

Robert Hall (163) - Places of Interest, England

Overview

Where did Robert Hall^A and his family live, work, go to school, etc. in England? This is what I have found.

Robert was born 22 Apr 1853 to Thomas Alexander Hall^B and Alice Anna Critchlow^C at **Crowgutter Farm, near Ipstones** in Staffordshire¹. I did not find a baptism for Robert.

In 1861, Robert, age 7 was attending school², probably in **Ipstones**. It is not known how far he progressed in school but by age 17 he was an apprentice living on **Garden Street, Manchester**³. There were 10 apprentices living in the house. Based on his future occupations, he was likely preparing to become a draper. In 1881, age 27, he was a shopman draper and lodging at **15 Thorncliffe Grove, Manchester**⁴.

Dorothy states,
Father was sent to Colgne, France to school at the age of 10 years and stayed there until he was 18 to be trained to take charge of the French business of "Brough Nicholson Hall - large silk mfg firm, Leek, Staff. The arrangement fell through. "Family Argument" between the 3 partners. (From Document H53)

It has not been verified.

On 10 Jan 1885, Robert married Mary Eliza Butcher^D at **Christ Church, Southport, Lancashire**⁵. Mary had been living with her parents at **123 Sefton Street, North Meols, Lancashire**⁶. Following the marriage they lived at **144 Heaton Moor Road, Heaton Norris, Stockport, Lancashire**. It was here that their children were born - Dorothy^E (1 Sep 1885⁷), Norman^F (14 Oct 1886⁸), and Aubrey^G (23 Apr 1888⁹). The children were all baptised at **St. Paul's Church, Heaton Moor, Lancashire**^{10,11,12}. Robert worked as a warehouseman and later as a salesman.

By 1891, the family had moved to **113 Shrewsbury Street, Stretford, Lancashire** where Robert worked as a draper's assistant buyer¹³. They didn't stay here long as the **St. Margaret's Church of England School, Aigburth** school log for Norman shows the family living at **38 Osborne Road, Liverpool** in 1895¹⁴.

In 1901, the family was living at **14 Winifred Road, Urmston, Lancashire** and Robert was working as a Draper's assistant. Dorothy, now 15 years of age, was working as a dressmaker¹⁵. Aubrey, and probably Norman, attended **Urmston Upper Grade** school.

^A Robert Hall (163)

^B Thomas Alexander Hall (175)

^C Alice Anna Critchlow (176)

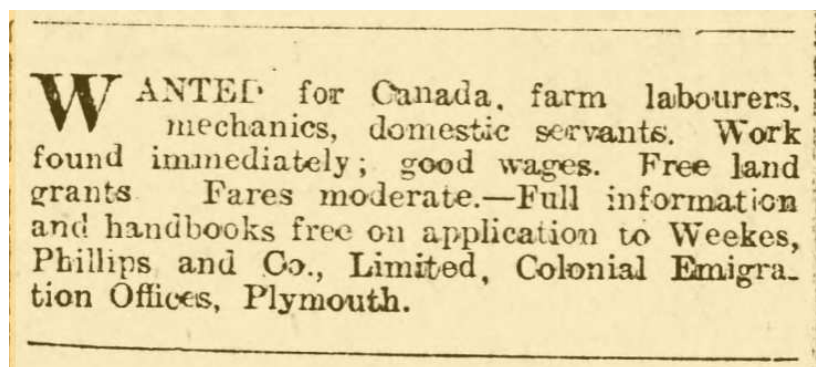
^D Mary Eliza Butcher (164)

^E Alice Dorothy Hall (161)

^F Norman Alexander Hall (162)

^G Aubrey Tatton Hall (160)

On 25 Aug 1902, Aubrey was enrolled at **Regent Street Higher Grade School** in Plymouth, Devon. There is no record of Norman attending the school and there is no indication on the 1901 census of whether he was at school or working. The family was now living at **21 Edith Avenue, Plymouth**. Robert was working in the rubber trade. Aubrey left school on 11 Sep 1903 to work for Weekes, Phillips and Co. Weekes, Phillips and Co. had a Colonial Emigration Office in Plymouth.¹⁶



Advertisement by Weekes, Phillips and Co., 29 April 1905

The Pontypridd Chronicle and Workman's News, 29 April 1905
newspapers.library.wales/view/3814304

Norman trained as an electrical engineer at General Electric Co.¹⁷. I'm not certain where he took his training but I am assuming Manchester/Salford. It was probably about this time when he met Gertrude Garnett^A and she was living at **20 Herbert Street, Moss Side, Lancashire**¹⁸ in 1911¹⁹.

The Early Years of The General Electric Company

In 1888 General Electric Co. opened its first factory in Manchester, known as "Manchester Works" even though it was in Salford. Another, in Salford, was known as the "Peel Works" because it overlooked Peel Park. It manufactured telephones, electric bells, ceiling roses and switches.

In 1889 The General Electric Co Ltd was formed as a private company, also known as GEC, with its head office in Queen Victoria Street, London. In 1900 it was incorporated and carried on business in London, Manchester, Salford, Birmingham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and elsewhere.

In 1902 it opened the Witton Works covering 45 acres, which included the Carbon Works, the only such in the country.

Rapidly growing private and commercial use of electricity, especially in lamps and lighting equipment, ensured buoyant demand and the company expanded both at home and overseas with the establishment of branches in Europe, Japan, Australia, South Africa and India and substantial export trade to South America.

Graces Guide - <https://www.gracesguide.co.uk/GEC>

Bob's Old Phones - <https://www.telephonenumbercollecting.org/Bobs%20phones/Pages/GEC/History.htm>

On 2 Mar 1905, Aubrey, age 16 years, began a four year apprenticeship with David Corsar and Sons, **Liverpool** to become part of the Merchant Service²⁰. I do not know the nature of the business. He received a "Certificate of Competency as Second Mate of a Foreign-Going Vessel" in the Merchant Service on 29 Oct 1909²¹.

The family, except Aubrey, departed from **Merseyside, Liverpool** on 24 Sep 1910 aboard the SS Canada²² to begin a new life in Canada. They arrived in **Quebec City, Quebec** on 2 Oct 1910. On the passenger list their occupations were given as: Robert - storekeeper, Norman - electrician, and Dorothy - dressmaker. Their intended destination in Canada was **Lemberg, Saskatchewan**²³. Robert's younger brother, Rowland^A was living in Lemberg.

During WWI Aubrey served with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Aubrey came to Canada after WWI arriving in **Halifax, Nova Scotia** aboard the HMS Celtic on 20 Oct 1919²⁴ (H418).

^A Rowland Hambleton Hall (167)

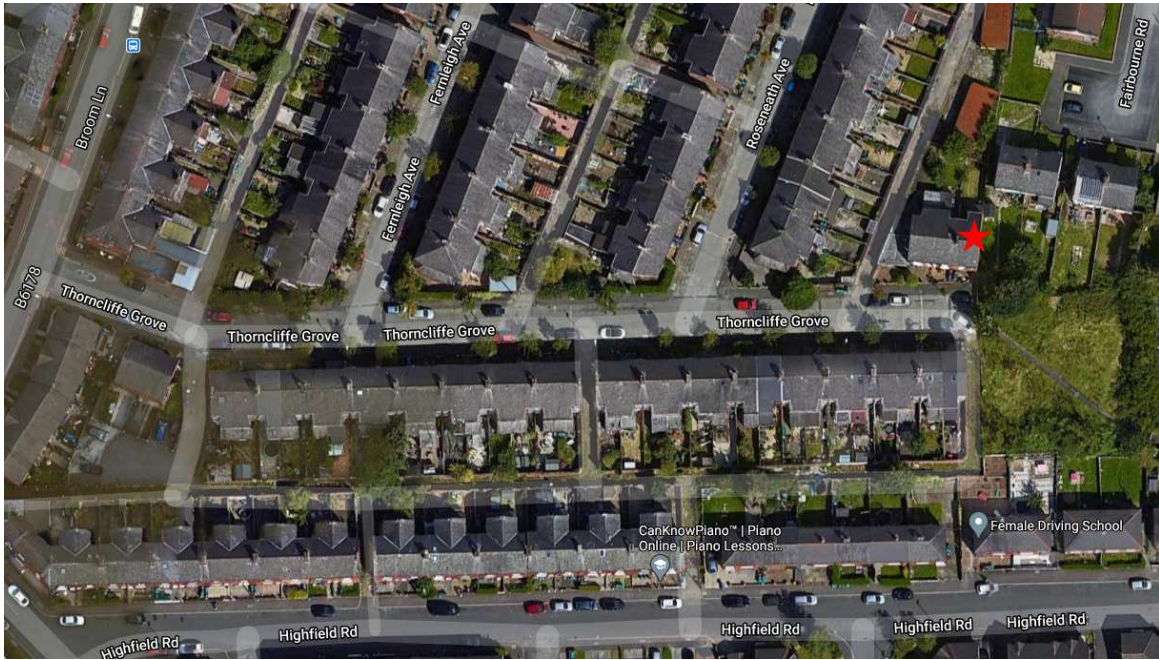
Manchester

15 Thorncliffe Grove

Location (Long/Lat): -2.179579,53.443605

Robert Hall was living here in 1881.





15 Thorncliffe Grove (marked by star)

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The units are numbered 9 and 11 from the left. There is no number visible on the last unit but I assume that it is 15. The number 13 is usually not used because of its association with bad luck.



15 Thorncliffe Grove (house on right)

Google StreetView - 2015

Garden Street, Manchester

Location (Long/Lat): -2.236818,53.482287

In 1871 Robert Hall was lodging on Garden Street. Garden Street no longer exists but this is the approximate location based on an 1850 map.



