

Overview

Harry Parkin was born on 26th March 1901 in Old Hill. His parents, Edward and Miriam, were living at 22 Church Street, Old Hill, Dudley.

1881 Census

Richard Parkin (Harry's grandfather) moved from Yorkshire sometime between the census of 1881 and the census 1891. In 1881 he was living with his family in Dunscroft, Yorkshire. Harry's Grandad, Richard, was an out of work farmer.

Address: Dunscroft, Halifax, Yorkshire			
Occupants	Relationship	Age	Occupation
Richard Parkin	Head	37	Farmer (Out of occupation)
Elisabeth	Wife	48	
Edward L	Son	4	
Emily A	Daughter	1	
Martha C Smith	Son-in-Law	45	

Address: 73 Halesowen Road, Old Hill, Rowley Regis

Occupants	Relationship	Age	Occupation
Richard Parkin	Head	46	Agricultural Labourer
Annie A	Wife	40	
Edward L.	Son	14	Scholar
Emily A.	Daughter	11	Scholar

1891 Census

By 1891 Edward was living in Old Hill, Rowley Regis. Richard was now working as an agricultural labourer and had remarried. Edward's mother (Harry's grandmother) Elisabeth must have died sometime after the 1881 census.

It is possible that Richard moves his family to the area to look for work. His new wife, Annie, was born in Hatfield Yorkshire, so it is likely that they met before they moved.

1901 Census

By 1901 Edward had left school and was working as a patent anchor fitter. He has a home of his own with his wife Miriam and a new born son, Harry.

Address: 22 Church Street			
Occupants	Relationship	Age	Occupation
Edward Parkin	Head	24	Patent Anchor Fitter
Miriam	Wife	24	
(not yet named)	Son	< 1	Scholar

1911 Census

In 1911, Harry was living at Lawrence Lane, Old Hill. Edward (Harry's father) is working as a Machinist at Anchor Works. Miriam does not have a job so is most probably looking after the home. Harry and Fred are attending school and are listed as a scholar.

Address: Lawrence Lane, Old Hill			
Occupants	Relationship	Age	Occupation
Edward Parkin	Head	33	Machinist (Anchor Works)
Miriam	Wife	33	
Harry	Son	10	Scholar
Fred	Son	4	Scholar

Harry's Later Life

In September 1924, Harry married May Payne. In the probate for his father in 1946, Harry is described as a storekeeper. His brother, Fred, is described on the probate as a Grocer. The property next door to 91 Lawrence Lane in Old Hill, was Gregory's General Store (now also located at the museum). In 1936, the General Store became Parkin's Shop, and it is possible that it was run by Harry's brother Fred.

At his death on 11th March 1958 Harry is recorded as living at 54 Alexandra Road, Halesowen. The probate date was 13th October 1958 and he left all his effects to his widow May totalling £2835.12s.3d.

Family Tree	
Harry's Family Tree	A summary of the family relationships revealed by the Census records.
Census Records	
<i>Census Harry appears on:</i>	
1901 Census - Head of Family: Edward Parkin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 Edward Parkin (Harry's father) is no longer living with his father. He has a family of his own and is living at 22 Church Street, Old Hill, Rowley Regis. 📍 Edward is recorded as a 'patent anchor fitter' 📍 There is an unnamed child listed on the census who is under a month old. This child is Harry Parkin.
1911 Census - Head of Family: Edward Parkin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 The family is now living in Lawrence Lane, Old Hill (the original location of the Anchor Maker's House at the Museum). <p>Edward (Harry's Father) now a machinist at an Anchor Works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 Harry is 10 years old and is attending school. 📍 Harry has a brother Fred, is 4 years old and is attending school. 📍 Miriam Parkin (Harry's Mother) has had 3 children but, only 2 have survived.
<i>Have extra time and want to find out more about Harry's family?</i>	
1881 Census - Head of Family: Richard Parkin	<p>Richard (Harry's Grandfather), is an out of work farmer in Yorkshire.</p> <p>Living with him are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - His wife, Elisabeth aged 48 - His son (Harry's Father) Edward aged 4 - His daughter Emily A. aged 1 - His sister-in-law, Martha C Smith, aged 48

<p>1891 Census - Head of Family: Richard Parkin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 Richard Parkin and family have now moved to 73 Halesowen Road, Old Hill, Rowley Regis. 📍 Elisabeth (Richard's first wife), has died and Richard has remarried. His new wife is Annie A. who is 40 year old. 📍 Edward is now 14 and is still attending school. 📍 Emily is now 11 and is also attending school.
BMD (Birth, Marriages, Deaths)	
<p>Birth Certificate: Harry Parkin 1901</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 Full Name - Harry Lawrence Parkin 📍 Date of Birth: 26th March 1901 📍 Address: Church Street, Old Hill 📍 Harry's father's occupation is listed as an 'Engine Fitter'.
<p>Marriage Certificate 1924</p>	<p>The marriage between Harry Parkin and May Payne on 27th September 1924 at the Parish Church in Halesowen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 Harry is still living at 91 Lawrence Lane, Old Hill 📍 He is recorded as an 'Ironworker' and his father as an 'engineer'. 📍 Harry's bride is May Payne from 57 Bloomfield Street, Halesowen.
<p>England and Wales National Probate - Edward Parkin</p>	<p>Edward Parkin, Harry's father, died on 11th February 1946 at the Guest Hospital, Dudley. He had been living at 91 Lawrence Lane, Old Hill. He left his effects, worth £164.19s.1d. to Fred - working as a grocer - and Harry, who was working as a storekeeper.</p>
<p>Death Certificate</p>	<p>Harry died on 11th March 1958 aged 56.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 The cause of death was 'Coronary Thrombosis and Hypertension' (heart attack). 📍 Harry was working as a 'Storekeeper at a Motor Works' at the time of his death. 📍 He is living at 54 Alexander Road, Hasbury, Halesowen.

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Maps	
1884 Map - Staffordshire	This map shows the area of Old Hill and Lawrence Lane.
1904 Map - Worcestershire	This area is the same above but showing the development of housing and changes in industry. Note how the fields around Reddall Hill have been developed, and how the Black Waggon, Riddings and Bearmore Collieries have all gone into disuse.
1919 Map - Staffordshire	This is the same area as the two previous maps. This maps shows further development, including the new Great Western Railway Line.
Photographs	
Lawrence Lane, Old Hill	Archival image showing Gregory's Grocers (now located Museum). The grocer's occupied 89 and 90 Lawrence Lane, next door to 91 Lawrence Lane (Harry's Home).
89-90 Lawrence Lane	This photograph showing the building being dismantled before relocation to the Museum.
Patent Anchors	Harry's father, Edward, was a Patent Anchor Fitter. These images of Hall Patent Anchors - manufactured by Noah Hingley & Sons Ltd, Netherton Ironworks in Dudley, show how the anchors were constructed and where they were located on ships.

Education

Extracts from the School Log Books for Macefield Boys' School, Old Hill

The log books are a Head Teacher's daily record of happenings at the school. The information contained in them varies, but usually includes school inspections, appointment of teachers, sickness absence of teachers, the number of pupils attending the school, and special events, such as jubilees and holidays. Log books do not usually list pupil names, but individual pupils may be mentioned under special circumstances, such as for winning prizes, health condition that might result in a referral to another institution, or for actions meriting severe punishment.

Miscellaneous Resources

The Anchor Trade

An information about the anchor trade linking to Harry's father, Edward Parkin, who worked at an Anchor Forge.

A Recipe for Bread Pudding

This is the recipe used as part of a shopping activity at the museum. It is taken from a genuine Victorian Recipe.