

Rev'd Hogarth John Swale, the first vicar, a good and wealthy man

From its consecration, Holy Ascension was fortunate to appoint clergy and musicians with fine credentials, starting with Hogarth John Swale.

Hogarth Swale was born in Kendal in 1810 and his dad John, an attorney at law, died when he was only two. Hogarth went to Giggleswick School when he was eight, and his mum **Ann (Hogarth)** came to live in Langcliffe Hall. One of Hogarth's school chums was the son of Rev'd Ingram at St Alkelda's church in Giggleswick who initiated the building of Holy Ascension Church. Ann contributed £1000 towards the building of the church, a third of the total cost, and has a window dedicated to her '*placed by her affectionate children*'.

Hogarth inherited and invested in huge amounts of land – in 1844 he owned over 500 acres, most rented out to farmer *David Hall Dale*. Some land was shared with sister-in-law Ellen Eliza Lambert. Hogarth was also a Trustee of the Craven Savings Bank.



Hogarth graduated at Oxford University. After his ordination, he became a curate at Clitheroe. From there, it was only a short hop back to Settle when the church opened in 1838 to become the first incumbent. During his ten year tenure, he undertook the building of Ingfield Hall for his retirement, now the Falcon Manor.

In 1841 he married **Mary Lambert**, the daughter of a solicitor, descended from the Peart family of Settle lawyers. Mary died at the birth of their second child **John Lambert Swale** in 1844.

Hogarth then took up a post in Kensington and married **Emily Charlotte Goter**, the daughter of a London fish merchant, who was to bear him another six children. Hogarth was soon appointed chaplain to the British Embassy in Paris for nine years [SC], after which he retired, as planned, to Ingfield Hall, back in Settle. To keep himself busy, Hogarth was JP for the West Riding of Yorkshire and a governor of Giggleswick School for nearly 30 years. Hogarth was succeeded at Holy Ascension by *William Frederick Pierson*.

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FOREIGN CHAPLAINCY.—The Rev. H. J. Swale, of Ingfield, near Settle, has just received the appointment of Chaplain to the Right Honourable Lord Cowley, British Ambassador to the Court of the Emperor of the French at Paris.

Soon after Hogarth's departure to Kensington, the 1851 religious census summary criticised Holy Ascension for the expensive fees charged for pews and services, as it deterred attendance by the poor. Interestingly, Hogarth's first wife Mary and her sister Ellen Eliza donated £5000 in her will '*to build a church in the colonies, on the condition that pews are rent free and the altar visible from all seats*' after hearing about the prohibitively expensive pews in the cathedral. The Church of the Holy Trinity was built in Toronto by 1847. She left a similar sum for a church for convicts in South Australia. In Settle, it wasn't until 1867 that an endowment fund was set up for free pews. Free pews eventually became available in 1908.

Mary's son, **John Lambert Swale**, had a wonderful 21st birthday celebration at Ingfield in 1865 [SC] before embarking on his military career. The party was organised by Hogarth's gardener and ground bailiff *James Hudson*. James worked for Rev'd Swale for 33 years, winning awards for the region's longest serving male servant at several North Ribblesdale Agricultural Shows.

BIRTHDAY REJOICINGS.—The 21st birthday of John Lambert Swale, Esq., eldest son of the Rev. H. I. Swale, and cornet in the 4th Hussars, was kept up by the retainers and tradesmen of the family, on Monday the 17th May, with suitable rejoicings. Early in the morning the union jack was seen floating from the highest pinnacle of Ingfield. In the evening a salute of three guns boomed across the valley from the battery on the summit of Castlebergh, and was replied to from Ingfield. A supper was provided at the latter place, where upwards of thirty of the tradesmen and servants of the family sat down to the excellent fare, after which the health of Mr. J. L. Swale was duly honoured and toasted, and suitable speeches were made by several of the company. The arrangements were made under the zealous direction of Mr. James Hudson, gardener and ground bailiff to the Rev. H. I. Swale.

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Aged 24, in India, son John married **Blanche Voyle** from a military family and they had a son, **Charles Alured Lambert Swale**. John worked his way up through the ranks to become Captain of the 7th Hussars Cavalry. But in February 1876 he was reported missing from Tenby. Adverts were placed in a number of regional newspapers for over 15 months, asking for help to find him [1]. He was not a tall man, we are told.

GENTLEMAN MISSING.—£200 is offered to any person who will supply authentic information of the present abode of Captain John Lambert Swale, of Ingfield, near Settle, Yorkshire, if living, or proof of his death if he be dead. He was a Captain in one of her Majesty's Hussar Regiments, and on the 1st of February, 1876, left Tenby, South Wales, where he was temporarily residing, and has not since been heard of. He is about 5ft. 6in. in height, has brown hair, pale brown complexion, short heavy moustache, small whiskers.

John's body was never found and so his substantial estate was finally agreed in April 1881. Son Charles was just six when John went missing. Understandably, John's wife Blanche found this difficult to cope with and in 1880 was admitted to a lunatic asylum where she remained for over 40 years until her death.

Meanwhile, son Charles studied at a private school in Godalming, Surrey and then went to Cambridge to qualify as a barrister. He came back to Settle to live with grandfather Hogarth, who died when Charles was 23. Charles took over Ingfield Hall.

He was a Trustee of Settle Church and President of the Conservative Club (and a member of its billiards team). He was a committee member of several sporting clubs, and a regular in the Settle Amateur Operatic Society [ph1,2]. Charles was Vice President and Captain of the First XI cricket team [ph3] and made the news with an extraordinarily long hit! [CH]. Charles also had the honour of playing for the Gentlemen of Yorkshire versus the Household Brigade.