Garden Street

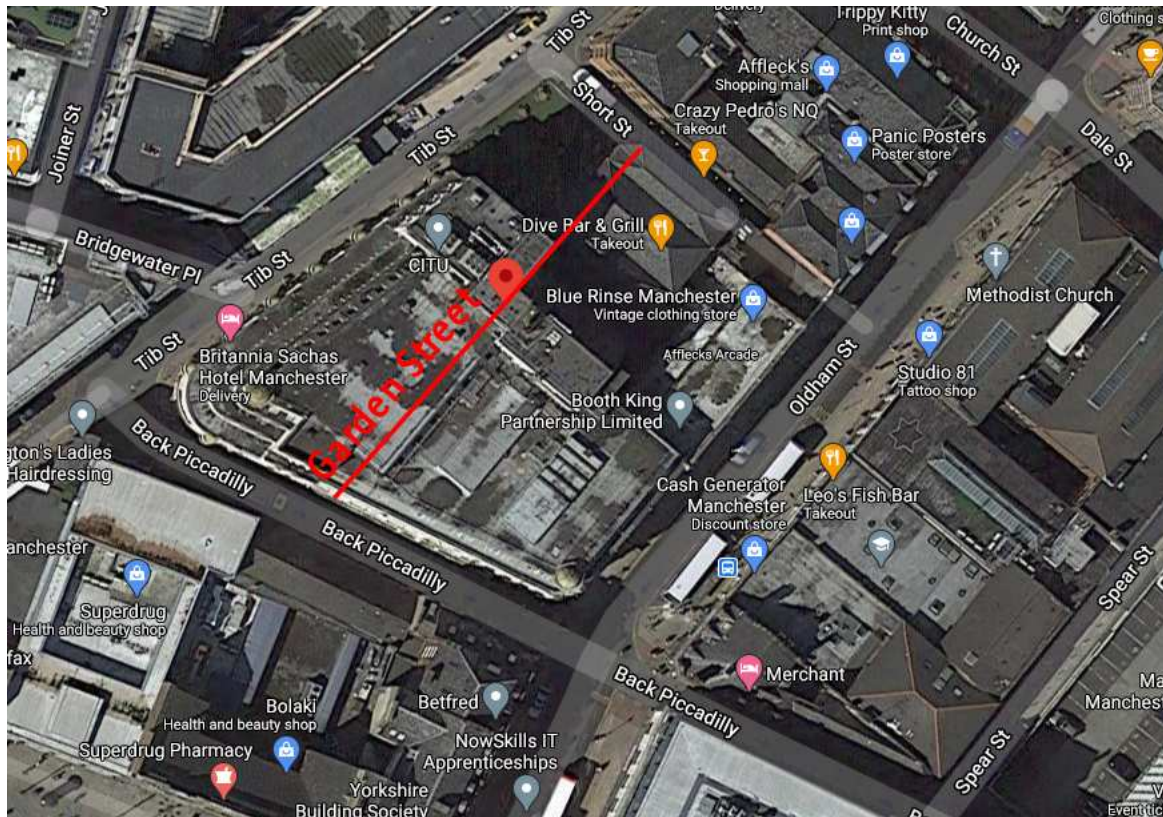
Manchester & Salford. Sheet 29

1849-1851

Scale: 1 : 1056

Creator: Ordnance Survey

<https://www.oldmapsonline.org/map/manchester/JRL1300079>



Garden Street

Google Maps - 2020



Garden Street

Insurance Plan of the City of Manchester Vol. I: sheet 5

<http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/onlineex/firemaps/england/northwest/largeimage149494.html>

Date: 1886

Map scale ratio: [1:480]. 40 ft = 1 inch.

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144 Heaton Moor Road, Heaton Norris Stockport, Lancashire

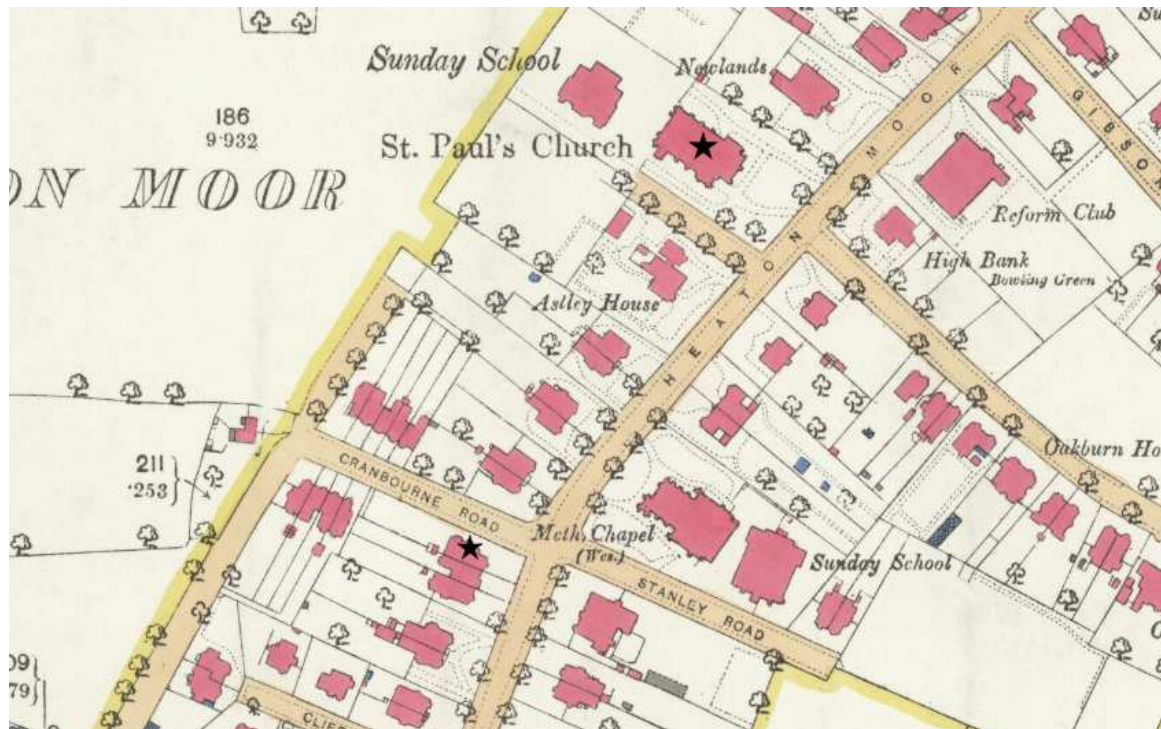
Location (Long/Lat): -2.187241,53.421037

Home of Robert Hall (163) and Mary Butcher (164) after their marriage in 1885. Their children - Dorothy (161), Norman (162), and Aubrey (160) were born here.



144 Heaton Moor Road

Google Maps - 2020



144 Heaton Moor Road (marked by star)

Lancashire CXI.12 (Stockport)

Ordnance Survey 25 inch, 1892/93

Source: National Library of Scotland, maps.nls.uk/view/126523811



144 Heaton Moor Road (looking at the west side)

Google StreetView - 2020

St. Paul's Church, St. Paul's Road, Stockport

Location (Long/Lat): -2.186047,53.422398

Robert Hall's children, Dorothy, Norman and Aubrey were baptised at St. Paul's in 1885, 1887, and 1888 respectively.

The church is located at the corner of Heaton Moor Road and St. Paul's Road just a block north of where the Halls were living.



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St. Paul's Church (marked by star)

Lancashire CXI.12 (Stockport)

Ordnance Survey 25 inch, 1892/93

Source: National Library of Scotland, maps.nls.uk/view/126523811



St. Paul's Church
The tower was added in 1900

Google Maps - 2020



St. Paul's Church

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Wednesday, 11 May, 2005



St. Paul's Church

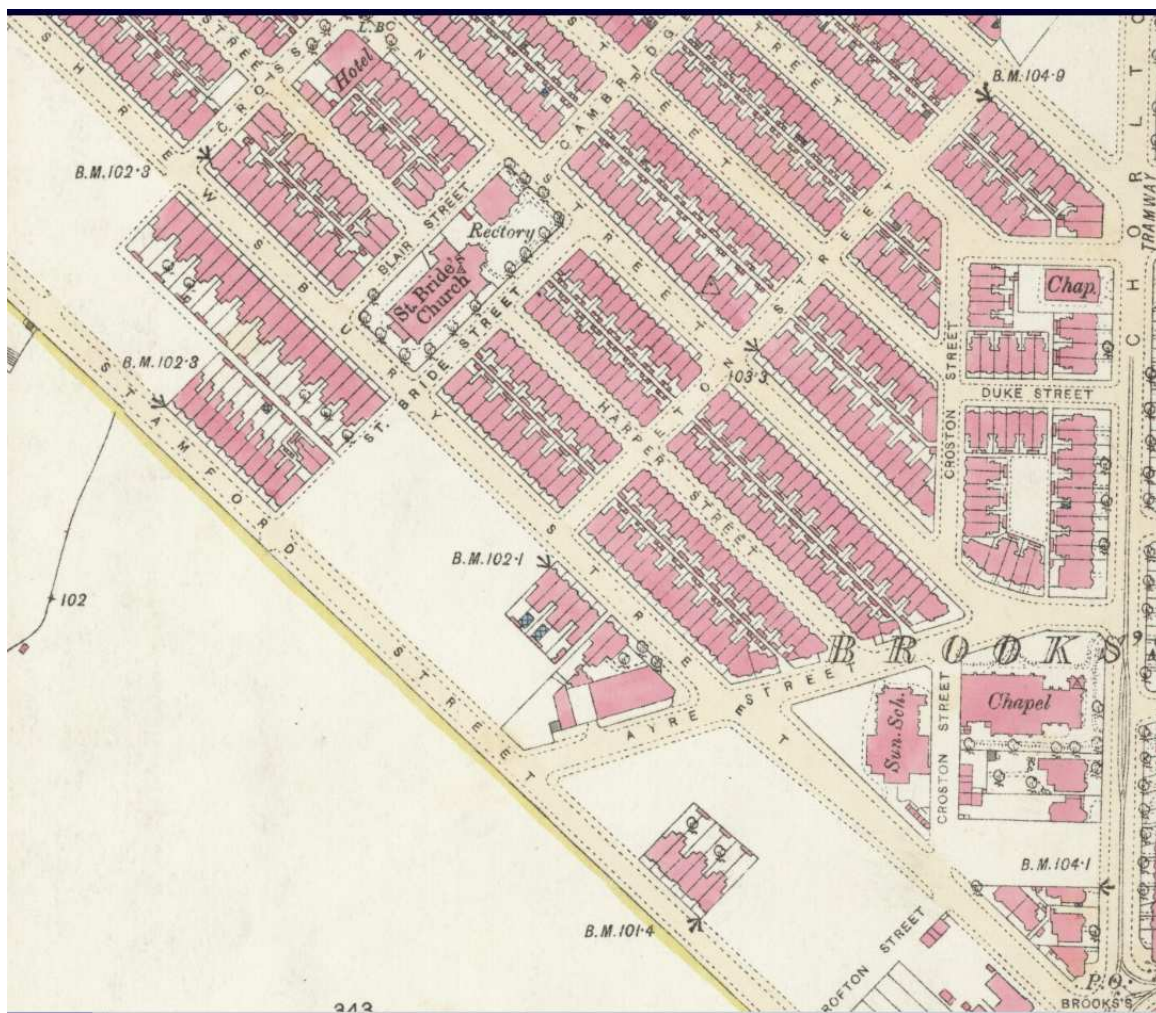
historicengland.org.uk

113 Shrewsbury Street, Stretford, Lancashire

Location (Long/Lat): -2.262170,53.460939

Robert Hall (164) and his family were living here in 1891. (H258)

