

LEECH Family Chronology

Centred upon Thomas Leech (1790-1863)

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(For sources, abbreviations and footnotes please see appendices A to C)

1741

Sep 16 Daniel, son of John & Elizabeth Leech born at Brook Hill Darton, Yorkshire (*Lped*)

1743

May 22 James Barton married Elizabeth Oakman of Newmarket at Cheveley [probable parents of Ann Oakeman Barton]

1748

Dec 18 Ann O, daughter of James Barton born Newmarket (*TL/EBL*)

1760

Sep 30 Daniel Leech [DL] left Darton for London (*TL/EBL*)

1764

DL became clerk to Mr Cinnel/Sinnel of Berkeley Square (*Lped*)

1780

Nov 19 Elizabeth, daughter of DL & Ann, christened at St Mary Marylebone

1782

Mar 1 Elizabeth buried at St Mary Marylebone

Oct 16 Mary Elizabeth daughter of DL & Ann born, christened at St Mary Marylebone in Nov

1784

Oct 9 John [JL] son of DL & Ann born, christened St Mary Marylebone 7 Nov

1785

Jun 11 Mary Elizabeth buried St Mary Marylebone

EBL believed DL residing in George St about this time

1786

Nov 25 Birth of Daniel Leech, son of DL & Ann

1787

Jan 24 Daniel christened at St George Hanover Sq

1789

Manchester property conveyed to Daniel (*Lped*). [*RYCH/3506, 3507, 3508 & 3509 refers?*]
DL 's address Mount St, St Geo Hanover Sq

1790

Feb 13 Thomas [TL], son of DL & Ann born. Christened St George Hanover Square

Mar 14 Christened St George Hanover Square

Daniel left Mr Sinner 'with whom he had in some branches of the business become a partner, to dedicate his time & attention to his Manchester property' (*Lped*)

Sep 30 Daniel Leech & Ann Barton, both of this parish, married by banns at St Andrew Holborn.

Witnesses: Rd Perry, Hannah Lamb

1791

Release by DL, 'late of Mount St, parish of St Geo Hanover Sq, now of High St, Marylebone', re land & houses at Shooter's Brook, Manchester [*RYCH/2878 refers?*]

1793

The Rochdale Canal Bill came before Parliament. ¹

1794

DL 'of Islington, Middlesex, gentleman' makes Will
TL brought up in Pentonville (*Lped*)

1796

Jun 1 Birth of Mary Ann Sinfield (*TL/EBL*).

Jun 19 Mary Ann, daughter of William Sinfield & Elizabeth christened at St Andrew, Holborn (*IGI*)

1799

Jan 28 Rachel Ellis born at Darton, youngest daughter of Sarah née Leech & Joseph Ellis (*Lped*)

1802

TL 'went to school to William....., then to John H Wicks till midsummer 1804. Was at different periods with Thomas Ferguson, notary public, George Yard, Lombard Street, London, John Jones, West Smithfield, barrister & money taker' (*Lped*)

1804

Oct 20 Mary daughter of George & Elizabeth Blackwall born at 'Edgley' (*TL/EBL*). *IGI has christening Aug 4 1811 at Manchester Cathedral of Mary daughter of George Blackwall & Elizabeth.*

1807

Oct 30 Daniel & Ann Leech left Islington by the Cornwallis Coach to live in Manchester (*TL/EBL*)

1808

Feb 12 TL left London on Cornwallis Coach for first time bound for Manchester. Arrived 8am on 16th, having been delayed by snowdrifts (*TL/EBL*)

1809

- Jan 16 TL's brother Daniel killed in Battle of Coruna during the Peninsular War
Nov 9 'About 2am an event happened which had an influence on the whole of my future life' Elsewhere states the event took place at Chapel House, Chapel Street, Pentonville (TL/EBL)

1811

- May 19 Ann, daughter of TL and Ann Herbert born Hampstead Rd, London (TL/EBL confirms mother's surname)

1812

- Oct 18 John Leech married Mary Ann Sinfield at St Andrew Holborn by banns, both 'of this parish'. Witnesses: Wm Sinfield, Mary Newcomb

