1866.

ALSO HERBERT (b 1873 after the outbreak.)

1876 Marriage- Leeds

St Matthews Leeds Parish Church 1 Oct 1876 Marriage of Joseph Herbert Woodward to
Esther Butcher. Groom was a Pawnbroker and residence at time of Marriage as 3 John
Street, Sheffield father 's name Cornelius Herbert Woodward farmer. Brides' father was
George Butcher farmer.

Brides address at time of marriage appears to read as Cornelius p Camp Rd.?

Interestingly in the Age column no age is given but the word Full is written for both?

The Marriage Register was signed by George Butcher and Agnes Butcher as witnesses- not
by Cornelius? (probably shouldn't read too much into that?)

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Esther's father George was a farmer (of 120 acres) at Whitwell. She was privately educated in Worksop with 7 other scholars and had a Governess (so her father was quite well off). On their wedding certificate where the age is entered it says " FULL ", at this time the groom and bride had to have consent from parents if they weren't 21, so this signifies that their ages were checked, maybe one of the families wasn't happy with the marriage?. Esther's father signed the marriage certificate but Joseph Herbert's father did not.

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The Woodward's seem to have been farmers in the area for the past two centuries. A newspaper clipping saying Cornelius and Son Cornelius Herbert had run the same farm for 50+ years in Killamarsh, it mentioned mining on their land.

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Only Herbert- Cornelius Herbert's youngest son seemed to carry on with the farming. He was born 1873 and on **26 December 1898** married Agnes Turton **in Killamarsh**. They went on to have 4 children- John Herbert, Joseph, Emma and Ina.

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1902 Derbyshire Courier 20 September has an article about a right of way across a field owned by Cornelius Woodward to a pit.

1909 Cornelius Herbert Woodward aged 82 years, burial 23 March , living at Manor Farm, Uppertorpe.

John Herbert married Dorothy Jane Rothwell in April 1929 but sadly he was killed at Langwith in a motorcycle accident aged 32 and was buried at Harthill in a double grave.

On the 1939 Register Joseph (b.5 Nov 1903) was a farmer living at **Poplar Farm Woodall** with wife Georgina A. (nee Barker, b. 29 June 1908.)They were married at Keighley. At this date there was just the two of them at the farm.

They then had a son John Herbert (named after his uncle?) and he also went on to farm at Poplar Farm and he had a son Stephen born 1965.

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Companies House records show Woodall Poplar Farm Ltd John Herbert Woodward, Poplar Farm 42 Walseker Lane, Woodall, Harthill. Stephen has shares in the company.

Growing of Cereal Leguminous crops and oil seeds. Raising of dairy cattle.

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So contact with Killamarsh/Harthill History Societies may share and add to this family story.

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All the Woodwards appear to have moved away from Clowne (back to farming in the Killamarsh/Harthill /Woodall area) so no direct descendants in Clowne?