

Sue Meredith tells the story of her great great grandfather Charles Edgley; a shoemaker, who had 18 children. On 16 August 1852 Charles married Emma Morgan, with whom he had 6 children, including my great grandfather Walter Edgley. Emma became unwell and died in March 1867. Following Emma's death Eliza, Emma's younger sister by 20 years came to live with Charles to look after the children (Walter the youngest was only 3). Well, it seems one thing led to another and on 1 June 1868 Charles married his dead wife's sister Eliza Morgan. He had 12 more children with her. Amazingly 17 out of the 18 children survived to reach adulthood, which was very unusual in those days. Until 1907 (under the 1835 Marriage Act) it was illegal for a man to marry his dead wife's sister, or a woman to marry her dead husband's brother. Charles was allowed to marry, but in the strict eyes of the law the marriage was invalid. I would suspect they never knew

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
346	August 16	Charles Edgley Emma Morgan	47 full age Full age	Bachelor Spinster	Shoemaker	2 Park Place Sale Street 1 Helen's Place Green Street	John Edgley Thomas Morgan	Commercial Traveller Weaver
Married in the <u>St John's Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>Banns</u> or after <u>John Tapp Incumbent</u> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>Charles Edgley</u>			in the Presence of us,		<u>John Edgley</u> <u>Ann Morgan her &amp; mark</u>	

1852—Marriage of Charles Edgley to Emma Morgan

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
438	June 1 <sup>st</sup> 1868	Charles Edgley Eliza Morgan	full age full age	Widower Spinster	Card-maker	Morning Lane Orchard Cottage	John Edgley Thomas Morgan	Traveller Carpenter
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>Banns</u> or after <u>Donell</u> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>Charles Edgley</u>			in the Presence of us,		<u>John Cast</u> <u>Susan Cast</u>	

1868—Marriage of Charles Edgley to Eliza Morgan