

Thomas Tyrer SMITH



Born: 25 October 1835

Died: 5 April 1912

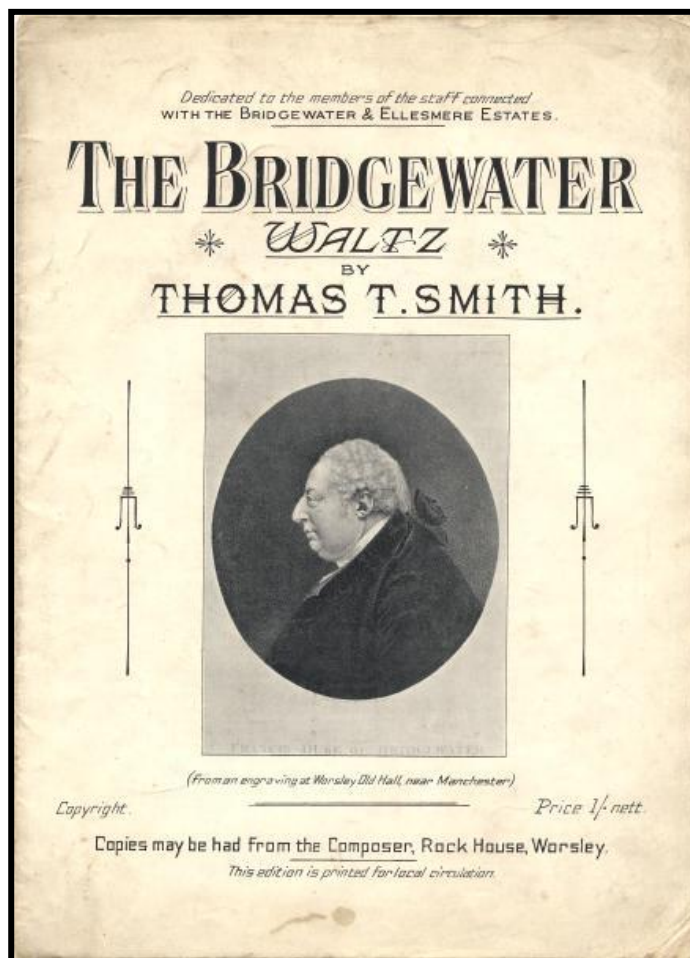
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A piece of music entitled *The Bridgewater Waltz* was rediscovered in 2019 in a dusty brown box in Salford City Archives. It was "**dedicated to the members of the staff connected with the Bridgewater and Ellesmere Estates**" in Worsley. On the front cover of the sheet music is a portrait of Francis Egerton, the Third Duke of Bridgewater, famous for creating the Bridgewater Canal.

It was composed in **1903** by *Thomas Tyrer Smith*, a Commercial Clerk in the offices. That year marked the 100th anniversary of the Duke's death. Thomas, who was born in Wolverhampton, lived in Worsley from about **1865** until his death in **1912**, aged 76. Members of his family lived in the area until at least **1979**! Original copies of the music cost one shilling (or if you prefer 5 pence!!). This piece is played by *Jeff Ramsdale*, Director of Music and Organist at St. Mark's Church, Worsley.



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The BRIDGEWATER WALTZ

By

Thomas T. Smith

Copies may be had from the
Composer,
Rock House, Worsley.

Price 1/- nett

1835: Born 25 October in Wolverhampton. Baptised at St. Peter, Wolverhampton, 18 January **1836**, the son of James (1812-1847) and Eliza Smith (1811-1901), the oldest child of 5, with 4 sisters.

1841: Salop Row, Wolverhampton.

James Smith	29	Template Worker (born outside Staffs.)
Eliza	30	
Eliza	2	
Thomas	5	

1851 census: St. John's Square, Wolverhampton.

Thomas Smith was a Boarder at a school in Wolverhampton, aged 15. Somewhat curiously, the School Master in charge was named **John Tyrer**, aged 33. The address seemed to be St. John's Square.

