

## The Calverts, 'Terror of Settle Tradesmen' at the Naked Man

Henry Calvert was one of five sons of Settle butcher, William Calvert, who worked in the Shambles with his wife Margaret Hornby. There are several reports of the Calverts' fine butchery [SC,CH]. They owned land by Watery Lane and several properties on Kirkgate and also the Naked Man. They lived in the cottage on the Market Place corner next to the Crown Inn, (now part of Boots). In 1858, William placed an advert [SC] to let the Naked Man – the tenancy was taken over by James Twisleton and his wife. Henry's bachelor brothers, John and Robert [ph1], both butchers, stayed in this cottage until they died. Next door were Joseph and his second wife Susannah Forrester and their daughter Susannah, who Henry married in 1865 and this is probably when Henry took over the Naked Man.

**TO INNKEEPERS AND OTHERS.**  
**TO BE LET.**  
 And may be entered upon on the 12th day of May next all that old-established and well-acquainted  
**I N N ,**  
 CALLED THE  
**NAKED MAN,**  
 Situate in the Town of Settle, in the County of York, with the Garden, Stables, Shippens, and appurtenances thereto belonging, and now in the occupation of Mr. John King.  
 This is one of the oldest Inns in the Town of Settle, where there are frequent Cattle Fairs, and a Market every Tuesday. The Inn is in the Market Place, has extensive frontage, and is the best adapted Inn in the Town for doing an extensive business. The New End is very well adapted for a  
**SHOP,**  
 And may be taken separately; it was lately occupied as a Grocer's Shop by Mr. Jones, who carried on a very extensive business.  
 For particulars apply to Mr. WILLIAM CALVERT, Settle, the owner, who will receive applications until the 12th March, after which day the taker will be declared.

**FAT Cow.**—On Monday, February 9th, the celebrated Cow RUTH, the property of Wm. Carr, Esq. of Stackhouse, was killed by Mr. Calvert, in the Shambles. She weighed the enormous weight of 58 Score, her Hide weighed 75 lbs., and she yielded 11 Stones of Fat.

Above, beneath the arches, were the butcher's shops, kept by Robert and John Calvert, John Wilman, George Beardall, etc., where, at that period, the animals were slaughtered, and the meat sold in the same room. In those days, regulations for the safeguarding of the public well-being were conspicuous by their absence, but we got along very well without them, and



**HENRY CALVERT,**  
**AUCTIONEER & APPRAISER,**  
 NAKED MAN INN, SETTLE.  
 A large room adjoining the Inn, for the convenience of parties wishing to remove Furniture &c. for sale.

Henry and Susannah had three children, Margery, William and Margery Susannah whilst running the Old Naked Man, with daughter Margery dying when she was just three – allegedly from meningitis after a fall from Castleberg Rock.

The influx of workers for the building of the Settle to Carlisle railway will have brought extra trade to The Naked Man, however it brought a few problems too. Henry was brutally assaulted by navy Thomas Yates who also damaged his clothes [2]. The navy was sentenced to 2 months' imprisonment with hard

**ASSAULT.**—Thomas Yates, a navy employed on the Settle and Carlisle extension line, was brought up in custody on Monday last before the Rev. H. J. Swale, and H. Christie, Esq., charged with having committed a violent and brutal assault on Mr. H. Calvert, the landlord of the Naked Man Inn, on Sunday last. The prisoner pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 2 months' imprisonment with hard labour. He was also charged with damaging Calvert's clothes, for which he was ordered to pay £1 and costs 13s. 6d., or in default 1 month's imprisonment.

labour plus clothes costs. Henry died ten years later of cirrhosis of the liver aged 53, which was not uncommon for innkeepers. Henry and Susannah were buried in the Ancient graveyard C19 with a memorial stone. Unfortunately, over the years the cross has fallen but descendants [A] have a photo of the original memorial.



*In loving memory of Henry Calvert of Settle born Feb 14th 1827, died July 14th 1880 and of Susannah Harwood born March 10th 1839 died April 25th 1915, C19*

Widow Susannah took over Henry's business in style [LSA], investing in lands, businesses and properties in Ingleton and Settle. She sold land to the railway companies. She was a shrewd business woman, leaving the equivalent of £1 million to son William when she died in 1915. Susannah would probably have turned in her grave if she knew that William managed to fritter most of it away during his lifetime.

Established 20 Years.  
**MRS. H. CALVERT,**  
**Wine & Spirit Merchant,**  
 MARKET PLACE, SETTLE.  
 Families supplied and every article guaranteed to be of the best quality.  
 Orders by post promptly attended to.

