

Early Life

Lillian Hodgkiss was born on 1st January 1986 in 10 South Street, Roseville. Her parents, James and Ann Hodgkiss, were living at

1881 Census

In 1881, the Hodgkiss family were living in Coseley with three children and James' mother Mary. Their first born - Elizabeth - is now aged 8 is living with her Grandparents, Thomas and Elizabeth Hampton at 26 Hill Road, Bilston.

Address: Dunscroft, Yorkshire			
Occupants	Relation-	Age	Occupation
James Hodgkiss	Head	37	
Ann Hodgkiss	Wife	29	
Mary Ann Hodgkiss	Daughter	6	
Thomas James Hodg-	Son	2	
Sarah Hodgkiss	Daughter	9ms	

Address: 68 Sedgley Road			
Occupants	Relationship	Age	Occupation
James Hodgkiss	Head	46	Coal Miner
Ann	Wife	36	
Mary Ann	Daughter	16	Mill Worker
Thomas James	Son	12	Scholar
Caroline	Daughter	7	Scholar
Sarah	Daughter	5	Scholar
Julia	Daughter	11 Months	
William	Son	3	

1891 Census

By 1891 they have moved to 68 Sedgley Road. It appears that Mary Hodgkiss, has now died and three more children have arrived. Probably the 9 month old daughter Sarah in the 1881 census is not the same Sarah recorded in the 1891 census as the ages are completely wrong. It was not uncommon at the time that if a child had died, a later child would be given the same name, particularly if it was a family name. There are three records of the death of a Sarah Hodgkiss in this 10 year period. The Hodgkiss family appear to be a typically large family of the time.

1901 Census

By the next census in 1901, Lillian had been born, along with another son, John - known by the family as Jack. Mary has now left home, and Sarah lives with her until she gets married.

Address: 8 South Street, Coseley			
Occupants	Relationship	Age	Occupation
James Hodgkiss	Head	57	Coal miner below ground
Ann	Wife	48	
Thomas	Son	21	Coal miner below ground
Caroline	Daughter	18	
William	Son	13	
Julia M.	Daughter	10	
John	Son	8	
Lillian	Daughter	5	

Disaster, befell the family in 1904 when Lillian's father, James, died on 10th February. According to his probate his effects totalled just £70.


1911 Census

As a widow, Ann would have struggled to raise her family and was forced to move out of the house in Coseley. The Toll House would have been a reasonably cheap rent as it was quite a long distance from the village and local amenities. It had no gas, electricity or running water. Water was obtained from a stream which ran behind the house.

This census also shows that Ann had given birth to 14 children of whom 5 had died.

There were now just three children at home, but all of them had a job so financially, they were probably better off.

Address: 35 Sedgley Road, Woodsetton			
Occupants	Relationship	Age	Occupation
Ann Hodgkiss	Head	58	
William	Son	23	Railway porter
John	Son	19	Coal hauler
Lilian	Daughter	15	Packer (drugs)




However, more tragedy was on its way. Bill (as William was known) was killed on his first day as a newly qualified passenger guard in 1912, when he was struck by an express train. Ann had to go all the way to Bescot (in Walsall) to identify her brother's body. Mrs Hodgkiss, understandably, took the death of her son very badly.

Some of the information we have about the Toll House and the family has been gathered from interviews with members of the family. Lillian was still alive when the Toll House came to the Museum in the 1970s and her daughter supplied a great of information about the family as well as numerous photographs.

One of the family stories was about Caroline who lost an arm as a child following an accident. The children were playing shops and Caroline, only a toddler, was picking up pretty bits of platter from the ground to use as money, when she was hit by a coal truck. Although she apparently could not peel potatoes, the injury never held her back and she was excellent at knitting!

Such personal information can be obtained through recollections of the people themselves. Although they cannot always be relied upon, they are invaluable as a resource.



