

**Transcription of obituary from The Primitive Methodist 1860 (page 383) written by Richard Cordingley**

Died November 13, 1859 at Lune Villa, near Lancaster, Mr Simeon Yewdall, aged 73 years. He belonged to the family of Yewdalls, who stand out so prominently in the early records of the Society of Friends, and the followers of Rev. John Wesley, at Bradford and Eccleshall, near Bradford in Yorkshire. He also suffered persecution for his Methodism. His persecutors met with trouble, but providence opened his way.

For many years he was a steady member of the Primitive Methodist Connexion; he honoured his profession, and was respected by those who knew him. His affliction was long and tedious; sometimes he seemed near heaven, then he was thrown back, as if weeks must elapse before he arrived at his final repose, during those weeks he was often visited by friends from Lancaster. The writer had many opportunities of visiting him; to whom Mr Yewdall said, "Christ is to me wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, all, and in all.

Biographical details:

Simeon Yewdall married Margaret Hodgson (1788-1860) at St. Mary, Lancaster on 15 April 1816. Simeon was a gardener. They lived in Poulton and witnesses were John Beckett and Isabella Hodgson.

Children:

Thomas Yewdall (1816-1849) Baptised 15<sup>th</sup> January 1816 at Holy Trinity, Poulton-Le-Sands

James Yewdall (1818 -1879) Baptised 27<sup>th</sup> September 1818 at Holy Trinity, Poulton-Le-Sands

Henry Yewdall (1819 – N/K) born Lancashire

David Yewdall (1821 – N/K) baptised 7 January 1821 at Holy Trinity, Poulton-Le-Sands

Mary Yewdall (1822-1882) born 31<sup>st</sup> December 1822, baptised 19<sup>th</sup> January 1823 at Holy Trinity, Poulton-Le-Sands. Mary married Henry Bickerstaff. Their son Thomas Yewdall Bickerstaff was involved with Moor Lane Primitive Methodist Chapel.

Elizabeth Yewdall (1825-1825) born 1<sup>st</sup> July 1825, baptised 31<sup>st</sup> July at St. Wilfrid, Halton neat Lancaster. Death 30 August 1825, Halton Lonsdale, Lancashire

Margaret Yewdall (1827 -1828) born 1<sup>st</sup> January 1827, baptised 7<sup>th</sup> January 1827 at St. Wilfrid, Halton. Death 15<sup>th</sup> September 1828 Halton.

Simeon Yewdall (1830 ) baptised 19<sup>th</sup> September at St. Wilfrid, Halton. Death 21<sup>st</sup> March 1832, Halton.

1841 census: Living at Church Street, Lancaster. Census suggests Simeon and Margaret were not born in Lancashire. In 1843 Simeon was living in Spring Gardens according to an advert in Lancaster Gazette.

1851 census: Living at Lune Villa Lodge. Simeon is still a gardener. Census suggests both Simeon and Margaret were born in Bradford.

1859 : Simeon died on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1859. He was buried on 16<sup>th</sup> November at St. Luke's, Skerton. At time of death, he and Margaret were living at Skerton Vale Cottage Lodge.