

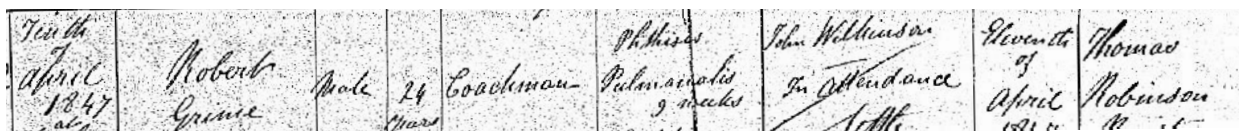
The many Settle families with the surname 'Graham' can all be traced back to ancestors from Clapham named 'Grime'. If you say 'Grime' in a Yorkshire accent it is easily interpreted as Graham! The names changed during the 1840s.

Robert Grime, porter, Ancient D24

In memory of Robert Grime of Settle who died April 10th 1847 aged 24 years. Also of John Grime, son of the above who died September . . . 1846 aged 9 months. Also of George Grime son of the above who died Jan'y 1866 aged 22 years. Ellen Grime died Nov 19th 1890 aged 70 years, D24



Robert had humble roots, starting work as a servant at Whitefriars next to the Royal Oak. Robert's brother Matthew started the Grime/Graham grocery business which traded in the Market Place for generations. In 1843, Robert married **Ellen Wilkinson Newsholme** from the successful cabinet making family. Ellen had three sons before Robert died aged just 24 working of phthisis pulmonalis – tuberculosis in the lungs, from which he had been suffering for 9 weeks. In reality he had probably be suffering for far longer. Brother-in-law **John Wilkinson** was present at the death and the registrar was **Thomas Robinson**. Robert was working as a coachman at the time.



Ellen spent the rest of her life helping out with her own family cabinet making businesses. At one point she worked in domestic service for her sister, **Mary Wilkinson**, who had married her very wealthy and much older second cousin **William Wilkinson Esq** and lived at Hellifield Green. The Wilkinsons also provided apprenticeships for sons George and Robert. Unfortunately son John died in infancy in 1846, and son George died, aged 22. Ellen is commemorated on this gravestone but is buried in an unmarked grave with her unmarried sister Catherine in **OLD BX8**.

Son Robert Grime married Frances Susannah Thomson a relative of the *Thomsons*, at the Zion church in 1870 [1]. They didn't have children. In census returns Robert



described himself as a joiner, builder and later an auctioneer, employing up to 10 men and four boys [LSA]. In 1879 a fire, 'which may have had disastrous results' broke out in Robert's showroom in Kirkgate. It spread from the chimney to a wardrobe before it was discovered by a neighbour [CH]. Fortunately Robert was

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KIRKGATE, SETTLE.

ROBERT GRIME
Invites the attention of Parties Furnishing, to pay a visit and inspect his large and well-stocked
SHOW ROOMS,
where they will find a good assortment of substantial

FURNITURE
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Fila, Brussels, Tapestry, Kidder & Dutch Carpets.

HEARTH RUGS.
Turkish, Persian, Axminster, Penares, Beam, Art, Wool and Skin Rugs.

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ORIENTAL GOODS,
In China, Wicker, and Ivory.

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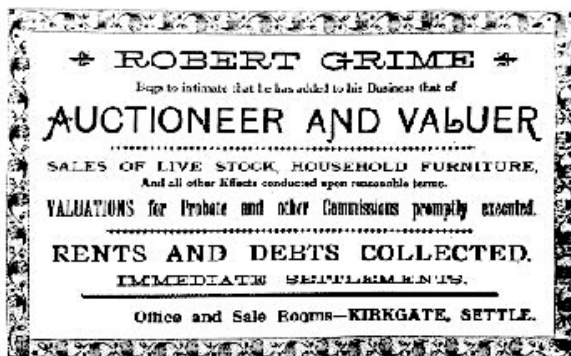
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Settle Graveyard Project

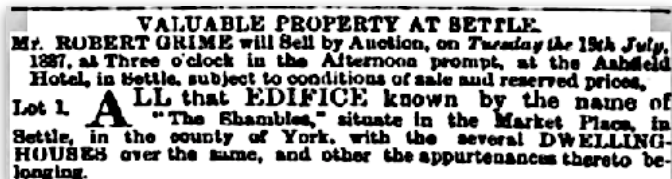
insured. By the time of the next census Robert, still in Kirkgate, employed ten men and three boys, so was doing well. In January 1880 Robert was commissioned by the Zion church to work on their new school and it was completed by September. During the 1880s, Robert was asked to build 'a very pretty stage' at Victoria hall, and was later the stage manager.