1813

- Feb 10 TL left London to walk to Manchester. Arrived on 13th, his birthday (TL/EBL)
Mar 12 TL appointed Assistant Excise Officer of Rayleigh 1st Ride, Essex, on recommendation of Lord George Seymour (TNA CUST 47/485 p 35)
Aug 31 Ann Elizabeth, JL's eldest daughter born (TL/EBL)
Sep 24 TL appointed Officer of Bury 1st Ride, Suffolk (CUST 47/487 p 98)
Oct 18 Ann Elizabeth christened at St George in the East, daughter of Jonh & Mary Ann, John 'of George Terrace, Commercial Road, Excise Officer.'

1814

- May 5 TL appointed Officer of Wigan 4th Ride (CUST 47/490 p 106)
Aug 17 Ann daughter of Thomas and Ann bapt. St Ann's Manchester. Father Officer of Excise.
Dec 16 TL dropped from ride because of closure of mineral alkali works (CUST 47/494 p3)
Dec 21 TL appointed Officer of 1st Ellesmere ride (CUST 47/494 p 9)

1815

- Jun 12 Daniel died in Manchester (*Gentleman's Magazine Sept 1815 p 283*), bur Darton 15th.
MI on stone hanging on wall outside East end of Church 'Also of Daniel Leech, youngest son of John & Elizabeth Leech, who died June 12th 1815 in the 74th year of his age'
(www.barnsleyfhs.co.uk/dartonmi4.htm, where it is also noted that Brookhill lies at the foot of Birthwaite Hill)
Jun 24 DL's will probated, under £300 (*Lancs RO WCW Daniel Leech 1815*)
Jun 27 John's daughter Maria Laurina born in Shadwell
Aug 8 TL's resignation offered in his letter of July 30th, accepted by Excise (CUST 47/497 p 28)

1816

- John and Thomas replace original executors of their father's will (RYCH 3510). John living at Wellington Place, New Road, St George [in the East], Mddx. Thomas in Manchester.
Oct 20 Maria Laurina, daughter of John & Mary Ann 'Leach' of 6 Wellington Place, St George, christened at Shadwell, St Paul.

1817

- Jun 5 Daniel's widow Ann Leech died at Red Lodge Newmarket (TL/EBL), bur June 11 at Freckenham, Suffolk. MI 'Ann Oakeman Leech, wid of Daniel Leech of Manchester and da of Ja & Eliz Barton of this parish, 5th June 1815, age 69'

1818

Jan 10 John's son Daniel William born (*TL/EBL*) Christened Jan 30 at St Margaret Moses, City of London. Father described as drysalter & oilman, living in Gt Distaff Lane

1819

Sep 7 JL's daughter Eliza Mary born. Robson's *New London Directory* lists Leech & Twiddy, drysalters, at 11 Great Distaff Lane, City of London.
TL won a case against Sir Oswald Mosley re pinfold erected on waste land (*Lped*).

1820

TL 'Married & took a house at Altrincham' (*Lped*)
Mar 24 Thomas Leech married Mary Blackwall, a minor, daughter of George Blackwall, at St John's Deansgate
Apr 27 Burial of Elizabeth Leech, aged 1 day, at Altrincham St George. No indication of parentage.

1821

Apr 26 An important day for TL, since in 1859 he wrote: 'Thirty eight years since on this day a communication was made to T Leech' (*TL/EBL*) John and Thomas both living in Altrincham (*Lped & private Act of Pmt*). John is 'late of Wellington Place, New Road, St George in the East, Middx'.

1822

April John, Thomas and Mary Leech on trial at the Quarter Sessions, Chester, accused by George Blackwall of spreading false reports that he had committed incest with his daughter Mary, now Thomas's wife. J & T sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment (*Chester Courant, Apr 23, p 3, col E*)

1824

Thomas took a house in Plymouth Grove, Longsight (*Lped*).

