

# The Battys, a family of innkeepers

Thomas Batty was a farmer who worked in Horton-in-Ribblesdale while wife Alice Johnson brought up their five children. Thomas died in 1846, aged just 35, soon after the birth of youngest son Robert. Alice brought the children to live in Church Street in Settle. Alice died in 1873, aged 69. Thomas is remembered on the gravestone but was buried at Horton-in-Ribblesdale.

*In memory of Thomas Batty who died at Horton-in-Ribblesdale August 7th 1841 aged 31 years. Also of Alice relict of the above who died Novr 1873 aged 69 years, Anc B24.*

Thomas and Alice's eldest son **Thomas Batty** became a solicitor's clerk and may have paid for this gravestone. He is buried alone in an unmarked grave *Old BX16*.

Their daughter Alice went to London to learn dressmaking and run her own business [SC]. Nine years later she married **John Ayrton**, the innkeeper of the Craven Arms (on the A65 near Giggleswick Station), also known as the Station Inn in those days. John's parents were **Henry and Mary Ayrton** who ran the Royal Oak in Settle. After their marriage John and Alice took over the Royal Oak as his widowed mother had had enough. Unfortunately, John died just 3 years later together with a son, another Henry. Then Alice married **Joseph Parker** of Lodge Farm with whom she had three children before she died. She is buried with Joseph's first wife and her infant son **Stephen**.

Thomas and Alice's son **Joseph Morphet Batty** began his career as a printer, working in York. It was there that he met and married **Jane Holroyd**. After Joseph's brother-in-law John Ayrton died in 1872, Joseph and Jane came back to Settle to run the Royal Oak [LSA]. A tenancy of a busy inn was worth keeping in the family in those days. In January 1876 Jane, 'the worthy hostess' provided a supper for Burgoin and Cocks who were the railway retail proprietors contracted to the Settle to Carlisle Railway. They invited the railway workers who had worked on the building of the railway between Settle and Dent. Large though the Royal Oak is, this could only provide for a tiny fraction of the 2300 navvies on this section. There were several 'loyal toasts' and the evening was spent in a very convivial and agreeable manner [CH].

Along with a couple of other landlords, Joseph was brought to court in 1878 for adulterating gin, but the case was dismissed [1].

**SUPPER.**—The employes on contract No. 1 of the new line of railway (Settle and Carlisle) were invited by the firm of Messrs. Burgoin & Cocks, who have been connected with the Settle and Carlisle railway since its commencement, about six years ago, and who are now leaving the neighbourhood, to a supper at the Royal Oak Hotel, on New Year's Eve. After doing ample justice to the good things provided for them by the worthy hostess, Mr. Burgoin was called to the chair, when the health of the Queen, and other loyal toasts were proposed. The healths of Messrs. Burgoin and Cocks, the Midland Railway Company, the employes, and the hostess, were drunk, interspersed with songs. The evening was spent in a very convivial and agreeable manner.

**Adulterated Gin:** John Sanderson, Joseph Morphet Batty, and Thomas Hargreaves, innkeeper, all of Settle, were summoned by Mr. Superintendent Copeland for selling him adulterated gin (with water.)—Mr. Pearson of Kirkby Lonsdale, appeared for the defendant, and the cases were all dismissed.—Edmund Hirst of Helli-



**A. BATTY,**  
CHURCH STREET, SETTLE,  
Respectfully announces to the Ladies of Settle and neighbourhood that she has just returned from London, where she has been receiving instructions in  
**DRESSMAKING,**  
in a first-rate house, and hopes by diligent and careful attention to business to obtain the patronage of the Ladies of this neighbourhood, which it will ever be her study to deserve.  
Church Street, Settle, October 1st, 1860.

ADVERTISEMENTS.  
**ROYAL OAK HOTEL,**  
SETTLE.  
**J. M. BATTY,**  
PROPRIETOR.  
**WINES, SPIRITS, &c.**  
Of the best quality.  
Every accommodation provided for Tourists in the Craven district.  
HORSES AND CONVEYANCES LET OUT ON HIRE.

Joseph died in 1884 which was during the years when Holy Ascension graveyard was closed, so he had to be buried at St Akelda's in Giggleswick.