Robert was doing well enough to employ other men. One of his employees was *Arthur Holmes*. On 25 June 1883 Arthur had a potentially fatal accident [2]. Arthur had been working at a band saw and was accidentally pulled up by the band saw belt to the ceiling. *Dr Francis Green* and *Dr Richard Ernest Williamson* had to amputate his right hand just below the elbow. 'Much sympathy is expressed for the sufferer who is an excellent workman and bears an exemplary character.' Arthur had to give up work as a joiner and became a postman instead [1].

There are numerous adverts for Robert working as the auctioneer at the sale of properties around Settle [LSA]. A highlight must have been in 1887, when



he was the auctioneer for the sale of The Shambles in the Market Place [2]. It was bought for £120 by the Settle Market Buildings Company who were a group of local businessmen who added the top floor to the building that we see today. The photo was taken during the building of the top floor [ph3].



Unfortunately, in 1893, Robert, described as a joiner, builder and auctioneer, was declared bankrupt, and the hearing suggested he had never kept his records in order and had debts of £1,840 [2]. Robert and wife Fanny moved to Manchester where Robert made a living as a typewriter agent. In 1896, fellow auctioneer *Charles Towler* also went bankrupt and retired to Morecambe.

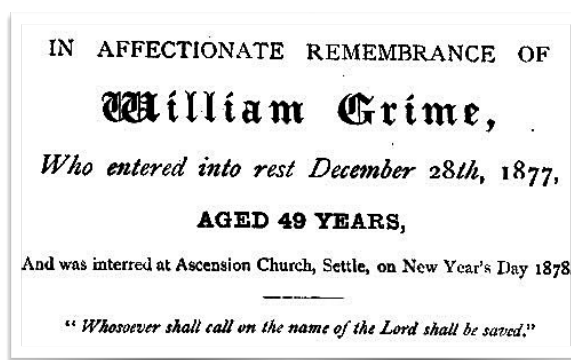
Robert Grime (Snr)'s sister Elizabeth (Pickersgill) is buried in *Ancient EX3*. His step mother Agnes Graham is buried in *Ancient AX5*. His dad is in Giggleswick with Robert's mother.

William Grime, John Birkbeck's groom

William Grime, born in 1828 in Clapham is likely to be distantly related to Robert (above). William went straight into domestic service as a groom for Thomas Ingleby Esq. of Lawkland Hall – an impressive post. By the 1860s William had started working as groom to John Birkbeck and he spent the rest of his working life there. Fellow servants included *Mary Procter* and widow *Susannah Forrester* before her marriage to *George Ambler*.

William married *Lydia Athey*, a servant from Doncaster, who had been brought up by her aunt and uncle. They had four daughters. William died in 1877, aged 49, five years after the birth of the youngest daughter *Isabel Grime* who was promptly dispatched to be brought up by her aunt and uncle (Athey), a family tradition. William was just 49 when he died a sudden death [1], 'he was attending to his duties on Wednesday and was a corpse on Friday. His funeral was almost a public one in character, being attended by his master's family, relatives and most of the tradesmen in Settle.' This is probably due to the fact he had been 'a most upright and industrious servant.' William died on the same day as Francis Young who also had a sudden death, sitting in a chair. William is buried in an unmarked grave. Youngest daughter Isabel was just five when he died.

and on his return life was almost extinct. Mr Grime, whose death occurred on the same day, was coachman to John Birkbeck, Esq., for many years, and has been a most upright and industrious servant. He was attending to his duties on the Wednesday morning and was a corpse on Friday. His funeral was almost a public one in character, being attended by his master's family, relatives, and most of the tradesmen of the town.



Soon after William's death Isabel had a photo taken at the Horner studios [ph3]. A death in the family frequently followed a family death. Widow Lydia worked as a nurse in the 'Giggleswick sanitorium' (the workhouse) and then lived at the newly built 1 Ribble Terrace [ph2]. Lydia and her daughters ran an apartment rental business from here until the 1950s – over 70 years. Daughter Annie worked in domestic service, at one time working for *George Stansfeld (Jnr)*. Daughter Mary [ph1] married *Frank Cowburn*, the youngest son of *John Cowburn*, the successful solicitor, who had died aged just 39. Frank's mum was *Elizabeth Ayrton*, who was a daughter of *Henry Ayrton* of the Royal Oak. She later became the third wife of *Joseph Parker*. Frank's sister

Maggie married William Lambert who was the nephew of the Settle printer *John Wilcock Lambert*.