The location is approximate because the area has changed substantially since then and his house no longer exists. The houses on the north side of Shrewsbury Street between Eton Street and Cross Street are gone as are most of the houses between Ayre Street and Eton



Shrewsbury Street

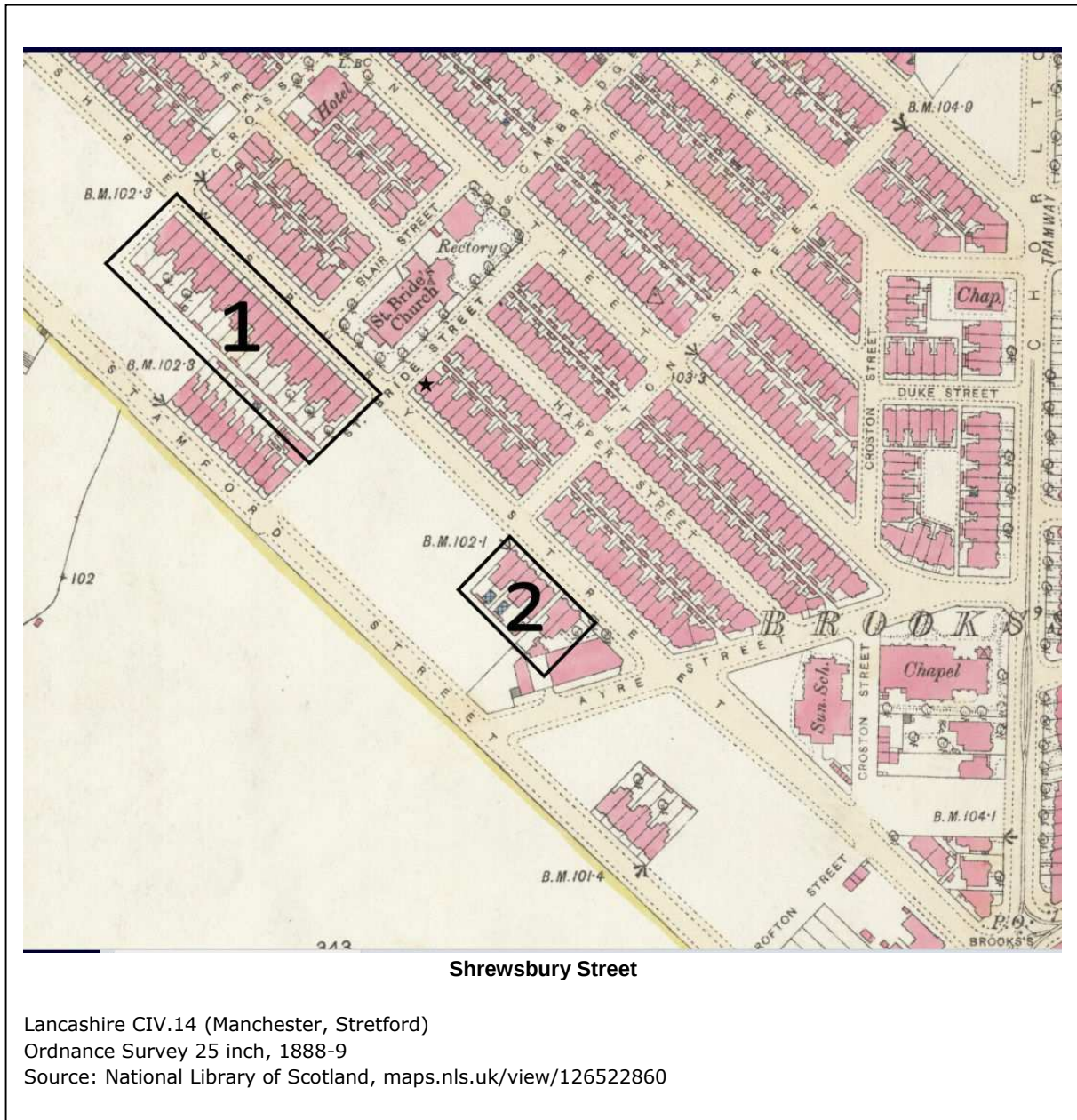
Lancashire CIV.14 (Manchester, Stretford)

Ordnance Survey 25 inch, 1888-9

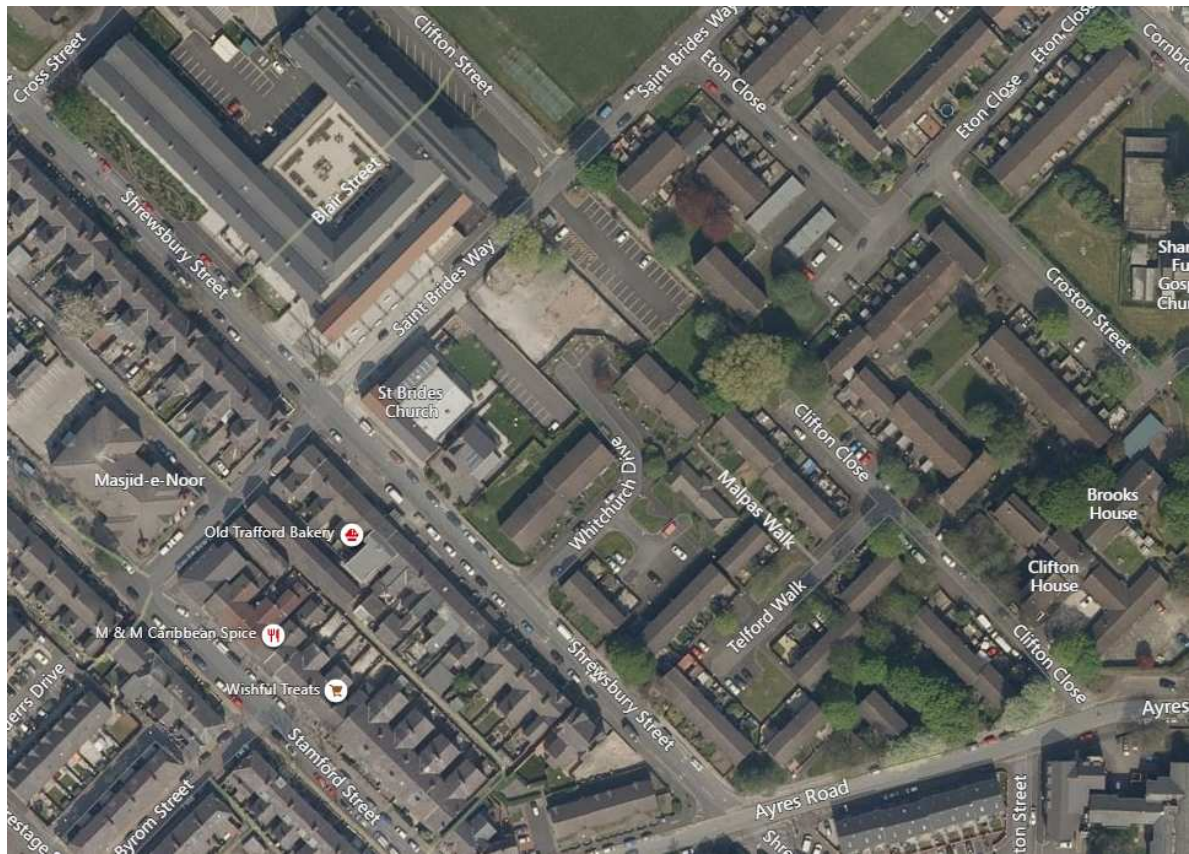
Source: National Library of Scotland, maps.nls.uk/view/126522860

Street. St. Bride's Church was rebuilt in 1991 on the other side of Bride Street. Street names have also changed. Eton Street is Whitchurch Drive; St. Bride Street is now St. Bride's Way north of Shrewsbury Street.

I used Google StreetView to determine the house numbering. In the area designated "1", the houses are numbered from 76 to 114 in increments of 2 beginning from the northwest and going southeast. In area "2" the houses are numbered from 148 to 160 in increments of 2 beginning from the northwest and going southeast. From this, I am assuming that Robert lived on the southeast corner of Shrewsbury Street and St. Bride Street, marked by a star.



The following map shows the area as it is today.



Shrewsbury Street

bing.com/maps - 2020

The picture of 110 to 114 Shrewsbury gives an idea of the character of the housing along the street. Robert Hall's home at 113 Shrewsbury was probably similar.