Family Tree	
Harry's Family Tree	A summary of the family relationships revealed by the Census records.
Census Records	
<i>Census Lillian appears on</i>	
1901 Census - Head of Family: James Hodgkiss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 The family is living at 163 South Street. James (Lillian's Father) is still working as an underground coal miner. 📍 Six children are living in the house. These are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thomas (21 years old) is also working as an underground coal miner. - Caroline (18 years old) is working at home. - William (13 years old), Julia (10 years old) have no occupation recorded. - There are two new children: John (8 years old) and Lillian (5 years old). 📍 There is no information about Mary Ann or Sarah. Are they still alive, or have they moved away to work?
1911 Census - Head of Family: Ann Hodgkiss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 The family is now living at 35 Sedgley Road (the Toll House). 📍 James (Lillian's father) is no longer alive. 📍 William (23 years old) is working as a Railway Porter. 📍 John (19 years old) is a Coal Hauler. 📍 Lillian (15 years old) is a Drug Manufacturer Packer 📍 Lillian's mother (Ann) had 14 children in total but only 9 have survived. In the census records we learn about 9 of her children, with a strong likelihood that one of them, Sarah, did not survive. We also know that following this Census, William was killed on the railway - making a total of 6 children that died.

Have extra time and want to find out more about Lillian's family?

1871 Census - Head of Family:
Mary Hodgkiss

- 🔍 This is before Lillian's father, James, had married and started a family of his own. He is living at 101 Thumpers Lane, Sedgley with his widowed mother, Mary.
- 🔍 James is 27 years old and is working as a miner.

1881 Census - Head of Family:
James Hodgkiss

- 🔍 The family is living at 101 York Street, Sedgley
- 🔍 Lillian is not yet born.
- 🔍 James (Lillian's Father) is 37 years old and working as a coal miner.
- 🔍 Three children live at home
 - Mary Ann (6 years old)
 - Thomas (2 years old)
 - Sarah (9 months old)
- 🔍 James' widowed mother, Mary, aged 76 is living with the family.

1891 Census - Head of Family:
James Hodgkiss

- 🔍 The family is living at 68 Sedgley Road
- 🔍 Lillian is not yet born.
- 🔍 James (Lillian's Father) is a Coal Miner
- 🔍 There are six children living at home:
 - Mary Ann (16 years old) is a mill worker
 - Thomas James (12 years old) Caroline (7 years old) and Sarah (5 years old) are at school.
 - William (3 years old) and Julia (11 months old).
- 🔍 The 9 month old baby, called Sarah, mentioned in the 1881 census should be around 11 years old now. As there is a new child called Sarah who is only 5 years old, it is likely that the earlier child did not survive.

BMD (Birth, Marriages and Deaths)

Birth Certificate: Lillian
Hodgkiss

- 🔍 This certificate shows that Lillian was born on 1st January 1896 at 10 South Street, Roseville, Sedgley. Her father (James) was working as a Coal

England & Wales National
Probate Calendar Index of
Wills: James Hodgkiss

- 🔍 This is the probate record for Lillian's father, James Hodgkiss, who died on 10th February 1904. He had been living at 10 South Street, Coseley, Sedgley and was working as a miner. His effects were worth £70.

Marriage Certificate: Lillian Hodgkiss and Alfred Jones 1925	📍 Lillian married at the age of 29. She was still living at Sedgley Road. Her husband, Alfred Jones, was 36 and was a widower. His father had deceased, but is recorded as having been a Furnanceman.
Maps	
Map of Woodsetton: 1904	📍 This is a map of Woodsetton surrounding the Toll
Photographs	
Thomas Hampton	📍 This is a studio portrait of Lillian's Grandfather, Thomas Hampton. According to Val Masters he was a builder, and built the whole of Hampton Street as well as several public houses. He eventually lived on his own and died penniless after being robbed by his housekeeper.
The Toll House, Woodsetton 1910.	📍 This is a photograph Toll House in 1910 from a local calendar.
William Hodgkiss 1912.	📍 This photograph was taken around 1912 showing William in his railway porter uniform. Shortly after this he was tragically killed in an accident on the railway.
Lillian and Ann Hodgkiss	📍 This photograph was taken in the 1920s showing Lillian and her mother Ann standing on the step of the Toll House (35 Sedgley Road).
Lillian 1980s	📍 This photograph was taken when Lillian visited her former home just after it had been moved to the Museum in the late 1980s.
Lillian 1980	📍 This is another photograph of Lillian visiting her former home, taken in the Brewhouse of the Toll House.
Oral History Testaments	
Val Masters	📍 These are some memories that Val Masters, Lillian's daughter shared about the Toll House.
Miscellaneous Resources	
Herbal Remedies	📍 These are some recipes for some of the herbal remedies that were demonstrated in the Toll House. (We do not recommend that you try these in the classroom as all herbal remedies can have side