

## Centenarian's Death.

An interesting character in the person of Mrs Sarah Taylor has passed away at the home of her only surviving daughter, West Gorton, Manchester, in her 105<sup>th</sup> year. Mrs Taylor was a native of Stratton St. Margaret, being born on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1814, at the farm house near the spot where Stratton house now stands. Her father was Mr William Day, a prominent Nonconformist connected with the Baptist church at Stratton Green, who died when his daughter Sarah was a girl in her teens. The family numbered thirteen when the father died, two living to become in different ways somewhat famous. One of the brothers, Mr Thomas Day, popularly known as Squire Day, became a prosperous business man, and the founder of Stratton House, and owner of considerable property in the parish. Mrs Taylor could recall many incidents connected with her childhood days at Stratton. She could recollect when the stocks stood near the Jacob's Ladder inn, where individuals convicted of drunkenness and other offences were placed, unusually on Sundays. Her affection for the old associations connected with the Stratton Chapel was very strong. For her father, who was a Deacon and occasional preacher, she had great regard, and it is evident his teachings and example left a strong and lasting impression upon her character. A memorial service was held at the chapel on Sunday last. The hymns included one by Isaac Watts, "Why do we mourn departed friends?".

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