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Susannah reacted to Henry's death by running the Naked Man with a 'rod of iron'. Drunkenness was not allowed, earning her reputation as the '*Terror of Settle Tradesmen*'. She sent son William to Giggleswick School and he went on to study pharmacy in Edinburgh and London. She also insisted that he become teetotal and sign the Temperance pledge.

In 1887 Susannah met and married a man brave enough to take her on – railway inspector John Harwood, a widower from Nottingham. Previously, John had been in Settle organising work for the Settle to Carlisle Railway. Because of his work they moved frequently, but spent several years in Carlisle.

Susannah and Henry's daughter Margery Susannah died of scarlet fever, aged 20, in Carlisle. Descendants say that husband John Harwood didn't tell Susannah about Margery's illness until it was too late and she was so angry that she left him. This is borne out by John's obituary in the paper in 1898; he had moved to Sheffield to live with his two spinster daughters from his first marriage and left his whole estate to them, with no reference to Susannah [1]. Margery Susannah's body was brought back to Settle for burial, *Old grave C15*.

An old Midland Inspector has passed away in the person of Mr. John Harwood, who has just died at Sheffield, at the age of 65. He entered the service in 1853 in the humble capacity of platelayer, and was afterwards pointsman in Derby yard, signalman at North Erewash Junction, Long Eaton, and at Totan sidings when they were opened, and station-master at Bulwell, retiring about January, 1860. In 1863 he rejoined the service as pointsman at Bradford, and was afterwards made foreman at the passenger station there. From this post he was promoted to that of cattle inspector to the outdoor goods manager's department, originally with his headquarters at Leeds, and after the opening of the Settle and Carlisle line in 1875, at Carlisle, until October, 1898, when, on retiring altogether, he removed his residence from Carlisle to Sheffield. Towards the end of October last he was presented by his North of England and South of Scotland friends with a purse of gold; and at the time of his demise arrangements were in progress for a further presentation to him from his old colleagues in the goods manager's department.

*In loving memory of Margery Susannah daughter of Henry and Susannah Calvert of Settle died at Carlisle Sep 22nd 1893 aged 20 years. Blessed are the pure in heart.*

Henry Calvert's brothers Robert and John are buried next to Margery Susannah in the unmarked *Old grave CX16*.

Susannah retired in Settle, back in the original cottage, helping to bring up her grandchildren. Son William and wife Mary Matilda Furniss settled at number 3, The Terrace with their six daughters and one son. William worked as a druggist and pharmacist in a small shop at the top of Kirkgate [LSA]. In 1908, Mary Matilda donated funds for the building of the Methodist church on Duke Street, now a free church. She is remembered with a foundation stone inscribed '*Mrs Calvert*'.



Susannah is buried with Henry, almost next to her parents Joseph and Susannah (Taylor) Forrester in *grave C24*. Susannah was their only child. Joseph was a 'stationer' who sold paper goods in and around the Craven district. The detail of the inscription is now lost but the grave contains Joseph and Susannah, Henry's eldest daughter Margery, aged three. The inscription is clearer on the image proved by RTI technology.



Joseph's first wife Ann Hayes and his son Thomas Forrester, who died aged 18, are both buried in an unmarked grave in Giggleswick graveyard. Joseph and Ann's son Robert Forrester got an apprenticeship with Thomas Walker, a tailor in Settle. In 1844 he married Susanna Robinson and they had two sons, Joseph and Robert. However in 1851, Robert put himself aboard the ship Corealanus bound for New York. Both sons died in 1852, aged just six and four, probably of the same disease and they are buried in the unmarked grave *Anc BX13*. Miraculously Susannah, who worked as a servant for the *Birbeck's* at Anley Hall had another child in 1856, but little Mary Ann died aged 10 and is also buried in an unmarked grave in the Ancient graveyard,

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hopefully with the other two sons. In 1864, Sarah became the second wife of the successful industrial entrepreneur **George Ambler** and they had a son **Richard Ambler** to add to the eight from his first marriage. Richard had quite an interesting life!



*This account has been compiled by Sarah Lister as part of the Settle Graveyard Project which has recorded gravestone inscriptions, updated church records and researched the lives of those buried. It has been written in good faith with no offence intended. If I have inadvertently included errors or breached any copyright I apologise and would welcome corrections.*



*The life stories of people with italicised names have been researched as part of the graveyard project and can be found on [dalescommunityarchives.org.uk/settle graveyard project](http://dalescommunityarchives.org.uk/settle-graveyard-project). The 'Old Settle' family tree on [Ancestry.co.uk](http://Ancestry.co.uk) includes the families buried in the graveyard. The project is ongoing and welcomes queries and information on [settleresearch@gmail.com](mailto:settleresearch@gmail.com). Latest news and events are on the Facebook page 'Settle Graveyard Project'.*

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