

William Henry Johnson

The following report appeared in the Leeds Mercury on July 17<sup>th</sup> 1879.

It reports that William has committed suicide.

"Suicide whilst suffering under temporary insanity. — An inquest was also held on the body of William Henry Johnson (53), who was a watchmaker, and lived at No. 6, Binkes-street. It appeared that the deceased had had considerable trouble with his wife, who about two months since attempted to commit suicide. She was in the habit of pawning all articles she could lay hands on, and she was remanded on Monday to Armley Gaol on a charge of stealing a ham. That afternoon he went to see her, and when he returned home he was in a very drunken state, and asked one of the neighbours to take his wife something "nice." He went to bed, and when his daughter went to awake him about eight o'clock, she found his body suspended by a rope from a beam in the ceiling. The jury returned a verdict of "Suicide whilst suffering from temporary insanity."

His daughter, Bessie, — On Tuesday night, at