

Mrs. Ike Sarginson of Overlands came to Horton as a young bride from Ecclefechan in Dumfriesshire. Ike's elder brother was already married to Sarah Bentham of Cragg Hill Farm. Her grandfather was John Bentham, a shoemaker who lived at Douk Ghyll Cottage, the nearest one to Douk Ghyll. They were then called St. John's and St. Ann's. He left home on Monday and went round the farms making boots and shoes and returned on Friday night after earning 1/6d. per day. Some farms gave him food and lodging for this work. His wife Sally used to look after their five children and knit stockings for the gentry of the day and she earned more money than he did.

The Bentham family always attended church every Sunday and always sat on the small pew on the right of the aisle. The choir sang in the Gallery. John and Sally Bentham died within a month of each other. On their 50th. wedding anniversary the village bought an album and Mr. Jack Foster of Douk Ghyll inscribed inside the front page and put all the names of the subscribers.

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Mr. Charlie Reed walked up from Derbyshire to find work at Horton quarry. His brother was living in a cottage at the Crown Square. The brother was killed at the quarry. A large piece of rock fell on his head in the early 1930's. He was wearing a helmet, even in those days, which was cut in two.

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Mrs. Ike Sarginson lodged, first on Bransghyll Terrace, moving to live in a new house on Overlands in 1934. She was a trained nurse and acted as the local midwife and nurse to the village.

She recalls starting at the Crown Hotel, now Foxwood.  
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Mr. Dick Davis of Holm Farm sold paraffin to the village and had a coal delivery round, carting by horse from the station sidings to a wide area up and down the Ribble valley. If you saw Dick coming with a load of coal you got into the wall side as he always had, and trained, young wild horses.

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Mrs. Ernest Sarginson recalls walking to school from Cragg Hill Farm and often called at Holm Farm to buy sweets and if their cloggs were dirty they were not allowed in because of the flagged floor and had to buy their sweets through the living room window.

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Mr. Charlie Reed lived at Blindbeck Cottage. He married a wife who had money and with it they bought No. 1 Penyghent View now Bayes shop and cafe. He started a general store and later bought a shoe shop opposite and sold shoes and boots as well.

Farmers came down on horse back from Cam and Cosh and Greenfield with baskets on each side of the horse with butter and sold this to Mr. Reed in exchange for the groceries-sometimes they had too much butter for sale in the village-then it was taken on to Holm Farm, packed in boxes and Mr. Thomas Davis, Dick's father, took the butter to Settle market. Mr. Reed had a flat cart and travelled to Selside and the Ribble valley selling his wares.

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Mrs Capstick came from Wharfe and was married to a Horton man moving into No. 4 Penyghent View. They opened a shop in the front room selling mugs, brushes notepaper, cards and everything required with which to sew and knit as well as being a small drapers shop and Mens' Outfitters. She travelled, with a case containing her wares, on a bike as far afield as Chapel-le-dale and Gearstones Her husband charged wireless batteries.

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Mr. John Heseltine had a butcher's shop and slaughter house attached , opposite the car park. He travelled up to Ribbleshead on Fridays.

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At the station bottom, No. 1 West View was a small general store and Mrs. Wildman built a corner house with shop attached which was later the Co-op.

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Vans to the village:- Bibby's two brothers had vans and one came on Tues. and the other on Friday, with fruit, veg. and fish. Forster's of Bentham - confectionary came weekly. Sidwell's bakers of Settle came on Fridays- useful as they delivered, bread, buns and cakes for the dances held at Horton. Tom Fauselt -hut at the station bottom - a cobbler. Hugill from Burnley came once a month in a large van and you shopped inside. They were ironmongers and sold hayrakes to toilet soap -lamp glasses , wicks and paraffin. Shepherd and Walker-chemists, Settle. A traveller called once a month, chiefly for farmers, selling animal medicines etc. Settle Co-op delivered monthly and a butcher from Clapham at the weekend. The Perfect's divided their ration books between Clapham butcher and John Heseltine in the village. A pork butcher from Ilkley came to Horton on Fridays.

Notes

Horton station employed 14 staff.

28 cottages at Beecroft quarry -Overlands built in 1934.

Right hand side of Chapel Lane built before 1929 (<sup>Lion</sup>~~Crown~~ Hotel to Chapel)

Left hand side in 1934.

Land Girls 1942-44 -Wartime Ploughing in Horton-in-Ribblesdale.

Mr. Mosley Perfect of Douk Ghyll farmed at Townhead farm. He took on two Land Girls to help with the extra work as all farmers had to plough so many acres of their land. Mr. Perfect was on the West Riding War Agricultural Committee. He ploughed more than his required acreage to encourage other farmers. His brother-in-law Arthur King was a great help as he was doing experimental work on ploughing high land or (marginal land) on Ilkley Moor for Leeds University which was all reported in the Yorkshire Post.

Mr. Perfect ploughed several areas:- Butt's Hill in two sections to allow the footpath to be a right of way. The Flask (by the seat on the Moor Road). Outerber above the High Barn was fenced off and <sup>he</sup> turned this rough pasture into a good meadow. Mr. Jackson still makes hay off this field to feed his sheep in the winter. He now makes sillage of this other meadow. There is still a piece of land above Douk Ghyll wood fenced off as meadow (between the wood and cave) crops: mixture for sillage-oats and peas under-sown with clover. Mixed rape and turnips for the sheep. Kale in Butt's Hill.

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Land Girls- Two friends came together to Douk Ghyll Farm from Huddersfield, They started training in the York area and did not like it. Their HQ. was in Harrogate. They were very popular in the village and stayed for two years. They left to go to arable land in the York area. There was a Land Army Hostel in Settle. The girls went out daily to do odd jobs when local farmers required extra labour.

Mrs Charlesworth, wife of local solicitor, was the girls rep. in this area and came round to inspect the girls' living quarters and collect complaints.

The two girls with Mary Perfect celebrated their 21st. birthday at Horton. Mary's life at Douk Ghyll was much improved having the girls in the house and going out with them. All three biked to dances in the area. They went down to Settle on the 7p.m. train and went to the Victoria Hall and then on to the New local cinema and returned home by bike. All night life was shut down at 11.45 p.m.. One night 20 went to Austwick and coming back you could see their bike lights all the way up Wharfe Brow. Mary still keeps in touch with one who is now a widow in Barnsley with a grown up family. One of them had a father who was a Dr. (engineering) and taught at Huddersfield Tec.-this fact brought the family up from the south.

Basic wage after deduction for keep was £2.10. Bus to Settle was 1/6 return for many years, Skipton to Settle 2/6 return.

Mr. Perfect's farm-hand lived at Townhead Farm House and in wartime was paid £2.10. per week. The house was rent free and milk, rabbits etc and <sup>he</sup> was allowed to plant veg. in the ploughed land nearest to the house. Mary remembers someone telling her that he started work in 1941 on £100 gross per year, changed his job to better himself and doubled his salary- this meant he earned more than his father on the railways.