1825

Sep 30 John Leech died at no 8 Vaux hall Walk (*TL/EBL*), having signed Will on 24th.
Oct 8 JL 'of Vauxhall' buried at St Mary Lambeth on Oct 8th

1826

Jan 1 John's widow Mary Ann Leech married Henry Humby, shoemaker, of Bird St, parish of St Mary Lambeth
May 2 John's Will proved in Prerogative Court of Canterbury (*PROB 11/1712*)
Dec 15 Louisa Mary, daughter of Thomas and Mary, born

1827

Jan 9 Louisa Mary Leech christened at St John's Deansgate
Jan 14 Eliza Mary Leech [b 1819], JL's daughter, christened at St Mary, Newington, Surrey
Jun 14 Private act of Parliament to allow sale of land owned by JL noted in Axon's *Annals*
TL moved to Ancoats Crescent, Manchester (*Lped*)

1828

- Mar 18 'Died on the 18th inst in the 23rd year of her age, Mary, only daughter of Mr G Blackwall, Boundary-street, Chorlton Row, and wife of Mr Thomas Leech, Ancoats Crescent' (*Manchester Guardian, March 29 p 3*). Buried on 24th, anniversary of her wedding day (*TL/EBL*)
- Apr 16 Circular summoning TL to meeting of Commissioners of Police (*GMCRO MISC/158*)
- Apr 30 Daniel William Leech, JL's only son, died at TL's house in the Crescent, Gt Ancoats Street
- May 4 DWL buried at Altrincham St George aged 10 years

1829

- Apr 27 Ann Elizabeth, JL's oldest daughter, 'of Southport' buried at Altrincham St George aged 15 years
- Jun Joseph Hanson charged with stealing lead from premises belonging to TL & occupied by Peter Slater (*Manchester Times & Guardian, June 27*)
- Jul 11 TL's daughter Ann married William Henry Browne at Manchester Cathedral
- Sept TL's counting-house, Lees St, Gt Ancoats St, broken into & £5 of goods taken & destroyed (*Manchester Times & Guardian, Sept 26*)
- Nov 2 Birth of TL's first grandchild Daniel William Leech Browne (*TL/EBL*)
- Dec 14 DWL Browne christened in Manchester Cathedral (*IGI*)

1830

- Jul 31 'TL left Manchester 1830 July 31 Saturday with intention to reside some time in France but in consequence of the Revolution then took up his residence at Brook Hill Darton Yorks' (*TL/EBL*)

1831

- Jan 10 William Henry Browne & Ann Browne signed a deposition explaining why TL, late of Ancoats Crescent, brick maker, had not turned up for jury service. It said they had lived with him until the previous July when he 'being embarrassed in his affairs....went to reside at Brookhill'. They had taken over the house from him (*Lancs RO QSP/2941/21*)
- Aug 6 Birth of Henry Browne (*TL/EBL*)
- Sep 1 Henry Browne christened at Manchester Cathedral (*IGI*)

1832

- July Maria Laurina Leech married Thomas William Phillips, Chemist of Liverpool, at Gretna Green (*TL/EBL*)
- Sep 12 Maria Laurina Leech married Thomas William Phillips at St James Liverpool (*IGI*)

1833

- Feb 27 TL married Rachel Ellis at Darton
- Apr 10 Sarah Ann Ellis Leech, eldest daughter of TL & Rachel Ellis, born at Darton
- May 16 Sarah AE Leech christened at Darton (*IGI*)
- May 21 Eliza Mary, JL's daughter, 'of Altrincham' buried at Altrincham St George
- Oct 14 Birth of Thomas Browne (*TL/EBL*)
- Nov 1 Thomas Browne christened at Manchester Cathedral (*IGI*)

1835

- Sep 16 Birth of Maria Laurina Leech, 2nd daughter of TL & Rachel, at Darton
- Dec 30 Birth of Sophia Phillips Browne (*TL/EBL*), TL's first granddaughter

1836

- Feb 3 Sophia Phillips Browne christened at Manchester Cathedral (*IGI*)
Nov 13 Birth of TL & Rachel's first son, Bosdin Thomas
Dec TL and his family moved to Urmston Cottage.ⁱⁱⁱ