114 Shrewsbury Street (on left)

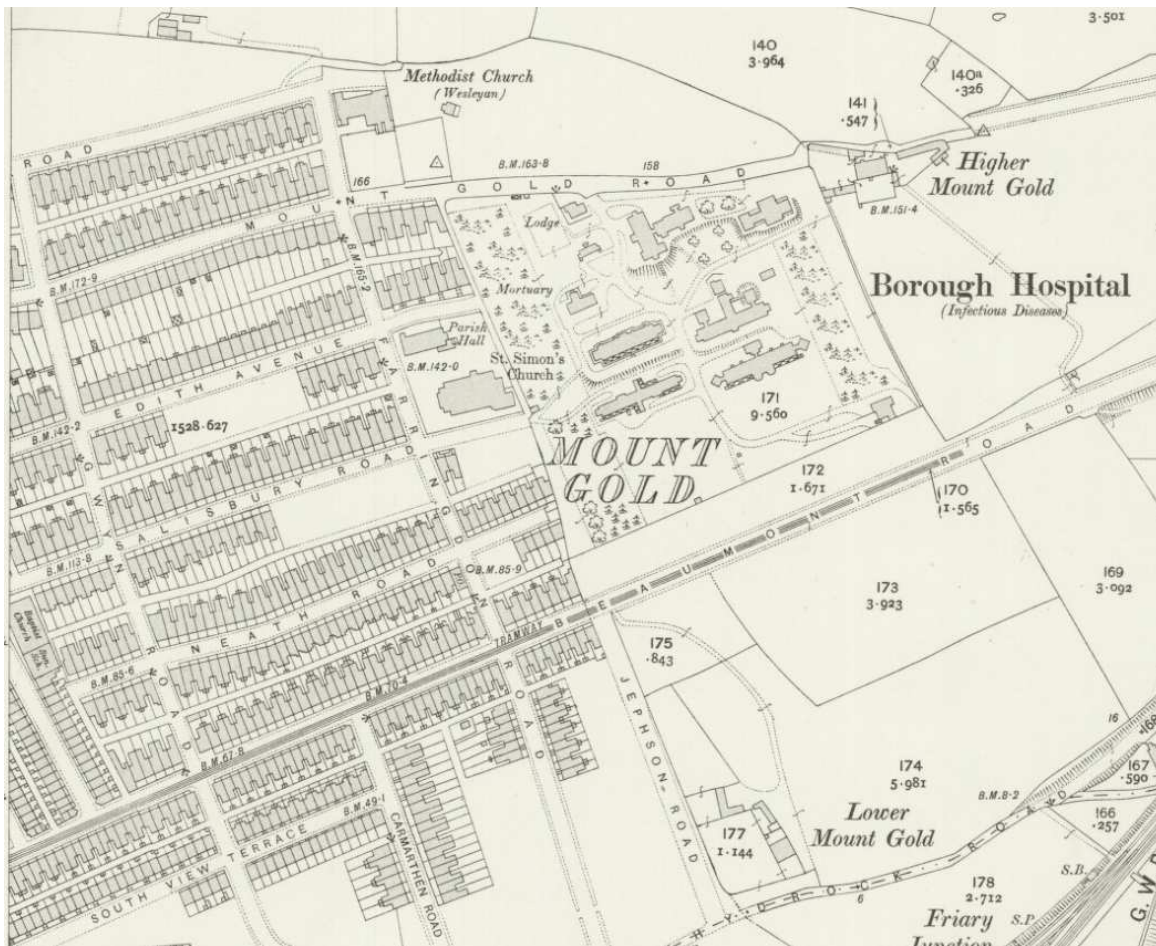
Google StreetView - 2019

Plymouth

21 Edith Avenue

Location (Long/Lat): -4.119868,50.377582

Robert Hall was living at 21 Edith Avenue about 1902-03.



21 Edith Avenue

Devon CXXIV.5 (Plymouth, Plymstock, Sparkwell)

Ordnance Survey 25 inch, 1912

Source: National Library of Scotland, maps.nls.uk/view/106006916



21 Edith Avenue

Google Maps - 2019



21 Edith Avenue (green house)

Google StreetView - 2014

Regent Street Higher Grade School - 20 Regent Street

Location (Long/Lat): -4.133657,50.373599

Aubrey Hall attended the school from 25 Aug 1902 to 11 Sep 1903. (School Log)

The school is located on the northwest corner of Regent Street and North Street.

The school, built of Plymouth limestone, first opened in 1897 as the Regent Street Higher Grade School when pupils from Mount Street Higher Grade Board School moved into the building.[5] The School motto was "shine to serve" and it continued until a reorganisation in 1926 when boys from Keppel Place Central School exchanged Places with the Girls in Regent Street Higher Grade School. The boys' school in Regent Street became known as Sutton Secondary School for Boys and the girls' school Stoke Damerel High School for Girls. Eventually despite the actions of the LEA[6] the name was changed to Sutton High School for Boys. In 2005 the building was converted to luxury flats, Sutton High Apartments. (Wikipedia)

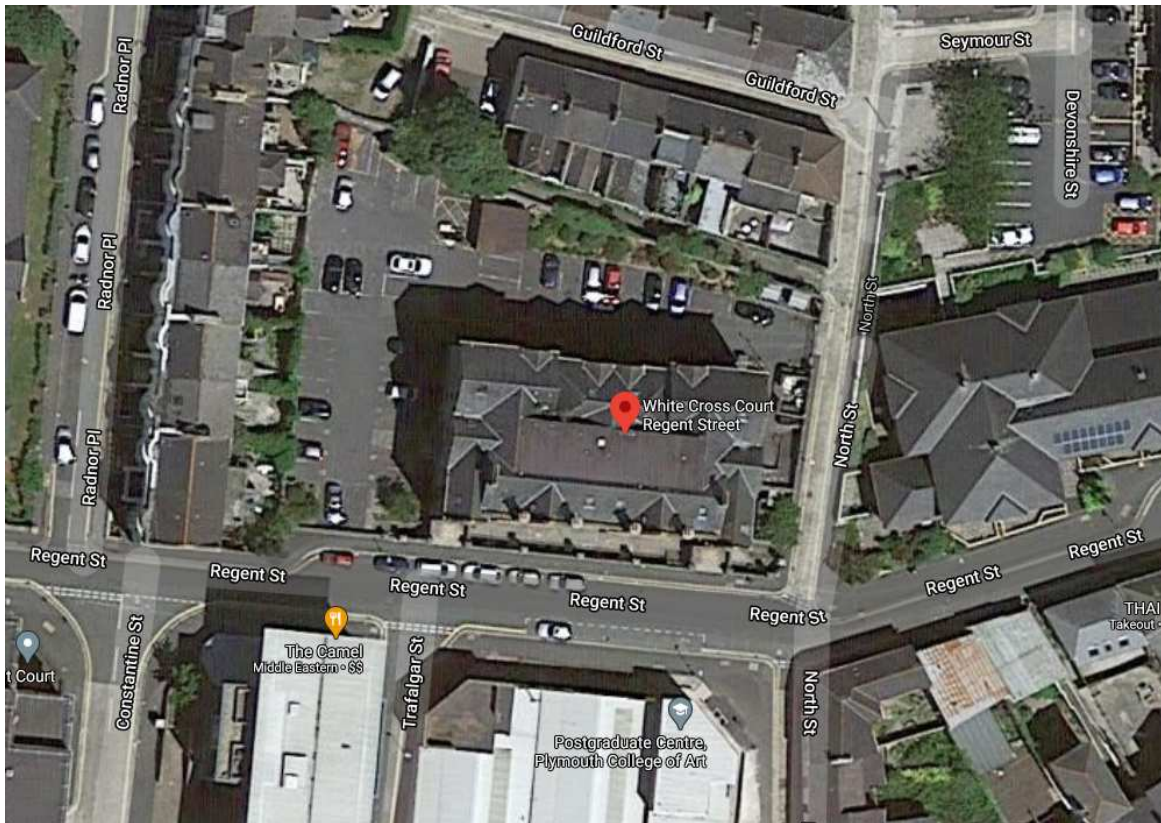


Regent Street Higher Grade School

Devon CXXIII.8 (Devonport, East Stonehouse, Plymouth)

Ordnance Survey 25 inch, 1912

Source: National Library of Scotland, maps.nls.uk/view/106006850



Regent Street Higher Grade School

Google Maps - 2020



Regent Street Higher Grade School

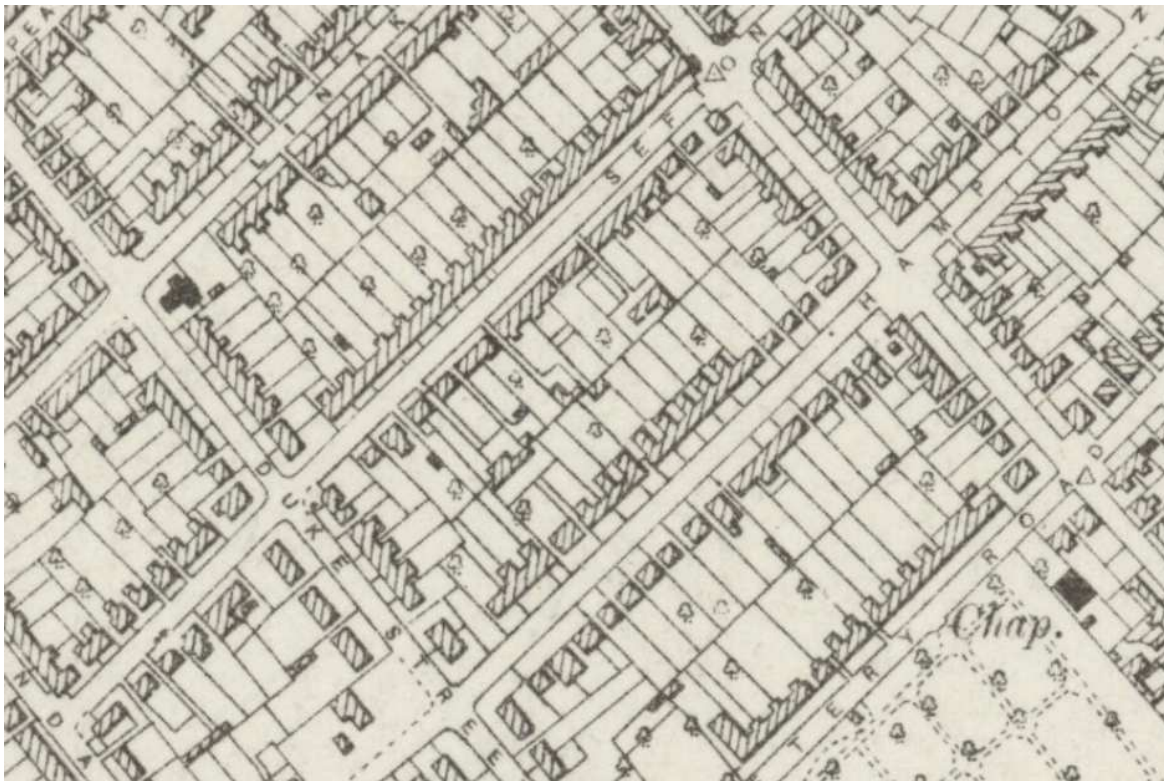
Google Street View - 2018

Southport

123 Sefton Street

Location (Long/Lat): -3.001829,53.63755

On 10 Jan 1885, Robert married Mary Eliza Butcher (164) at **Christ Church, Southport, Lancashire**. Mary had been living with her parents at **123 Sefton Street, North Meols, Southport, Lancashire**.