Another MY paragraph about the big hit that caused a **Famous Hit** lawsuit has prompted a correspondent to inquire which was the biggest hit ever known in cricket. A feat, at Settle, he thinks, will be hard to beat.

Early in the present century, during a match on the Settle ground, adjoining the Settle-Carlisle railway line, the late Mr. O. A. L. Swale, captain of the home team, got his bat well underneath a ball and sent it out of the ground.

At that moment an express to Carlisle was passing. The ball went through an open carriage window, and ultimately it came to rest in Carlisle. So far as my correspondent can recall, the ball was returned to the Settle Cricket Club the following day.

Surely, he says, this must rank among the longest hits in cricket—over 70 miles before the ball settled! I cannot confirm that this was a record, but I can say that many tales are told of somewhat kindred occurrences.

A poem about the Settle cricket team was written in 1905, the year they won the Ribblesdale League and included the verse:

*First of all there is the Captain, his name C. A. L. Swale,
When he is in good bowling form good batsmen often fail;
He also bats with energy, and it really is a shame
That when he fails to make a score his nerves
are all to blame.*

This hinted at a nervous disposition which is reflected in the tragic manner of his death, aged 43. Charles had become depressed over local criticism that he had a pecuniary interest in the sale of some land [2,3]. Dr Hyslop had warned 'those living with him to watch him'. The vicar at Giggleswick suggested that he was 'morally murdered – hounded to his untimely end'.

If this tragic occurrence does not impress this neighbourhood with the wickedness of traducing an honourable man for some petty personal or other unworthy end, nothing ever will. There are some people whose role in life seems to be that of mischief-makers, and who are not in the least perturbed by any untoward circumstances they may bring about. There is no getting out of the fact that Charles Alured Lambert Swale has been morally murdered-hounded to his untimely end. He felt that his high personal honour had been foully and unjustly aspersed; this to a man of his peculiar sensitiveness, known to all, was not only iniquitous, but cruelly mean.

YORKSHIRE BARRISTER'S DEATH

A strange story was told at an inquest at Settle, yesterday, on the body of Charles Alured Lambert Swale, a barrister, of Ingfield.

Mr. Swale was found drowned in a pond, and it was stated that he had been depressed over trouble in connection with the purchase of a farm. Dr. B. S. Hyslop said that at the end of March Mr. Swale threatened to shoot himself, and he warned those living with him to watch him.

A gamekeeper said Mr. Swale went out with him on Wednesday morning to look at some snares. He complained of cold, and said he thought he would have a run. The gamekeeper said: "I hope you will run straight home," and Mr. Swale walked away in the direction of the house.

Half an hour later the man found Mr. Swale had not returned to the house, and a search revealed his body standing upright in a pond.

A verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity" was returned.

Rev Linney, the vicar in Settle said, 'he was subject at times to heavy and deep depression. He fought against it bravely, but when he believed his honour was called into question ... his too sensitive and highly strung temperament could not endure the strain and he longed to be at rest ... Shall we ever learn the awful power of the tongue to wound, and that it can be an unruly evil, full of deadly poison? Wise words indeed and still relevant today. Ironically, Settle Cricket Team won the Ribblesdale League in 1914, the summer after his death.

It seems Charles, like his mum, was prone to fragile mental health? At Ingfield Hall, *Thomas and Margaret Bulcock* (see *Slinger*) worked as his gamekeeper and housekeeper. When he died, unmarried, Charles left an annuity to them as well as provision for his mum's asylum fees – she died ten years later in 1923.



In memory of Mary Swale of Ingfield who died May 26 1844 aged 25 years. Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven Matt VIII. Rev. Hogarth John Swale, first incumbent of this parish, born Sept 26 1810, died Aug 10 1893. Charles Alured Lambert Swale, grandson of the above who entered into rest 26 Nov 1913 age 43 years. This is my rest forever. Here I will dwell for I have desired it. In memory of Ann Swale of Langcliffe Hall who died Feby 9 1859 age 86 years. To thee Lord I resign my spirit, D3

Hogarth's other children moved in high circles. Mary Lambert's daughter Ellen Eliza married Ralph Assheton Nowell, a military Colonel from Kensington.

The first five of Hogarth's children by Emily Goter were born in France and most of his sons were educated at Giggleswick School. Eldest Harold began his career working for the Indian Civil Service,

DOCTOR FALLS DEAD.

SUDDEN SEIZURE IN THE STREET.

An inquest was held at Surbiton, to-day, concerning the death of Dr. Harold Swale, aged sixty-five, a member of the Board of Medical Examiners under the Ministry of Pensions, who fell dead on Saturday morning while walking to Surbiton Station on his way to the morning session of examinations at Conduit-street.

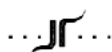
He had been staying at 11, Palace-road, Surbiton, and the widow said that her husband had been a great deal abroad. He served with the Forces until 1917, and was civil surgeon in the British Occupation of Samoa until his health broke down.

He went to New Zealand for a rest, afterwards returning to England and took up his position under the Ministry of Pensions in September of last year.

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but then trained in London as a 'physician, surgeon and registrar'. He married Alice Parish from Tavistock, Devon and settled there. Medical records say he was a medical officer for the Tavistock Union and for a French Hospital. Later he was a house surgeon at St Thomas' Hospital and at Deptford Small Pox Hospital. His obituary explains also his military and international work [5].

School records say son **Hugh** became a tea planter, but died in 1890 in Canada aged 33, just two years after marrying. **Gerald** became an engineer and emigrated to Australia. Son **Cecil** made his living farming in Canada. **Francis Hewitt** died in Brighton aged 24. Their only daughter **Edith** died aged 19. Widow Emily died two years after Hogarth in Brighton.



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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