1837

- Nov 13 Maria Laurina & Bosdin Thomas Leech christened at Chorlton cum Hardy

1838

- Jan 14 A newspaper of this date was quoted by Sir Bosdin T Leech in his *Old Stretford*, p 37: 'Mr Batho and Mr Leech, of Urmston, bathed in the river Mersey at Stretford about 10am in the forenoon for a wager of a bottle of wine. It was a very cold frosty morning – air 16, water 33 [freezing point for water is 32 degrees Fahrenheit]. Mr Leech won the wager.'
Apr 13 Birth of Maria Laurina Browne (*TL/EBL*)
May 24 Maria Laurina Browne christened in Manchester Cathedral (*IGI*)
Jul 10 Birth of Eliza Frances Leech in Urmston
Sep 29 Birth of William John Phillips, TL's great-nephew (*TL/EBL*)
Oct 24 William John Phillips christened in Manchester Cathedral

1839

- Jul 1 Thomas Browne aged 5 found drowned in Rochdale Canal near Lees St (*TL/EBL*), [death cert gives date as July 2]
Jul 4 Buried Ardwick Cemetery, grave 822

1840

- Jan 12 Birth of Daniel John Leech at Urmston Cottage
Feb 16 Christened at Flixton
Sep TL on Grand Jury Salford (*Manchester Times & Gazette Sept 5*)
William Henry Browne 'stone, flag and slate merchant, dealer and chapman' declared bankrupt (*Manchester Guardian*, Jan 1 & 4, Feb 1, Oct 20). Pigot's *Directory* of 1841 gave his place of business as Leech St & his house in Ashton St, [off] Tipping St, Ardwick.

1841

- Jun 3 Birth of Eliza Ann Phillips, TL's great-niece, at New Hyde Rd, Ardwick Green (*TL/EBL*)
Jun 6 Census - TL at Urmston Cottage, Ind [ie living on own means], aged 50^{iv}
William Browne, publican, living with his family in King Street, Salford (*HO 107/585/Bk 12/8/10*)
TW Phillips, gentleman, is to be found on Hyde Road with his wife Maria Laurina, 2 children; William John & Eliza Ann, & 2 of his sisters of independent means, Mary Ann Lowther & Hannah M Darley (*HO 107/578/Bk 6/24/7*)
Jun 25 Eliza Anne Phillips christened in Manchester Cathedral
Oct 15 Birth of Ann Herbert Browne (*TL/EBL*)

1842

- Feb 19 Birth of John Joseph Leech at Urmston, 6th child of TL & Rachel
Jun 2 Death of TL's daughter Louisa Mary, aged 16, of consumption (*Manchester Times & Gazette, June 4*)
Nov 4 Birth of William Browne

1843

- Mar 8 Death of Ann Herbert Browne (*TL/EBL*), aged 17 months, buried Ardwick Cemetery, grave 822
TL became Guardian of the Poor (*according to letter from TL published in Manchester Guardian, Aug 12 1848, p 8*)
- Jul TL empanelled with neighbour Charles Reade of Urmston on Grand Jury for Salford Hundred Quarter Sessions (*Manchester Guardian* July 5). TL's daughter Eliza Frances will marry Samuel John Reade, son of Charles Reade & Sarah Joynson, in Sept 1863
- Nov 7 Birth of Marion Elizabeth Phillips (*TL/EBL*)

1844

- Mar 15 Birth of Thomas Leech Browne
- Apr 4 Thomas Leech Browne christened in Manchester Cathedral (*IGI*)

1845

- Apr TL sworn for Special Jury, Critchley v Palmer, Lancaster Spring Assizes (*Liverpool Mercury* Apr 11)

1846

- Jan TL subscribed £25 to Anti-Corn-Law League (*Daily News* Jan 24)

1847

- Apr 27 Death of TL's daughter Ann Browne aged 35 of consumption at King Street, Salford.
Buried Ardwick Cemetery, grave 822
- July 7 William Henry Browne innkeeper, married Catherine Sarah Maxwell, widow, daughter of John East, both of King Street, Salford, at Manchester Cathedral
- Nov TL on Committee for S Lancs election (*Manchester Times & Gazette* Nov 27)