Sefton Street

Lancashire LXXV.SW (Includes Halsall, Southport)

Ordnance Survey 6 inch, 1889-92

Source: National Library of Scotland, maps.nls.uk/view/101102375

I am not sure which property is 123 Sefton because I could not reconcile the 1889-92 map with the current aerial view. There may have been some changes along the street. I cannot be certain that this is the same house that existed in 1885.



123 Sefton Street

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123 Sefton Street - House in the middle with stone façade

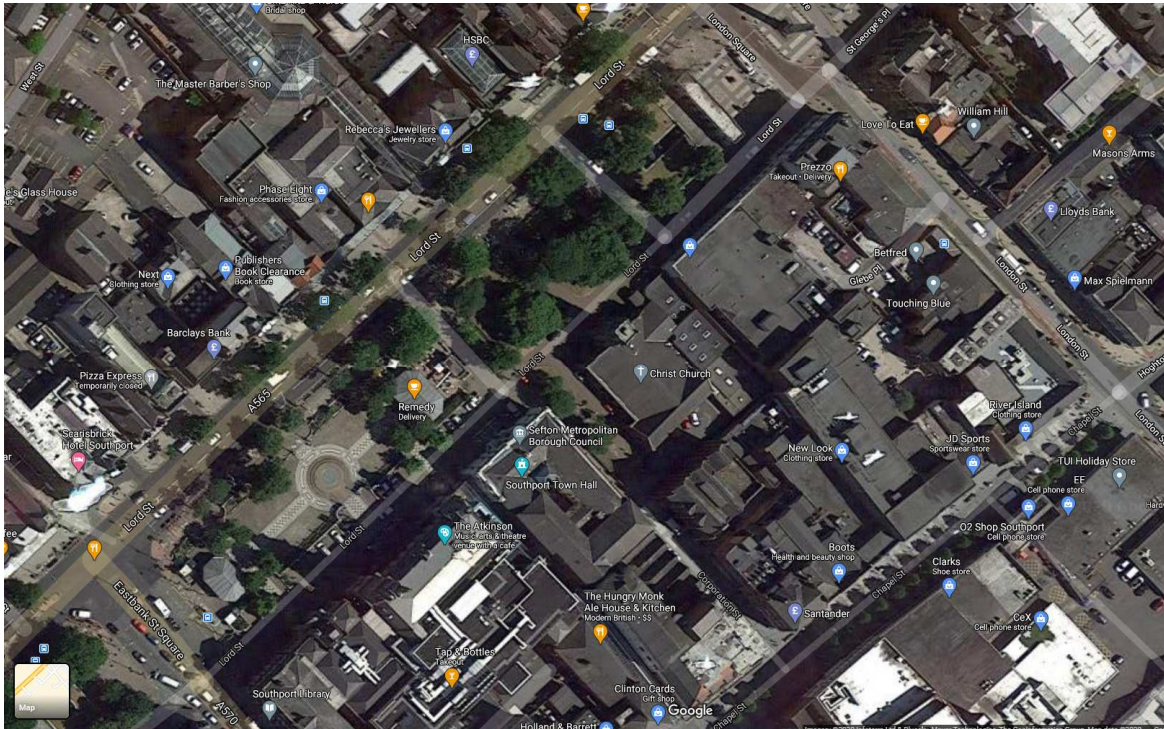
Google StreetView - 2019

Christ Church

Location (Long/Lat): -3.004977,53.647740

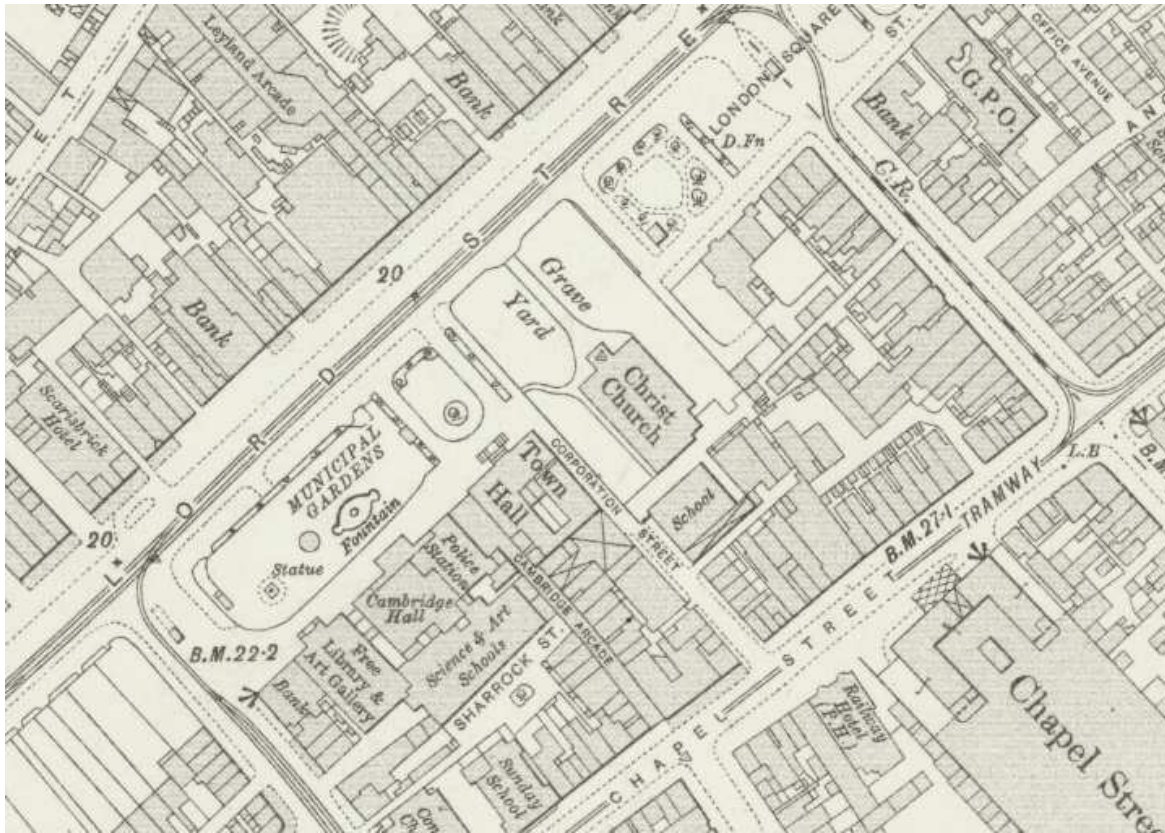
Robert (163) and Mary Hall (164) were married here 10 Jan 1885.

The church is located at 124 Lord Street.



Christ Church (in center of image)

Google Maps - 2020



Christ Church

Lancashire LXXV.9 (Southport)
Ordnance Survey 25 inch, 1909
Source: National Library of Scotland, maps.nls.uk/view/126518891

Note the graveyard at the front of the church in this map and the next photo. The graveyard is not shown in the recent aerial view but I do not know if the graveyard was relocated or just turned into a park area.



Christ Church, 1860

<https://www.southportvisiter.co.uk/news/history/gallery/the-splendours-of-southport-12759758>

The graveyard is clearly visible at the front of the church. Also note that the church has a spire above the tower.



Christ Church (on left) and Municipal Buildings

The original spire can be seen on Christ Church. I do not know when it was removed but the recent photo below shows the church without the spire.



Christ Church, 2012

Online parish clerks

<http://70.40.195.139/LAN-OPC/Southport/Southport-Central/christchurch/index.html>

Photograph by Mike Berrell

Lord Street

Dorothy said the family lived in Southport for about 3 years c1900 on Lord Street opposite St. John's Anglican Church²⁵. This is the only indication I have that they lived in Southport. The city directories for Southport should be checked to verify Dorothy's claim. Perhaps Dorothy meant Christ Church which is on Lord Street.

St. John's Church, Birkdale

Location (Lat/Long): -3.013818,53.622756

The only St. John's church I could find in Southport was St. John's, Birkdale at the corner of Liverpool Road and St. John's Road which is not close to Lord St.