However, it seems that his mother (Eliza Godwin) had, on 21 February 1831, married Thomas **Tyrer**, but he died shortly after their marriage (1833). She then married James Smith in Wolverhampton in 1835. John and Thomas happened to be half-brothers. **Thomas Tyrer Smith** was, therefore, a nephew of the School Master!!

1859: Married his first wife *Elizabeth Emma Richards* on 27 January (d. 4 Jan. 1867) at the Wesleyan Chapel, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton. Thomas was of Graizley Street, Wolverhampton, and Elizabeth was the youngest daughter of the late Mt. Thomas Richards, saddler, of Broseley.

1859: Thomas Tyrer Smith married **Elizabeth Emma Richards** on 27 January in Wolverhampton, at Darlington Street Wesleyan Chapel. **Elizabeth Emma** had been baptised in Broseley on 9 September **1832**.

This baptism record in **1860** helps develop a picture of the early life of **Thomas Tyrer Smith**. It records the baptism of Amy on 10 June 1860. She was born on 29 April of that year to **Thomas Tyrer** and **Elizabeth Emma**. They were living at that time at 19 Herbert Street, Hoxton, Islington. The baptism took place at Wesley's Chapel, City Road, Islington.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Wesleyan-Methodist Chapel _____						
in the County of _____				in the Year 18 _____		
When Baptized.	Child's Name, Son or Daughter.	Parents' Name.		Abode.	Child's Age when Baptized.	The Minister by whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1860. <i>June 10th, 1860.</i> No. 897.	<i>Amy, daughter of</i>	<i>Thomas Tyrer, and Elizabeth Emma</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>No. 19, Herbert Street, Hoxton</i>	<i>Born April 29th, 1860.</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

Thomas Tyrer and his first wife **Elizabeth Emma** had 4 children:

- Amy (29/4/1860 - 17/6/1934; she married Samuel Isaac Dean in 1883 in Barton district)
- Clara (19/7/1862 - 4/6/1947; she married George Meacham on 12 August 1897 at St. Mark's)
- Louisa (7/10/1864 - 29/10/1916; unmarried)
- Eleanor (16/6/1866 - 21/1/1867; buried at St. Mark's))

1866: a daughter **Eleanor** was baptised at the same Chapel. She had been born on 16 June 1866. Her parents were still at the same address in Hoxton. Within 7 months, they had moved to Worsley.

1867: Elizabeth Emma died on 4th January **1867**, aged 34, and was buried at St. Mark's on 9 January.

<i>H 1040</i>	<i>Elizabeth Emma Smith Worsley</i>	<i>Jan^y 9th</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>St Vincent Beechey</i>
No. 1108			<i>24</i>	<i>D.C.</i>

Just 3 entries below this record, we see the burial record for their daughter **Eleanor Smith**, who was buried on 24 January, aged 7 months. She had died just 17 days after her mother.

1871 census: 19 Herbert Street, Shoreditch.

Henry Smith	Head	M	52	Manager of ...	b. Wolverhampton
Anne	Wife	M	54		b. Wolverhampton
Harold J.	Son	S	18	Commercial Clerk	b. Shoreditch
Laura	Daur.	S	16	Scholar	b. Shoreditch
Edith	Daur.		13	Scholar	b. Shoreditch
Thomas T.	Nephew	W.	35	Commercial Traveller	b. Wolverhampton

If **Thomas Tyrer** was in London in **1871**, where was the family?

Also in the **1871** census, we find ... at Rock House, Worsley,

Ellen Smith	Sis.	S	25	Housekeeper	b. Wolverhampton
Amy	Daur.		10	Scholar	b. Middlesex
Clara	Daur.		8	Scholar	b. Middlesex
Louisa	Daur.		6	Scholar	b. Middlesex

+ 1 servant.