1848

- Apr TL elected Guardian for Chorlton Union (*Manchester Times & Gazette* Apr 22. Again Apr 17 1849)
- Jun 5 Birth of Harry Arthur Phillips
Urmston Cricket Club founded, using the back field of Urmston Cottage, secretary SJ Reade, subscription 1 shilling. It was wound up in 1864, its remaining funds being donated to Urmston Village Library (Sir Bosdin Leech, 'Urmston Fifty Years Ago', *Manchester City News, May 16 1903*)

1849

- Jul 23 Death of William Henry Browne, carpenter, of cholera in Greenwich
- Dec TL Vice-chairman of Chorlton Union (*Manchester Times* Dec 1st)

1850

TL with other citizens of Urmston protests against closure by the Trafford Estate of the footpath to Stretford and they win their cause (Sir Bosdin Leech, *Old Stretford*, p 5)^V

1851

- Apr TL has highest number of attendances at meetings (44 to Sir Humphrey de Trafford's 1) (*Manchester Times* Apr 2nd)
- Mar 30 Census TL of Urmston Cottage, aged 61, proprietor of cotton mill & wharfs, born Middlesex, St George Hanover Square^{VI}
The Phillips family has moved to Poplar Grove, Millgate, Didsbury. TW Phillips is a landed proprietor aged 45, born in Liverpool^{VII}

1852

- Apr TL re-elected to Building Committee (*Manchester Times, Apr 28*)
Jun 29 Birth of Kate Laurina Phillips (*TL/EBL*)

1854

- Nov 24 Birth of Ida Gwendaline Phillips (*TL/EBL*)

1856

- Compulsory purchase order for Bosden's buildings, property of TL (*GMCRO M116/2/6/25*)
Apr 20 Death of Thomas William Phillips, buried Prestwich churchyard (*TL/EBL*)
Jun 21 TL's wife Rachel died. Buried at Prestwich (*TL/EBL*)

1857

- Aug 15 Urmston Cottage with 16 acres freehold advertised for sale in *Manchester Guardian*^{viii} (*Manchester City News, May 9 1903*)

1858

- Oct 28 Marriage at Flixton Church of TL's eldest daughter, Sarah Ann Ellis Leech, to John George Adami (1826-1883) of the Albion Hotel, Picadilly, Manchester (*TL/EBL*)

1860

- Dec 27 Birth of TL's grandson George Henry Adami

1861

- Feb 6 George Henry Adami christened at Manchester Cathedral (*IGI*)
Apr 7 Census - TL, a landed proprietor of 71, is at Urmston Cottage but address given is Gamershaw Lane^{ix} (*RG9 /2366/98/15*)
The widowed Maria Laurina Phillips, landed proprietor aged 45, has moved to 393 Waterloo Road, Cheetham. Marion, 15, Henry 12, Kate [Laurina] 8 and Ida [Gwendaline] 6 are living with her and the family still has 3 resident servants (*RG9/2971/125/73*)
Aug 12 Bosdin Thomas Leech entered into partnership with John Newton, 2 Marsden Square, Manchester (*TL/EBL*). Partnership dissolved Dec 24 1869 (*London Gazette, Dec 28*)

1862

- Jan 12 Birth of John George Adami in Manchester
Feb 13 John George Adami christened in Manchester Cathedral (*IGI*)

1863

- Aug 17 TL made his Will
Oct 12 TL died, buried at Darton.^x
Oct 30 Maria Laurina Browne, stewardess on board the *Sunda*, drowned in Brisbane Harbour, Australia, when a yacht capsized (*Brisbane Courier, Oct 31 & Nov 2*)
Nov 24 TL's Will probated, value under £800. (*Death Duty records IR26/2341/1397-8*)

Appendix A: Sources & abbreviations

Lped Leech Pedigree revised by Thomas Leech in Jan 1858, which forms part of the Owen Manuscript, Vol 45, pp 227-238

