

PART TEN



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A set of twins was born to Isaac and Sarah on Apr 17th 1810 at the Methodist Chapel House in Rochdale Lancashire. Isaac and Sarah named them Isaac and Rebecca and had them christened May 7th 1810 in the Union Street Chapel.ⁱ

*Isaac & Rebecca, the twin children of Isaac & Sarah Turton
were born at the Methodist Chapel House April 17th
and baptised the 7 of May 1810.
By J. Thomas Cook*

We lost track of Rebecca until 1841 when we found her as a resident at the York Lunatic Asylum. She was admitted for a period of time on Jan 11th 1841. Her residence was given as Leeds that she was single, and age 30. *“This was her second attack due to an injury of the head. On Aug 16th 1841 she was discharged and pronounced cured.”*ⁱⁱ

The next mention of Rebecca we have is found in the will of her father Rev. Isaac Turton, drafted Dec 23rd 1848, in which she is described as “defective”.ⁱⁱⁱ Isaac didn’t die until April 1851 and Rebecca may very well have died earlier or about the same time. I was not unable to locate her on the 1851 census, nor have I found a death listing for her. Another Turton mystery for someone to solve.

To my dear defective daughter Rebecca I bequeath the small bedstead for a single person with the bed clothes and linen for the time being belonging there to - also the oaken chest of drawers, the square oak table and a bed room chair, and the smallest looking Glass for her personal use during her life; and after her decease I direct my executors to sell the same and dispose of the proceeds of such sale in defraying the expenses of her funeral or in such other manner as they may think proper

SOURCES:

ⁱ "Baptism of Isaac and Rebecca Turton," May 7th 1810, Rochdale, Lancashire County, England, FHC RG4/7154, p. 112; photocopy rec'd from E.K. Turton, to K. Westlake, 2006.

ⁱⁱ "Admission of Rebecca Turton," 11 Jan 1841, Book for York Lunatic Asylum, 14 January 1826 to 23 June 1897,B006/2/1/4; transcription rec'd from Borthwick institute for Archives, Heslington, York, YO10 5DD, The University of York Library & Archives, Megan Dunmall, Archive Assistant to K. Westlake, 2006.

ⁱⁱⁱ "Will of Isaac Turton, Leeds, Wesleyan Minister. 15th Sept 1851." Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, York, England, VAT Reg. No. 170 9763 40; photocopy rec'd from E.K. Turton to K. Westlake, 2006.