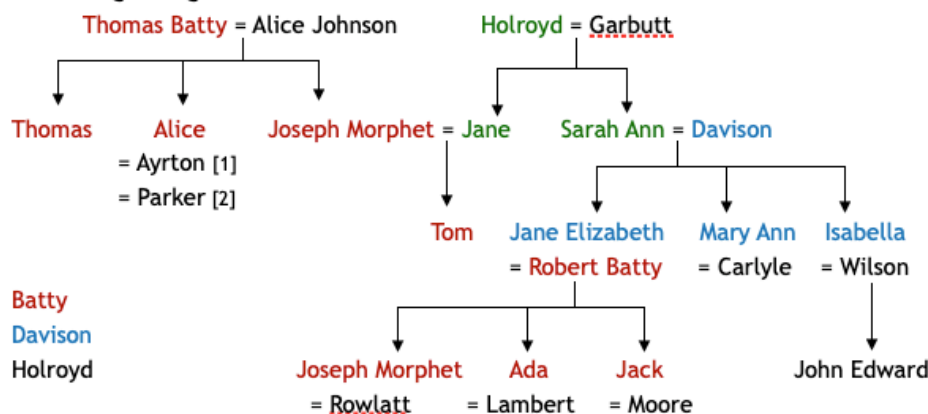
*I.H.S. In memory of Joseph Morphet Batty of the Royal Oak Inn, Settle, who died May 30<sup>th</sup> 1884 aged 43 years. Also Jane, widow of John Holroyd of Grange House, Silton, near Thirsk, who died July 18<sup>th</sup> 1894 aged 87 years. Also of Jane his widow died Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1923 aged 82 years. B8/61*

After Joseph's death aged just 43, Jane continued to run the Royal Oak for a few more years, and then, in 1888, took over the Naked Man where she worked for the best part of 20 years [CH], [ph1]. Jane and her mother, Jane (Garbutt) Holroyd joined Joseph in Giggleswick graveyard.

Joseph and Jane had one son, **Tom/Thomas Batty**, who became a butcher. At the time of the 1911 census Tom worked as a butcher and one of 21 staff at the Hazelwood Hydropathic Establishment in Grange-over-Sands [ph2] This provided the latest fashion in spa treatments including Turkish baths and 'mustard spinals' for around 90 guests and had the added attractions of a billiard room and a dark room for the new hobby of photography. It had a ballroom for dances and a cycle house. It was said that 'invalids, and especially those suffering from chest and throat infections. will derive almost unequalled advantages from a sojourn at Hazelwood.'



### The Batty family



Joseph's wife Jane Holroyd had an older sister, **Sarah Ann Holroyd** who married a millwright, **Thomas Davison**. They had seven children together in York before Thomas died, aged 45. Sarah Ann stayed in York running a lodging house to make ends meet whilst bringing up the younger children. The older children stayed with Aunt Jane in the inns of Settle. Eventually Sarah Ann moved to Settle to be near one of her daughters, **Jane Elizabeth Davison**. In 1881 Jane Elizabeth married **Robert Batty** from a



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farming family in Austwick and a distant cousin to our other Battys. He combined both interests, selling hay and straw [LSA]. While Jane



(Holroyd) Batty was at the Old Naked Man, Robert and Jane Elizabeth Batty were at the Crown Vaults next door [LSA, ph1]. Robert and Jane Elizabeth both died aged 62 and within 18 months of each other. They were buried in the Old graveyard H42.

**Robert Batty of High Hill Grove who died November 11th 1920 aged 62 years. Also of Jane Elizabeth Beloved wife of the above who died February 8th 1919 in her 62nd year. At Rest**



Robert and Jane Elizabeth had four children including a son called Joseph Morphet Batty. At the time of the 1911 census Robert and Jane Elizabeth had a policeman lodging with them, called Arthur Rowlatt from Keighley. In 1915 son Joseph Morphet Batty, a Settle grocer, married Arthur's sister Martha Ellen Rowlatt. They lived at 2 West View. In 1937 Joseph was the steward at the cricket club whist drive and Martha provided refreshments. Joseph and Martha are buried in the New graveyard L66 and their son Joseph Rowlatt Batty and his wife Margaret in New H54.