TL/EBL notes extracted by Dr Ernest Bosdin Leech from the account books of Thomas Leech, now in [Chetham's Library](#)

Church records: where it has not yet been possible to check the registers the intermediate source is indicated

Leech Family Diaries The Leech family diaries held at [Chetham's Library](#), Manchester, have not been drawn upon in establishing this chronology, but anyone interested in Thomas Leech should not fail to visit <http://www.leechdiaries.com>

IGI The International Genealogical Index, compiled by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints www.familysearch.org

Appendix B: Families mentioned in the chronology:

Leech, Daniel (1741-1815) & **Barton**, Ann Oakeman (1748-1817)

Children: Elizabeth (1780-1782)
Mary Elizabeth (1782-1785)
John (1784-1825)
Daniel (1786-1809)
Thomas (1790-1863)

Leech, John (1784-1825) & **Sinfield**, Mary Ann (1796-1868)

Children: Ann Elizabeth (1813-1829)
Maria Laurina (1815-1884)
Daniel William (1818-1828)
Eliza Mary (1819-1833)

Leech, Thomas (1790-1863) & **Herbert**, Ann

Child: Ann (1811-1847)

Leech, Thomas (1790-1863) & **Blackwall**, Mary (1806-1828)

Child: Louisa Mary (1826-1842)

Leech, Thomas (1790-1863) & **Ellis**, Rachel (1799-1856)

Children: Sarah Ann Ellis (1833-1904)
Maria Laurina (1835-1915)
Bosdin Thomas (1836-1912)
Eliza Frances (1838-1897)
Daniel John (1840-1900)
John Joseph (1842-1901)

Browne, William Henry (1802-1849) & Leech, Ann (1811-1847)

Children: Daniel William Leech (1829-1891)
Henry (1831-)
Thomas (1833-1839)
Sophia Phillips (1836-)
Maria Laurina (1838-1863)
Ann Herbert (1840-1843)
William (1842-?1849)
Thomas Leech (1844-1918)

Phillips, Thomas William (1805-1856) & Leech, Maria Laurina (1815-1884)

Children: William John (1838-)
Eliza Ann (1841-)
Marion Elizabeth (1845-1876)
Harry Arthur (1848- 1920)
Kate Laurina (1852-1940)
Ida Gwendaline (1854- 1944)

Adami, John George (1826-1883) & Leech, Sarah Ann Ellis (1833-1904)

Children: George Henry (1860-1889)
John George (1862-1926)
Marie Christine (1863-1894)
Charles Frederick (1865-1870)
Ernest Wilhelm (1867-1869)
Eva Madeline (1869-)
Lisette Caroline (1871-1933)
Leonard Christian (1874-1952)



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Appendix C: Footnotes referred to in the chronology:

ⁱ The route chosen meant that it would cross DL's land, spoiling it for building and causing a long-running legal battle about the bonds which the Company had offered on condition he dropped his opposition (*Lped*) [GMCRO B2/Box5/16 undated & B2/Box5/25 dated April 1798 are probably relevant. Chetham's Libray also has papers relevant to Brownsfield Mill, ref 188839.] Brownsfield Mill, built in Gt Ancoats Street, was an L-shaped building 7 storeys high. In 1910 AV Roe established his famous Avro aircraft firm there (www.manchester2002-uk.com/history)

ⁱⁱ '7 and 8 George IV, cap 23. Act for enabling the trustees of the undivided moiety late of John Leech, deceased, in certain land in the town of Manchester, to concur with the parties entitled to the other moiety thereof in making partition thereof and to sell all or any part of the said land, in the said town of Manchester, in consideration of perpetual chief rents, to be reserved, issuing out of such land. (*House of Lords Record Office 23 HL/PO/PB/1/1827/7&8G4n154 1827. See also plan at GMCRO MISC/434*)