St. John's Church, Birkdale

Google Maps - 2020

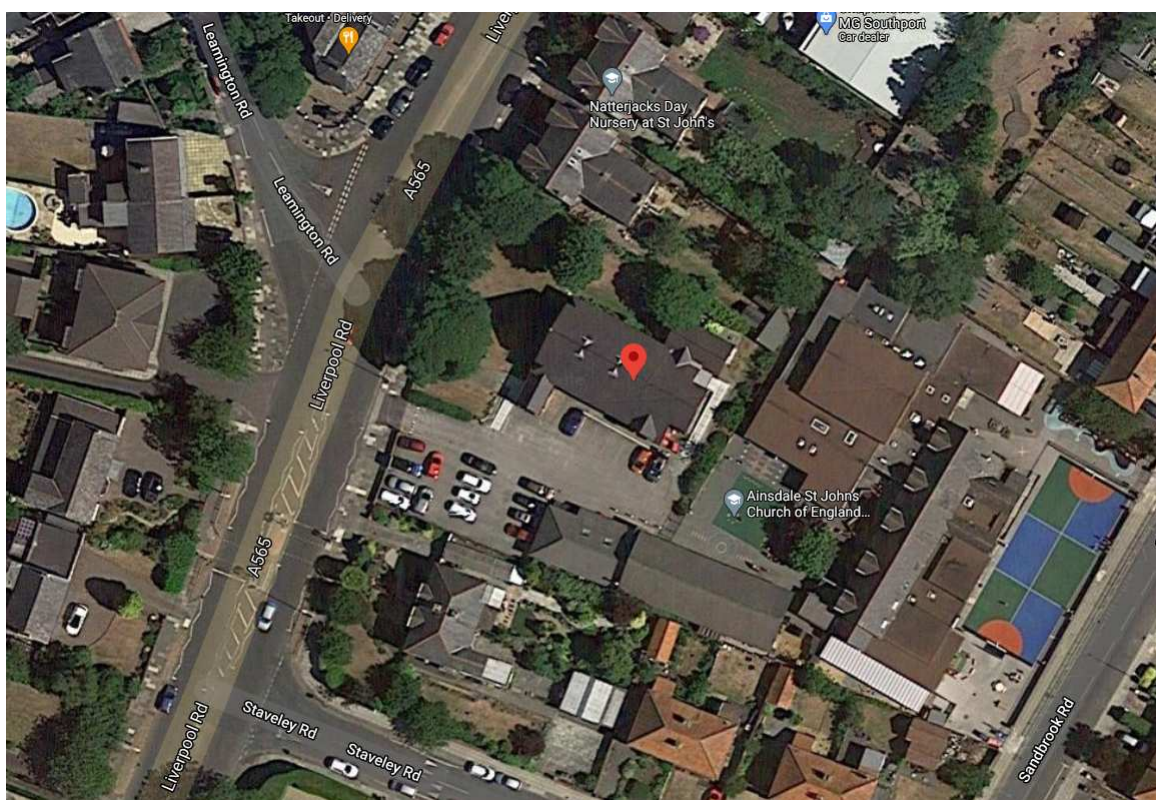
St. John's Church, Ainsdale

Location (Lat/Long): -3.033890,53.599014

St. John's Church, Ainsdale is located at 708 Liverpool Road and while it is not on Lord Street, Liverpool Road runs into Lord Street.

Going north on Liverpool Road (A565) from the church, it becomes Liverpool Avenue, then Liverpool Road (again), then branches to Waterloo Road (A565), then Lulworth Road (A565), then Lord Street (A565). Could this be the church that Dorothy was referring to?

Lord Street itself is only about 1.3 km long but goes through a major commercial area. Perhaps that is why Dorothy may have referred to the entire road as "Lord Street".



St. John's Church, Ainsdale

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St. John's Church, Ainsdale - 1909

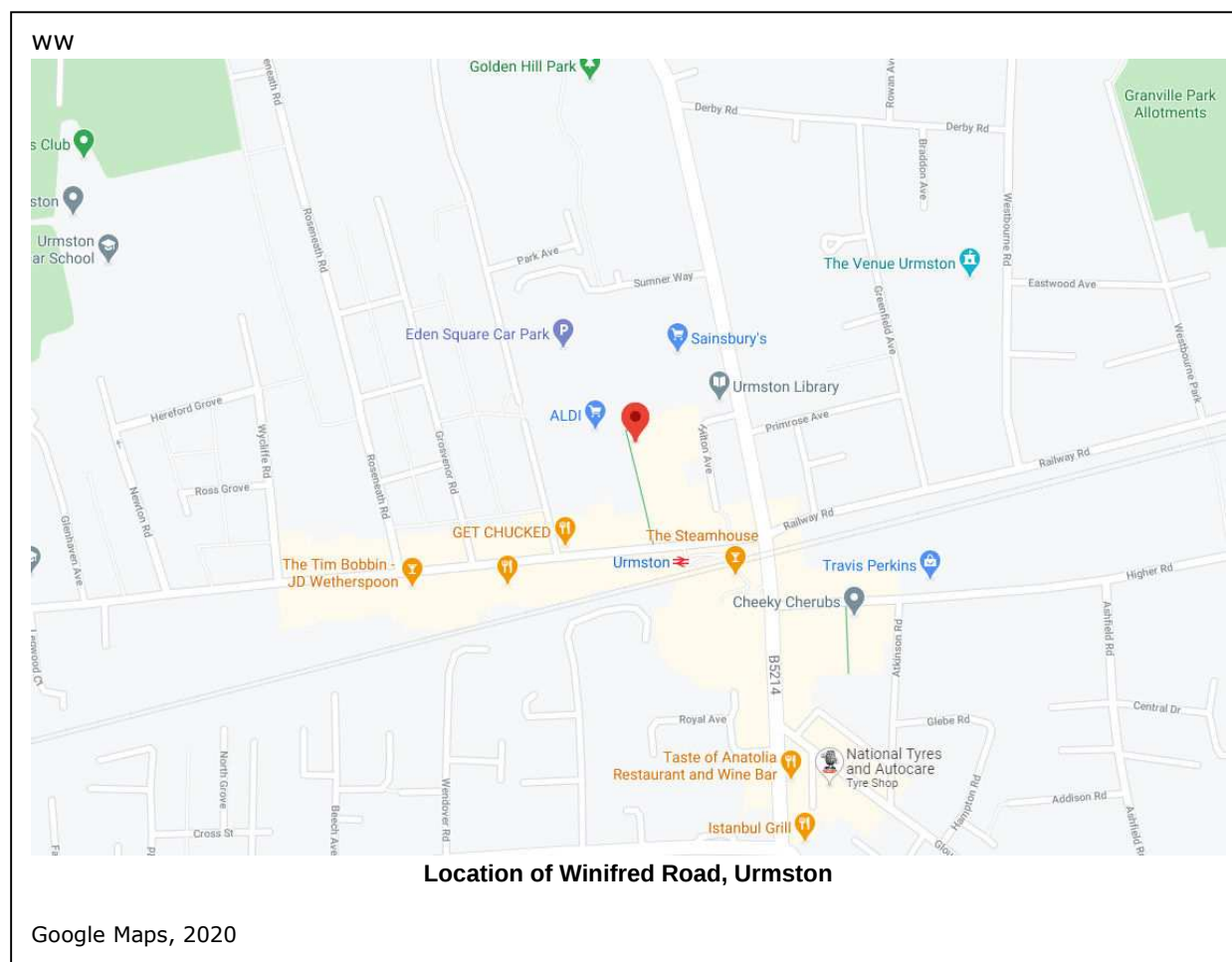
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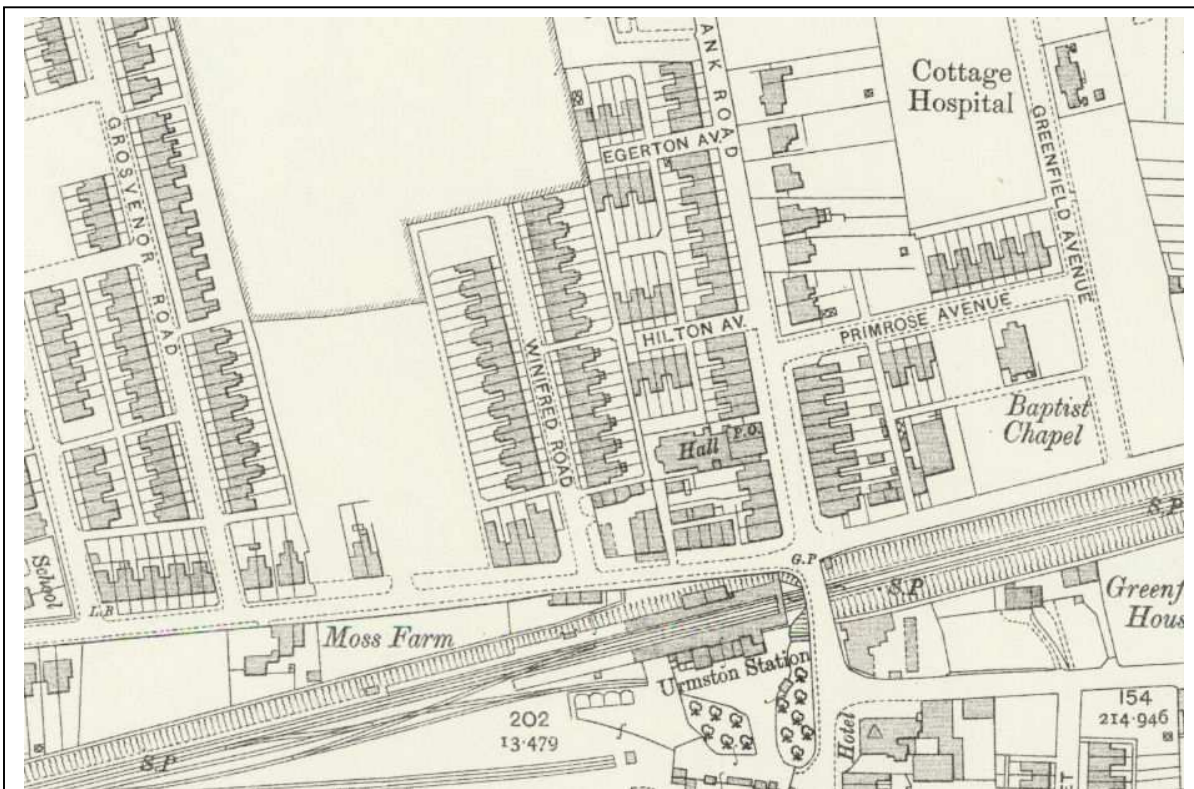
14 Winifred Road, Urmston, Lancashire

Location (Long/Lat): -2.35453,53.449222

Robert Hall (164) and his family were living here in 1901. (H257)

