JAMES LEE

James Lee was born in Swinton, in Greater Manchester in 1842. and entered the Primitive methodist ministry in 1861

He married Mary Stonier Leigh, the daughter of Charles Leigh Primitive Methodist minister, in Heeley, West Yorkshire in September 1866. Mary died in 1871 aged 26.

Subsequently James married Hannah (?) with two adopted children and subsequently their daughter Edith was born in 1876

On Sunday night the Rev J Lee Primitive Methodist minister at Haslingden died after an illness of some weeks' duration, following an attack of influenza. The reverend gentleman who was in his 50th year, was a native of Swinton, and had been many years in the ministry. He had been nearly three years at Haslingden and had accepted an invitation to go to Chester next July. He was very highly esteemed. (Manchester Courier Saturday 30 April 1892)

Yesterday the remains of the late Rev James Lee of Haslingden were interred at Swinton cemetery. Deceased was 51 years old and had been 31 years in the Primitive Methodist ministry. Hew was born at Wogden near Swinton. The Mayor of Haslingden and many Nonconformist ministers of the town attended the funeral. The Rev W L Spooner of Woodley, Nr Stockport, gave an address eulogising the life of the late pastor. (Manchester Courier Friday 29th April 1892)