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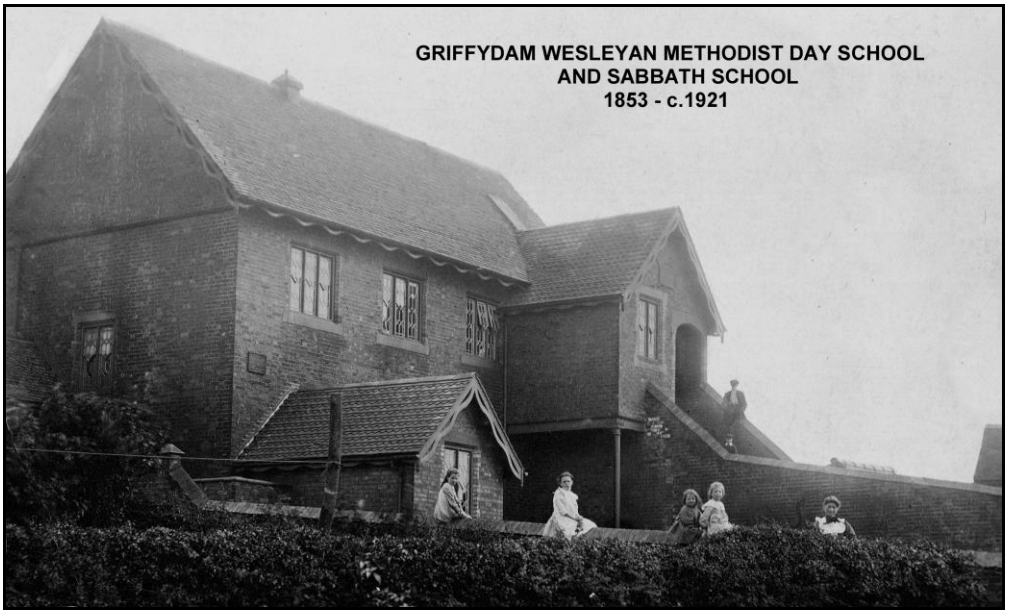
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Two childhood sweethearts, who grew up together in Griffydam went to the same Sunday and Day schools (*would have been the Griffydam Wesleyan Methodist Day and Sabbath School at Peggs Green*). And subsequently after getting married, took part together in the religious and social life of the village. They celebrated their Golden Wedding on Tuesday with a family party at their present home, 12, Vaughan street, Coalville.

They are Mr and Mrs. F. W. Haywood and Mrs. Haywood told a Coalville Times reporter this week, 'we are still as happy after 50 years of married life as we were when we played together as children'.



Mr Frederick Haywood was born in 1873. On the date of his admission to the Wesleyan Day School on the 17/09/1877 he was living in Griffydam.

Mrs Haywood (formerly Miss Serena Pope Leech) was also born in 1873. On her date of admission to the Wesleyan Day School on the 18/6/1877 she was living on the Brand in Griffydam. Her father was Samuel Leech.

Mrs Haywood's grandmother, Amy Smart (nee Leech) was married to George Smart while living in Griffydam. After George Smart's death, Amy married Samuel Ewing. At the time of her death, Amy was living in Church Lane, New Swannington.



Mrs Haywood's grandmother Amy.
The photograph is believed to have been taken in the yard of the Waggon & Horses, Griffydam.

Mrs Haywood's uncle John Leech and his wife Annie Leech with their children outside their home on Nottingham Road, Peggs Green, located just along the bend from Zion Hill.
The bend was often referred to by locals as Leech's Corner.

The family lived in Griffydam prior to their move to Pegg's Green.

Photo c.1912.



Mr and Mrs. Haywood were married at Breedon-on-the-Hill Parish Church by the Rev. George Crossley on March 14th 1900. They came to live in Coalville on their wedding day, and have resided in the same house ever since.

At the time of his wedding, Mr Haywood was a Railway Fireman employed by the L.M.S. Railway Company, but he later became an engine driver and remained in this occupation till he retired at 65 years of age. Mrs Haywood was a music teacher.

CHURCH WORKERS

Both Mr and Mrs. Haywood were active workers at the Wesley Reform Chapel (bottom chapel), and Mr. Haywood conducted the Sunday School Anniversary for over 50 years. Mrs Haywood was a Sunday School teacher.



GRIFFYDAM WESLEYAN METHODIST REFORM CHAPEL

THE CHILDREN

They have two children, both of them married. The son is manager of the Co - op, printing works at Coalville (in 1950), and the daughter is living at Loughborough with her husband and two children.

At Tuesday's party, a large iced cake, beautifully decorated, was the centre - piece of a well - stocked table. It was a present from Mrs. Haywood's life - long friend, 73 year old Mrs. B. Richards of Griffydam.