Frank was a troubled young man. Two brothers died in childhood in 1873 when Frank was just one. His brother Henry Cowburn took his own life in 1889 as he had failed to pass an examination [CH]. Poor Frank was just 17. Frank got a job in the London and Midland Bank. He married Mary in 1895 and they moved to Pontefract. Frank and Mary had a son Henry Cowburn, named after Frank's brother. Then, in 1904, Frank was arrested for embezzlement having caused his employer considerable trouble, despite being given 'every chance of reformation'. Even his own solicitor said this case 'was one of the most painful he had ever known'. Frank attributed his misdemeanours to drink. His mother offered to pay back what he owed but that was refused. After profuse apologies Frank was given a lenient sentence of two months imprisonment 'in the second division' which was for those of previously good character to separate them from hardened criminals [3].

Mr. Moron, in opening the case, said it was one of the most painful he had ever known. Accused had been cashier in this bank, and for some time had given the management considerable trouble. The bank, however, in an excess of kindness and leniency had given him every chance of reformation. He had abused these opportunities by embezzling money to the extent of close upon £200. The bank were

20. Free Coffee Supper and Social Evening in connection with the Women's Liberal Association at Settle.—Death of Mr. Frank Cowburn (late of Settle) at the General Hospital, Toronto, Canada, of bronchial pneumonia, aged 34 years.

By the time of the next census, Mary was back in Settle with her sisters describing herself a widow. Frank had emigrated to Canada but died in 1906 of bronchial pneumonia, aged just 34 [LSA].

Mum Lydia died in 1906 and is buried with daughters Emma and Mary (Cowburn) in the unmarked *Old EX17*. Daughters Annie and Isabel are in the unmarked *New EX9*.

Young Henry Cowburn was the only heir of this line of Cowburns and Grimes and benefitted from all of his aunts' wills, lucky lad. He made a living selling coal in Settle and married *Rose Martha Lord*, granddaughter of Wesleyan Preacher *John Lord*. Henry is buried in the *New grave K50*. The full story of the *Cowburn family* is provided in the *Old graveyard* section and also in the account of *William Cork*.

In loving memory of Henry Cowburn died 23 August 1973, aged 72 years. Also his dear wife Martha Cowburn, died 13 June 1980, aged 77 years. Also their son Peter Cowburn died 21 July 1975, aged 49 years, also his dear wife Joan Cowburn, died 16 Sept 2005, aged 76 years, Old K50

William Grime's sister, Elizabeth Grime, married *John Cook*.

SHOCKING DEATH OF A SETTLE YOUTH.—On Thursday the inhabitants of Settle and neighbouring villages were greatly shocked upon receiving intelligence to the effect that on the previous evening Henry Cowburn (20), sailor, a native of Settle, had committed suicide at Hellifield. It seems that about 4.45 p.m. on Wednesday Mr John Winder, of Gallaber Farm, Hellifield, noticed a flash of fire and heard the report of fire-arms in one of his fields, and after proceeding about 200 yards he found the young fellow lying on the ground. A bullet wound was visible in the right temple and a pistol was lying by his side. The sufferer was conveyed to Long Preston where he was attended by Doctors Lazenby and Williamson, but death ensued about five hours after the fatal shot was fired. Deceased was the eldest son of the late Mr John Cowburn, of Settle, and his untimely end, which is said to be attributable to failure to pass an examination for second mate's position on his vessel, is universally deplored in the district. An inquest is to be held on the body at the Boar's Head Hotel, Long Preston to-day (Friday).

in which they had treated the matter. Mr. Cowburn had been in this bank since he was 16, for he left school to go there. Since he had been in this position of trust and responsibility, his character had been absolutely without blemish. When the question of bail arose, hundreds were willing and anxious to stand for him. Accused, who was a married man, with a child, attributed his fall to drink, and the difficulty of making both ends meet. There had been no betting or anything of that kind, and accused during the whole of his 15 years in the bank had never got into debt, and did not owe a penny to any tradesman. His mother had offered to recoup every penny to the bank, but they had very properly refused that offer. He urged the Bench to deal with accused as leniently as possible.

After about a quarter of an hour's retirement, the Chairman said it was a most serious charge, and they very much regretted that Cowburn had had to appear before them. Seeing that he and his family had offered to repay the money, and seeing the bank did not press the case, the Bench had taken a very lenient view of the case. But they had decided in the interests of justice, and of the public, to commit him to Wakefield for two months, in the second division.



Settle Graveyard Project

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 includes the families buried in the graveyard. The project is ongoing and welcomes queries and information on settleresearch@gmail.com. Latest news and events are on the Facebook page 'Settle Graveyard Project'.

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