

The Battys, a family of innkeepers

Thomas Batty was a farmer who worked in Horton-in-Ribblesdale while his wife Alice (Johnson) Batty brought up their five children. Thomas died in 1846, aged just 35, soon after the birth of youngest son **Robert Batty**. 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 Batty went to London to learn dressmaking and ran 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 (Marsden) Ayrton** who ran the Royal Oak in Settle. In 1872 John and Alice took over the Royal Oak, as his widowed mother had had enough. They had two children before John died together with a son, another **Henry**. Their daughter **Mary Alice Ayrton** married a farmer and they emigrated to New Zealand.

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.

Five years after John's death, Alice married **Joseph Parker** of Lodge Farm with whom she had three children before she died. She is buried her infant son **Stephen** and Joseph's first wife. Her other two children had lives in farming.



In loving memory of Mary the wife of Joseph Parker, The Lodge, Settle who died Dec 30th 1874, aged 32 years. And two children, twin sons of the above, also in remembrance of Alice the beloved wife of the above Joseph Parker who died Oct 7th 1883 aged 40 years. Stephen son of the above who died Dec 21st 1883 aged 4 years. The Lord's will be done. Anc E14

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 his 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].

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

Adulterated Gin: John Sanderson, Joseph Morphet Batty, and Thomas Harricreave, 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 defendants, and the cases were all dismissed. — Edmund Hirst of Helli-

SURREA.—The employés 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 employés, and the hostess, were drunk, interspersed with songs. The evening was spent in a very convivial and agreeable manner.

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Joseph died in 1884, during the years when Holy Ascension graveyard was full and therefore 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 30th 1884 aged 43 years. Also Jane, widow of John Holroyd of Grange House, Silton, near Thirsk, who died July 18th 1894 aged 87 years. Also of Jane his widow died Nov. 23rd 1923 aged 82 years. B8/61



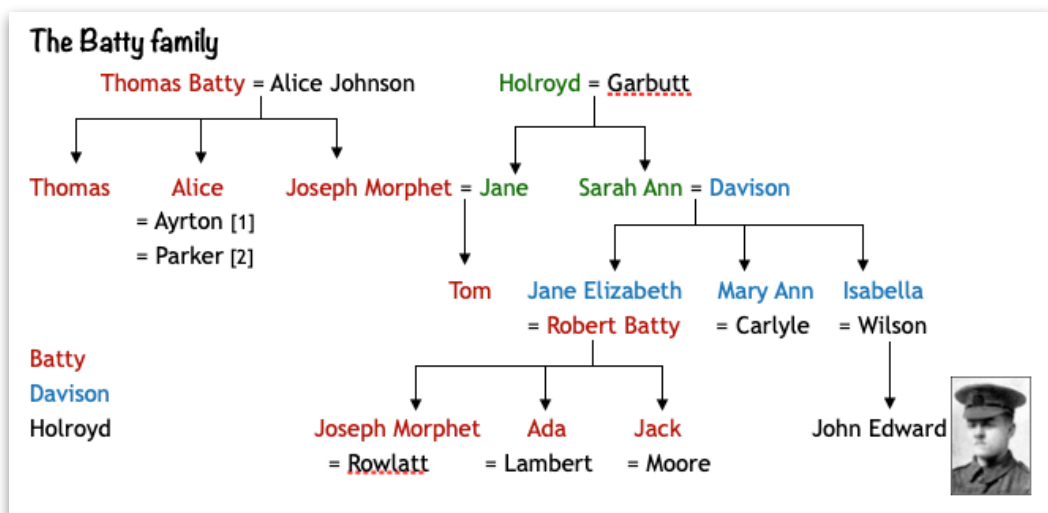
THE NAKED MAN HOTEL,
SETTLE.

MRS. JANE BATTY
(For many years proprietress of the Royal Oak Inn, Settle),

Whilst thanking her patrons and friends for past favours, begs to inform them that she has succeeded to the business of this old established Hostelry, situate in the centre of Settle Market-place and five minutes' walk from Settle Railway Station—is a most desirable centre for the explorer of Craven—is close to River "Ribbles"—

After Joseph's death, when he was 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]. Years later, when they died 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 was the resident butcher 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.'



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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 farming family in Austwick and a distant cousin to our other Battys. He combined both interests, selling hay and straw whilst running the inn [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 Settle. Martha Ellen was one of the St John's Ambulance Brigade nurses, front row, second right [ph4] and on the organising committee for the 1937 Coronation (George VI) celebrations, front left [ph5].



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**.

CRICKET CLUB WHIST DRIVE.
Organised by Mr. A. Jones in aid of the Settle Cricket Club, a whist drive was held in the Cricket Club Refreshment Pavilion on Wednesday evening week. Seven tables were occupied and Mr. J. M. Batty officiated as steward. The prizes were won by the following:
Ladies: 1 Mrs. Little; 2 Mrs. J. Roberts.
Gentlemen: 1 Mrs. G. Lund (substitute); 2 Mrs. G. Symonds (substitute). Refreshments were served during the evening by Mrs. J. M. Batty, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. R. Segger.



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

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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.



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 had been the headmaster of Settle National School from 1852-1879. Following an unsatisfactory inspection in 1878 John was warned his performance needed to improve and, as it didn't, resigned in 1879. Afterwards he ran a stationers shop in Duke Street – a full account is provided separately. Unfortunately the marriage between Isabella and Albert Edward didn't work out. Albert lived in Bradford as a grocer's assistant, describing himself as a widow, naughty. 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.



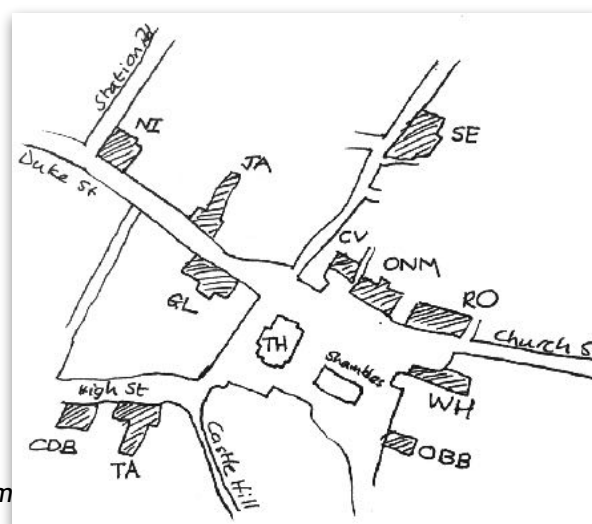
In Loving Memory of Sarah Ann Davison who died Dec. 16th 1897 aged 63 years also Isabella Wilson daughter of the above who died March 28th 1937 aged 66 years also John Edward Wilson dearly beloved son of the above killed in action Nov 6th 1916 aged 21 years. At rest.



Inns of 19th century Settle

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

CV – Crown Inn/Vaults



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