1872: married **Elizabeth Penzer**, his second wife, at St. Peter, Worcester, on 8 June. His father was James Smith. Elizabeth was born in 1/4 of 1849 in Bromley, Bridgnorth. They were to have 3 children:

Ellen Penzer (19 April 1873 - 30 June 1946??)

Mabel Penzer (7 October 1876 - 22 February 1947??)

Francis Leonard Penzer (14 February 1881 - 7 May 1960; married Hilda Jones 7 June 1919)

1872. Marriage solemnized at *the Parish Church* in the *Parish* of *St. Peter the Great* in the County of *Worcester*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
142	June 8 1872	Thomas Tyrer Smith	36	Widower	Merchantile Clerk	St. Peter's West-Fleetham London	James Smith	Farmer
		Elizabeth Penzer	23	Spinster		Cherry Orchard	Ezra Penzer	Farmer

Married in the *Parish Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by *Charles Scott* or after *Banns* by me, *Eustace Robbins*

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Thomas Tyrer Smith* and *Elizabeth Penzer* in the Presence of us, *Charles Scott* and *Henry Ann Penzer*

Thomas Tyrer Smith and *Elizabeth Penzer* had 5 children:

- Ellen Penzer Smith (1849-1928)
- Mabel Penzer Smith (1876-1947)
- Francis Leonard Penzer Smith (1881-1960)
- Thomas Tyrer Smith (1887-1890)
- Luther Smith (1899-1899)

1881 census: Rock House, Worsley.

T. T. Smith	Head	M	45	Estate Cash Auditor	b. Wolverhampton
Elizabeth	Wife	M	32		b. Bridgnorth
Amy	Daur.	S	20		b. Middlesex
Clara	Daur.	S	18		b. Middlesex
Louisa	Daur.		16		b. Middlesex
Ellen	Daur.		7	Scholar	b. Worsley
Mabel	Daur.		5	Scholar	b. Worsley
Francis L.	Son		1 mo.		b. Worsley

1891 census: Rock House, Worsley.

Thomas Tyrer Smith	Head	M	55	Commercial Clerk
Elizabeth	Wife	M	42	
Clara	Daur.	S	28	
Louisa	Daur.	S	26	

Nelly	Daur. S	17	Pupil Teacher
Mabel P.	Daur.	14	Scholar
Francis L.	Son	10	Scholar

1901 census: Rock House, Worsley.

Thomas Tyrer Smith	Head M	65	Commercial Clerk	b. Wolverhampton
Elizabeth	Wife M	52		b. Bridgnorth
Louisa	Daur. S	36		b. Hoxton, London
Francis Leonard	Son S	20	Commercial Clerk	b. Worsley

1911 census: Rock House, Worsley, nr. Manchester. (9 rooms)

Thomas Tyrer Smith	Head M	75	Retired Estate Clerk
Elizabeth	Wife M	62	(married 38 years; 3 children)
Louisa	Daur. S	46	
Leonard	Son S	30	Estate Clerk

Handwritten address card for Thomas Tyrer Smith, Rock House, Worsley, nr. Manchester.

1912: Death of **Thomas Tyrer Smith**, aged 76, on 5 April 1912. He was buried at St. Mark's on 9 April.

Handwritten death record card for Thomas Tyrer Smith, The Rock House, Worsley, 9th April 1912, aged 76 years. Buried at St. Mark's.

SMITH Thomas Tyrer of Rock House Worsley **Manchester** died 5 April 1912 Probate **Manchester** 30 April to Francis Leonard Smith clerk in estate offices and Herbert John Berry solicitor. Effects £9236 9s.

Handwritten death record card for Elizabeth Smith, The Bungalow, Worsley Road, Worsley, 79 years, 19th November 1928. Buried at St. Mark's.

When his son, **Francis Leonard Smith**, (38), was married at St. Mark's on 7 June 1919 to Hilda Jones, (25), his father was named as Thomas Tyrer Smith (deceased), Private Secretary. **Francis Leonard** was then living at Rock House.

The Bridgewater Waltz can be listened to at - [Media | St Mark's Graveyard](#)