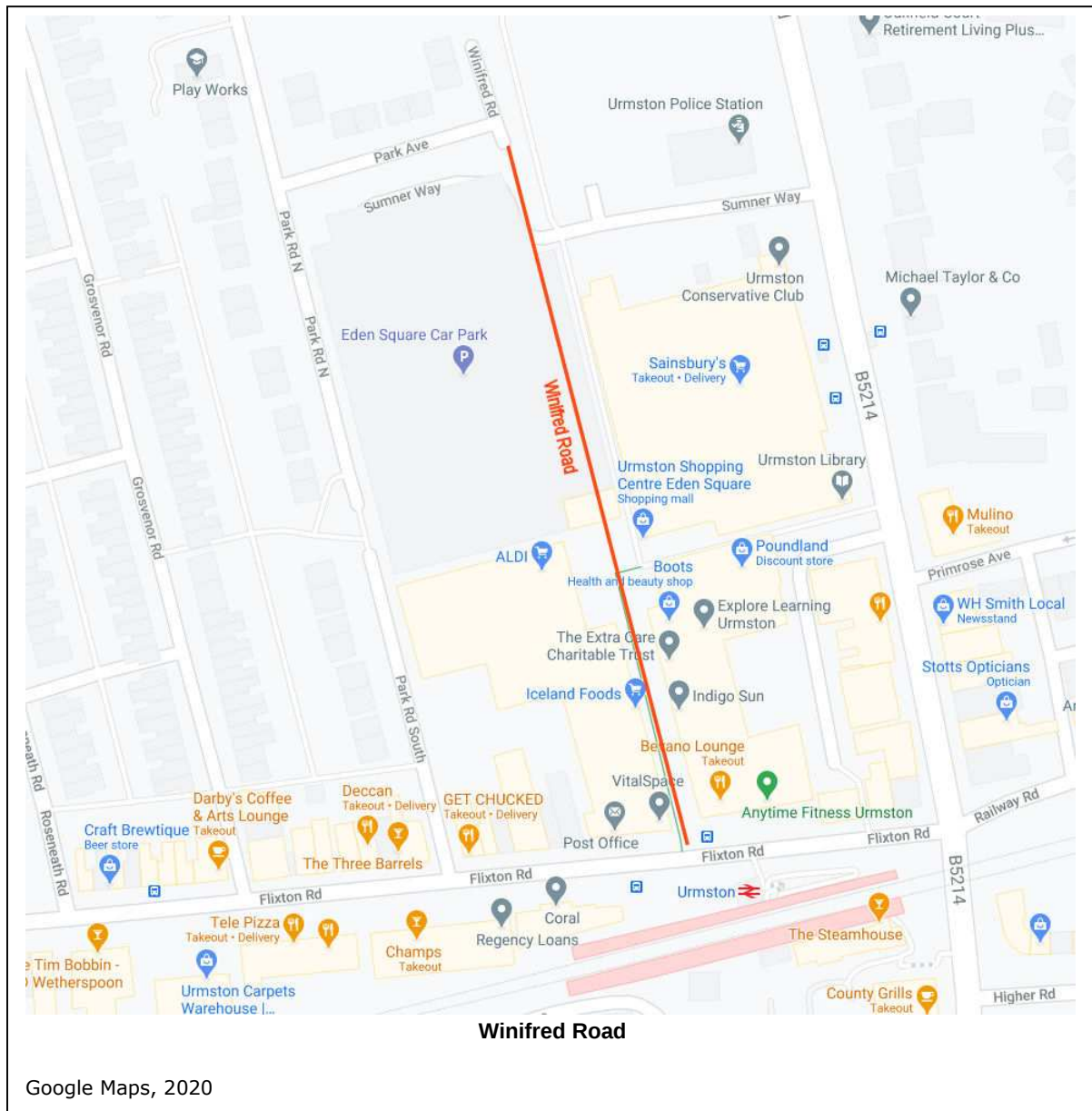
The location is approximate as the area has been redeveloped and the section of Winifred Road where Robert lived has been removed. The following maps show what the area would have looked like in 1901 and how it looks now.





Winifred Road

Lancashire CX.3 (Carrington, Davyhulme, Flixton, Sale, Urmston)
Ordnance Survey 25 inch, 1904
Source: National Library of Scotland, maps.nls.uk/view/126523619



Liverpool

38 Osborne Road

Location: (Long/Lat) -2.932602,53.426618

Robert Hall (163) and his family were living here in 1895.

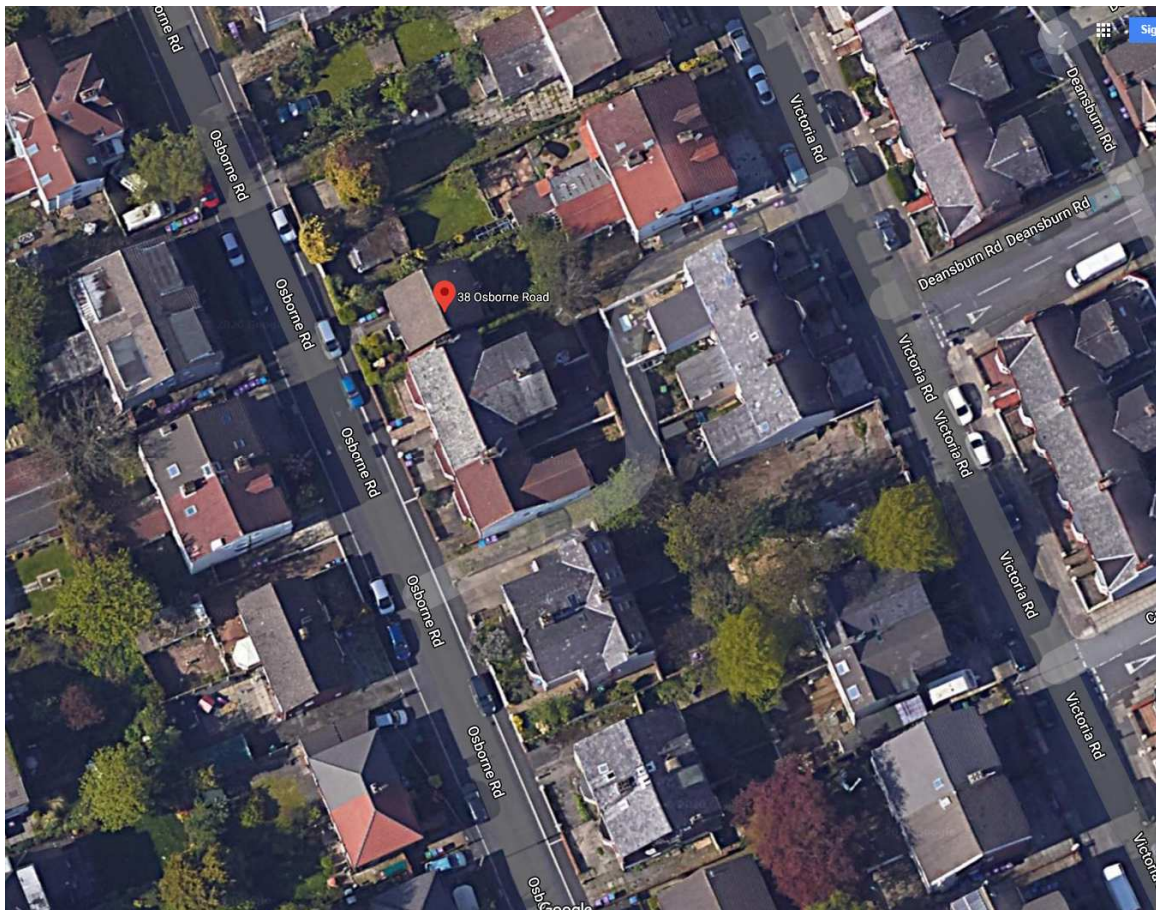
Google Maps shows a house at 38 Osborne Road. However, a map from 1890 does not show a house at that location. The maps from 1925 and 1938 do not show houses that are consistent with the present day. I suspect that the original house has been replaced.

Dorothy says they lived in Liverpool for two years near Horsham Park. I believe "Horsham Park" is incorrect and should be "Newsham Park"²⁶.



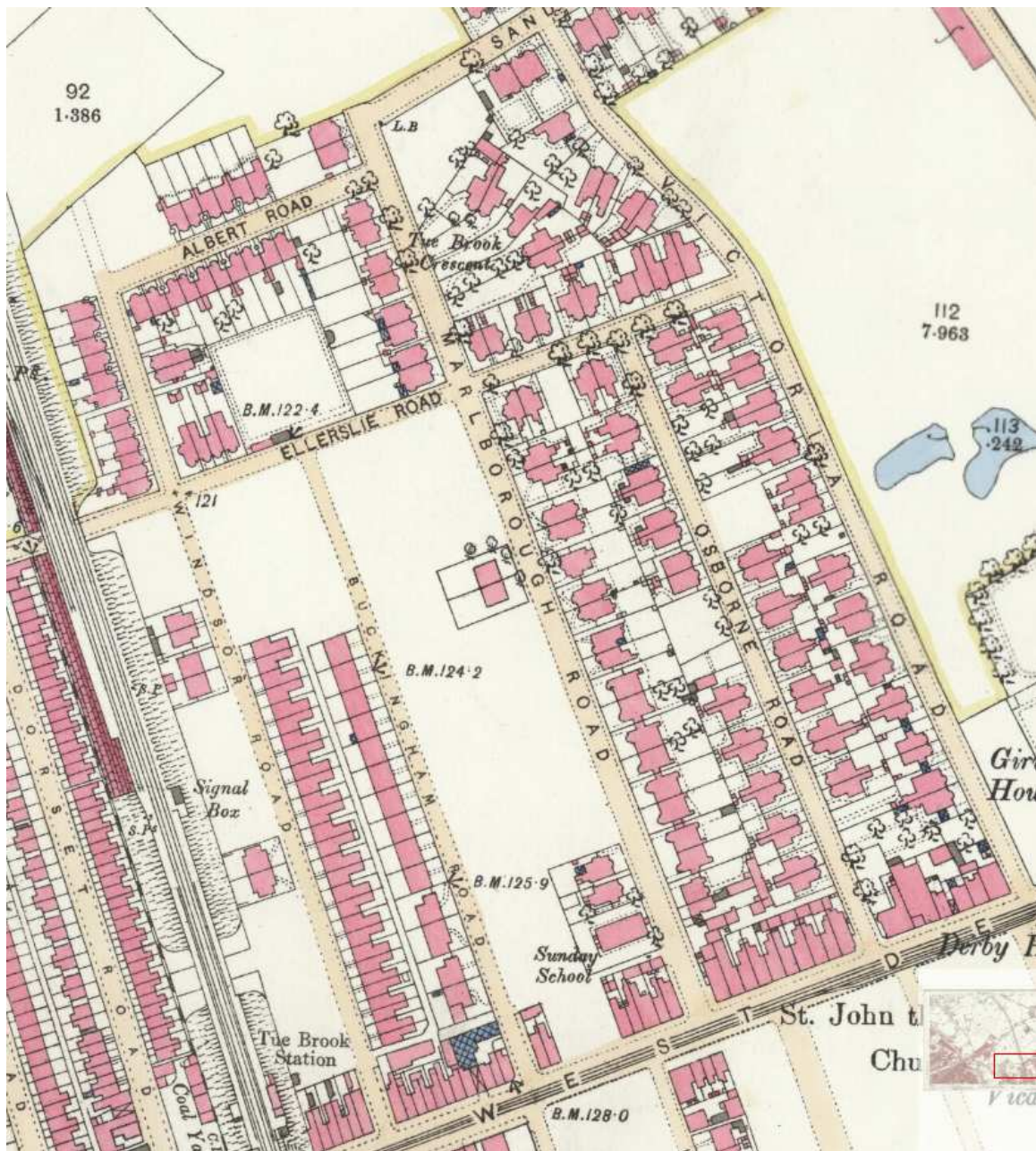
38 Osborne Road

Google StreetView - 2019



38 Osborne Road

Google Maps 2020



Osborne Road

Lancashire CVI.7 (Liverpool)