ⁱⁱⁱ 'My first introduction to Urmston in December, 1836, was unfortunate. The family furniture and belongings had been sent by wagon from the old home at Darton in Yorkshire some days in advance of the family, who travelled by coach – there were no railways in those days – but, to the dismay of my parents, when they got to the house which they had taken in Urmston, no furniture had arrived, through some delay or breakdown on the way. So the family had to exist on whatever they could borrow from the neighbours till their goods were delivered. I was a few weeks old and am told that my impromptu cradle was a tea tray.' *Sir Bosdin T Leech 'Urmston Fifty Years Ago' in the Manchester City News, April 18 1903.* For a photograph of Urmston Cottage see Alan Crossland, 'Looking Back at Urmston', 1983 or the Images section of www.leechdiaries.com

^{iv} Census - TL at Urmston Cottage, Ind [ie living on own means], aged 50, with Rachael 40, Louisa 20, Sarah 8, Maria 5, Bosdin 4, Eliza 2 and Daniel 1. Sarah Hilton 15 is presumably a servant. The 1841 census did not state relationships, rounded adults' ages down and only indicated whether people had been born in the county where they lived or elsewhere. Only Louisa, Eliza & Daniel were Lancashire-born (*HO 07/543/16/11*)

^v In another, undated, confrontation, TL personally threatened Sir Thomas Joseph de Trafford after residents' objections to the damage done by his hounds & hunt followers were ignored ('Urmston Fifty Years Ago', *Manchester City News*, Apr 25 1903)

^{vi} Census TL of Urmston Cottage, aged 61, proprietor of cotton mill & wharfs, born Middlesex, St George, Hanover Square, Rachael his wife 52, born like the 3 oldest children in Kexborough, Yorkshire. Sarah AE & Maria L, aged 17 & 15, are scholars at home. The remaining children are all scholars, the last 3 born in Urmston: Bosdin T 14, Eliza F 12 & Daniel J 11. Their 2 servants are Alice Wright 24 and Mary Burgess 19. The address of the neighbouring properties is given as 'Front Urmston' or 'near Old Workhouse' (*HO 107/2218/443/16*). The plaque commemorating Bosdin T Leech is in Humphrey Lane, Urmston (www.trafford.gov.uk/cme/live/cme641.htm). John Bradshaw, writing in the *Manchester City News* of May 2 1903 commented that Stretford Road was then known as Front Urmston. Sir BT Leech, in the third of his 'Reminiscences', 9 May 1903, stated that 'the workhouse was in Front Urmston, near the end of Brook Lane, on the site afterwards used for the Church Schools'.

^{vii} The Phillips family has moved to Poplar Grove, Millgate, Didsbury. TW Phillips is a landed proprietor aged 45, born in Liverpool, & Maria Laurina, born in Shadwell, is 35. They have 4 children: William John, scholar, 12, b Chorlton cum Hardy, Eliza Ann, 9, b Ardwick, plus Marion Elizabeth, 5, & Henry Arthur, 2, both born in Didsbury. Their Liverpool-born aunt, Hannah M Darley, 37, is present, as are 3 living-in servants (*HO107/2219/120/39*)

^{viii} TL's lifetime lease lowered its value & Sir Bosdin Leech recalled how the auctioneer, Daniel Bradshaw, jokingly said 'The leaseholder is here. I have known him a long time. He is a most worthy man, but every one knows he is on his last legs', see 'Urmston Fifty Years Ago', in *Manchester City News*, May 9 1903

^{ix} Census - TL, a landed proprietor of 71, is at Urmston Cottage but address given is Gamershaw Lane. 4 of his sons & daughters are there, not yet married: Maria Laurina 25, Bosdin Thomas 24, a warehouseman, Eliza Frances 22, John Joseph 19, a book-keeper, and 2 servants aged 19 & 18, Mary Ann Clarkson & Sarah Pemberton (*RG9 /2366/98/15*)

^x MI 'Sacred to the memory of Thomas Leech of Urmston near Manchester, formerly of Kexbro who died the 12th October 1863 aged 73 years Also of Rachel his wife who died the 21st of June 1856 aged 57 years'. Burial register adds 'of Urmston Cottage' (www.barnsleyfhs.co.uk/dartonmi4.htm)