**In loving memory of Martha Ellen Batty who departed this life 4th July 1963 aged 78 years. And Joseph Morphet Batty her husband died 2nd June 1970 aged 83 years Rest in Peace, New L66**

**In loving memory of James Rowlatt Batty born Jan. 2nd. 1920 died March 20th 1982. And his wife Margaret Batty born April 14th 1918, died Dec 8th 2008 Rest in Peace New H54**



Robert and Jane Elizabeth's daughter Ada Annie Batty married Ernest Lambert, son of the Settle printer James Wilcock Lambert.

Son Jack (John Thomas) Batty married Sally Ann Moore and their accounts are provided with their respective families. Robert and Jane Elizabeth's daughter Lilian Batty married an engineer from Leeds, Thomas Robinson.

Going back a generation, Thomas and Sarah Ann Davison's daughter Jane Elizabeth (Davison) Batty was not the only child to find their way to Settle. Daughter Sarah Ellen Davison married John Hartley who was the eldest of at least eight children of the solicitor William Hartley who resided at Catterall Hall in Giggleswick. John and Sarah Ellen took their family to Morecambe where John worked as a lino warehouseman. Was that choice of occupation a disappointment to John's father William Hartley? Thomas and Sarah Ann Davison's daughter Mary Ann Davison married James Carlyle/Carlisle, a joiner and son of an innkeeper in



York. In 1895, after the birth of three sons James took up the tenancy of the Talbot Inn in Settle from Wilfred Blake Utterly [3, LSA]. This was an uneventful tenancy with no reports of bad behaviour by the landlord or its clients. James and Mary Ann left the Talbot Inn after 20 years to live in Bradford.

**TRANSFER OF LICENSES.**—The licenses of the following ale houses were transferred:—"King William," Settle, from John Sutcliffe to James Kelly. "Talbot Inn," Settle, from Wilfred Blake Utterly to James Carlisle.

Thomas and Sarah Ann Davison's daughter **Isabella Davison** married **Albert Edward Wilson** in Settle in 1892. Albert was the son of **John Wilson** who ran a stationers shop in Duke Street. Unfortunately this marriage didn't work out. Albert lived in Bradford as a grocer's assistant, describing himself as a widow. Isabella gave birth to a son, **John Edward Wilson** and they lived with aunt Jane (Holroyd) Batty at the Naked Man. In the war Lance Corporal John Edward Wilson [ph3] signed up to the King's Royal Rifles but died of wound in France on 6 November 1916. Poor Isabella died in 1937, aged 66, in Harrogate but was brought back for burial with her mother. Their stone commemorated the life of John Edward too.



*In Loving Memory of Sarah Ann Davison who died Dec. 16th 1897 aged 63 years also Isabella Wilson daughter of the above who died March 28th 1937 aged 66 years also John Edward Wilson dearly beloved son of the above killed in action Nov 6th 1916 aged 21 years. At rest.*



## The inns of 19th century Settle

NI — New Inn on what was then New Road, now Station Road

JA — Joiner's Arms, later Commercial (Temperance) Inn

GL, ONM, RO, TA — Golden Lion, (Old) Naked Man and Royal Oak, Talbot Arms as now

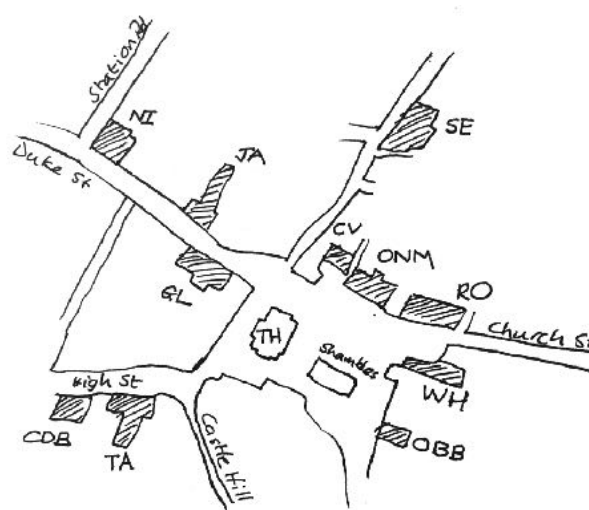
SE — Spread Eagle Inn on Kirkgate

CV — Crown Inn/Vaults

WH — White Horse

OBB — Obadiah Bayne's Beerhouse - the tiny house

CDB — Charles Duckett's beerhouse, now the King William guesthouse.



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