JOSEPH BRIGGS – TIMELINE

11.12.1873 born at 3 Milnshaw Lane, Accrington

Father Joseph Briggs Snr., foreman engraver, shareholder Steiner’s Calico Printworks

Educated Sunday School, then Accrington Mechanics Institute

1887, age 14 Apprenticed Steiner’s Calico Printworks as an engraver

1891, age 17 yrs 9 mos. Emigrated to America on S.S. Servia

1893, age 20 Employed Tiffany Glass and Decorating Company as an errand boy

1898, age 25 marries Elizabeth Jenkins, mixed-race descendant of Scottish nobility and slaves

1900-01, age 27 brings Elizabeth and two children to visit Accrington

1902, age 29 becomes head of the mosaic department

1906, aged 33 becomes an American citizen

1907, aged 34 moved to Wood Ridge, New Jersey

1912, aged 39 has a new house built which he fills with Tiffany produced designs

1919, aged 46 Louis Tiffany retires, Tiffany Glass and Decorating Company is split into two, with Joseph as owner of Tiffany Studios which continues to produce mosaics, lamps and windows. Tiffany continues financial support of the company

1928, aged 55 the glassworks close

1932, aged 59 Briggs files for bankruptcy

1933, aged 60 Louis Comfort Tiffany dies, Joseph begins to send glass pieces to Accrington

1937, aged 64 Joseph dies