

## ***Robert Gaskell – a Timeline***

**1819** Richard was probably born in 1819 in the Bolton area, the son of Thomas Gaskell, of whom we know nothing, and an unknown mother.

**1841** Early Robert marries Hannah Kelshaw

**1841** (April) Census (very badly reproduced) in 14? High Street, Little Bolton  
Robert (described as an Engineer) is with his wife, Hannah They appear to be living in the house of an unidentifiable Kelshaw, aged 63 – is this Hannah's mother? Or aunt? Or even grandmother?. There is also one Edmund Crook, 11 years old. Is this a lodger, or another member of the family. There is no indication on the census.

**1851** Census – 82 Bowling Green, Great Bolton

Robert (engine tender at a factory) is accompanied by his wife Hannah and three children: Caroline (8), Alice (4) and Peter (12 months).

**1861** Census – 17 Johnson St, Bolton

Robert (engine tender) plus Hannah, Caroline, Alice and Sarah, aged 4. Peter is missing, presumed dead. Caroline and Alice are both cotton yarn reelers.

**1871** Census – 65 Egyptian St, Bolton

Robert, now described (possibly) as a Flent Scaler (?), has with him Hannah, Caroline (cotton reeler), Alice (cotton winder), Sarah (roller coverer in cotton mill).

**1873** Hannah dies, reportedly in the house in Egyptian St.

**1877** Robert, at 58, marries Eliza Crosby, 42 years old. [Originally we thought this name was 'Crossley', but later examination of the original 1881 census document suggests 'Crosby'. The Droskyn and Waller family trees both have 'Crossby'.]

**1881** Census – 128 Bury Old Road, Bolton

Robert (now described as a draper) is with Eliza his wife and Eliza Crosby (9) her daughter, together with Caroline. (Was this address originally Eliza's?)

**1889**, 3rd March, Robert Dies

**1891** Census – 135 Bury Old Road, Bolton

Eliza, Robert's widow, living on her own means, has only her daughter Eliza, a dressmaker, for company.

**1901** Census – 10 Silverdale Road, Bolton

Eliza, still living on her own means, is accompanied still by Eliza but now with her husband Thomas Eglin, an iron turner and fitter.

**1911** Census – 10 Silverdale Road, Bolton

Thomas Eglin is now recorded as head of the family. Both Eliza's, wife and mother-in-law are still there, but there is the addition of sons James (9) and Frank (8).