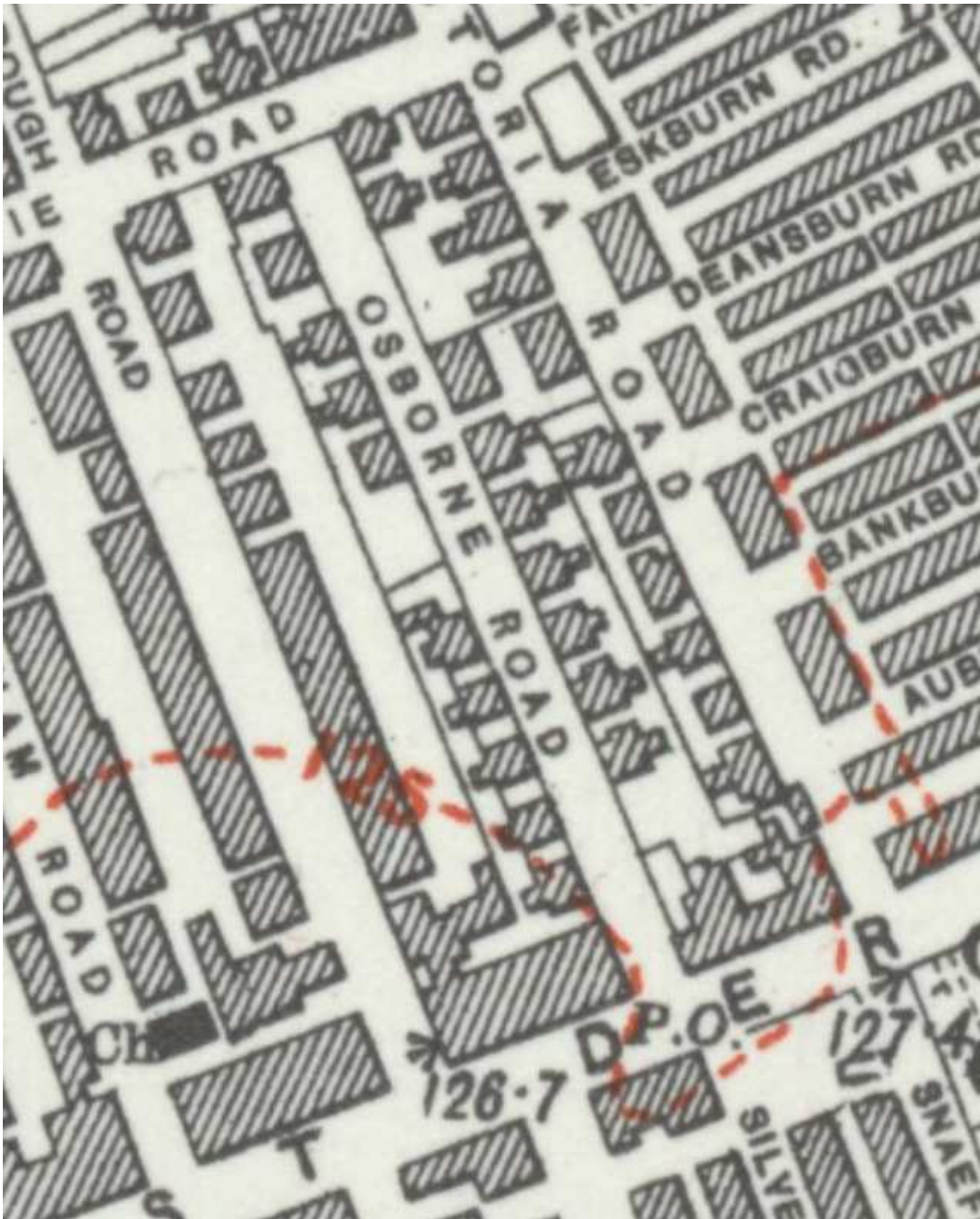
Ordnance Survey 25 inch, 1890

Source: National Library of Scotland, maps.nls.uk/view/126523079



Osborne Road

Lancashire CVI.7 (Liverpool)
Ordnance Survey 25 inch, 1925
Source: National Library of Scotland, maps.nls.uk/view/126523085



Osborne Road

Lancashire CVI.NE (Liverpool)

Ordnance Survey Six- inch, 1938

Source: National Library of Scotland, maps.nls.uk/view/101103911

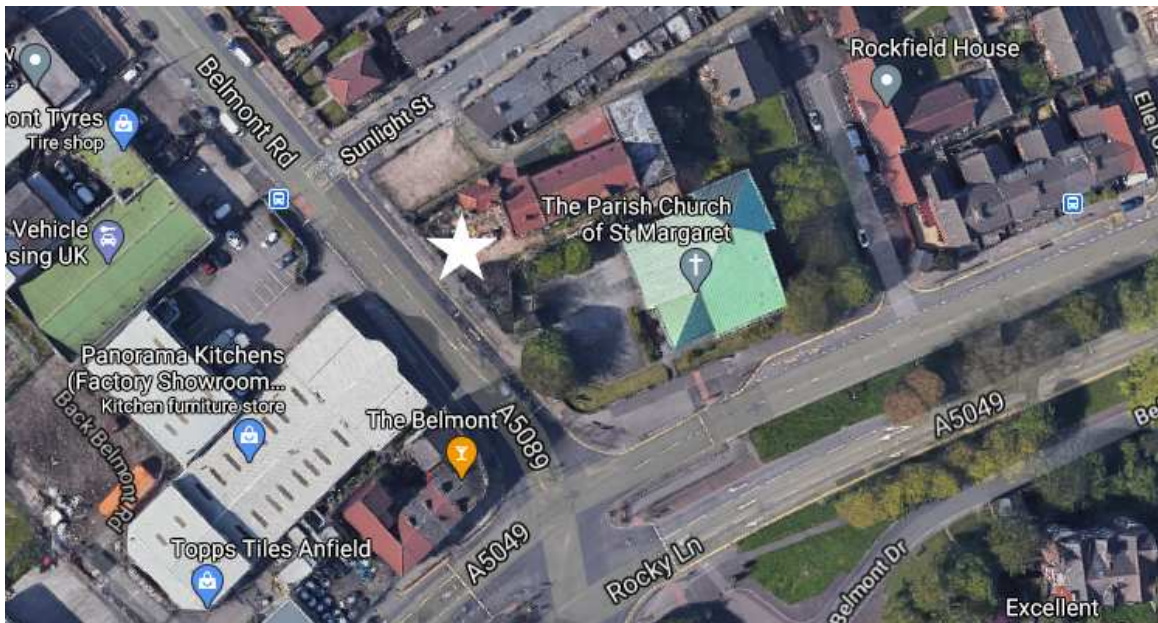
St. Margaret's Church of England School

Location: (Long/Lat) -2.947771,53.421886

Norman Hall (162) attended school here in 1895.

This is the original location of the academy in Anfield. It is now located in Aigburth.

The school was founded by Alderman William Preston, one time Mayor of Liverpool, and the Vicar of St. Margaret's, Anfield, Reverend John Sheepshanks. The school opened in 1879.



St. Margaret's Church of England School

Google Maps - 2020



St. Margaret's Church of England School

Lancashire CVI.11 (Liverpool)

Ordnance Survey 25 inch, 1905

Source: National Library of Scotland, maps.nls.uk/view/126523112



St. Margaret's Church of England School

Google Maps - 2020

Endnotes

- ¹ H2 - Birth certificate, Robert Hall
- ² H16 - 1861 Census
- ³ H277 - 1871 Census
- ⁴ H276 - 1881 Census
- ⁵ H50 - Marriage Certificate, Robert Hall and Mary Eliza Butcher
- ⁶ H266 - 1881 Census
- ⁷ H5 - Birth Certificate, Dorothy Hall
- ⁸ H6 - Birth Certificate, Norman Alexander Hall
- ⁹ H381 - Birth Certificate, Aubrey Tatton Hall
- ¹⁰ H806 - Parish baptism, Alice Dorothy Hall
- ¹¹ H807 - Parish baptism, Norman Alexander Hall
- ¹² H816 - Parish baptism, Aubrey Tatton Hall
- ¹³ H258 - 1891 Census
- ¹⁴ H829 - St. Margaret's Church of England School, Aigburth school log
- ¹⁵ H257 - 1901 Census
- ¹⁶ National School Admission and Register Log-Books 1870-1914. www.findmypast.co.uk
- ¹⁷ H14 - Notes by Norman Alexander Hall
- ¹⁸ Herbert Street no longer exists but the approximate location was Long/Lat -2.232297, 53.458312
- ¹⁹ G84 - 1911 Census
- ²⁰ H818 - School/apprenticeship records
- ²¹ H819 - Certificate of Competency
- ²² H354 - Passenger list leaving UK
- ²³ H350 - Passenger list arriving Canada
- ²⁴ H418 - Passenger list arriving Canada
- ²⁵ H53 - Notes by Dorothy Hall
- ²⁶ H53 - Notes by Dorothy Hall