

Henry Wilson, innkeeper of the Crown Inn, the White Horse

Henry Wilson was born in Huddersfield in 1832, the son of a successful excavation contractor and innkeeper. For some reason Henry came to Settle and married **Agnes Foster** in 1859. Henry and Agnes went to Liverpool which is where their only son John Foster Wilson was born in 1865. They were back in Settle for his death in 1866.



In memory of John Foster Wilson, infant son of Henry and Agnes Wilson who died February 18th 1866, C17

Henry and Agnes ran the Crown Vaults in the Market Place until 1874 - I wonder why they stopped? They lived on Castle Hill and Henry worked as a labourer until March 1882 when he obtained a license to run the White Horse Inn [1, LSA].

Henry 'was found dead in bed', aged 69, in 1900 [LSA].

19. Mr. Henry Wilson, aged 69 years, of Upper Settle, was found dead in bed. The deceased had only been in a poor state of health for some time.

TRANSFER.—Mr. W. A. Robinson applied on behalf of Henry Wilson for a transfer of the license of the White Horse Inn from William Clark. The application was granted

→* HENRY + WILSON, *←
WHITE HORSE & MOTEL,
+ SETTLE. +
CHOICE WINES AND SPIRITS.
Parties supplied at a few days' notice.
Horse & Trap for Hire. Good Stabling. Well-mixed Beds.

Agnes was not one of those widows to carry on the trade, preferring to live with nephews in Upper Settle. She lived until the age of 76, dying in 1917. Henry and Agnes are buried in an unmarked grave EX42 in the Old graveyard with Agnes' niece, Agnes (Foster) Thompson. There were restrictions on the number of bodies in the Ancient graveyard which may explain why they were not buried with their son.

Agnes was one of many children of **Richard Foster**, a labourer. Agnes' sister **Elizabeth** married **Joseph Young** from another working class family and they had many children. Joseph worked as a plasterer but, as with so many others, used his initiative to put food on the plate. In 1862 Joseph was imprisoned for two months after being caught poaching at Neal's Ing [1].

On 5th January 1866, Joseph had become drunk and had a fight with Elizabeth on the street. He beat her and pulled her hair, and then started attacking a 68 year old concerned neighbour, Ann Towler, when she tried to intervene [1]. When questioned, Elizabeth charitably said that he was '*generally a good husband except when under the influence of drink*' - some things never change. He was taken to Wakefield House of Correction for a month with hard labour. Elizabeth and Joseph are buried in adjacent unmarked graves Old DX 40/41, directly in front of the grave of Henry and Agnes Wilson.

PETTY SESSIONS.—On Tuesday, the 16th ult., before Geo. Stansfeld, Esq., chairman, and a full bench of magistrates, George Towler, labourer, John Gill, joiner, and Jos. Young, plasterer, all of Settle, were charged on the information of John Langstroth, gamekeeper to Henry Robinson, Esq., with poaching on Neals Ing Estate, in the township of Stanforth, over which Mr. Robinson has the right of shooting. The defendant Towler pleaded guilty, and was committed to Wakefield House of Correction for six weeks, and at the expiration of that time to give sureties for good conduct for twelve months himself in £10 and another in a like sum.—The defendants Gill and Young, were ably defended by Mr. Ferns, of Leeds, Mr. H. Robinson appearing for the prosecution. After a long hearing the Bench convicted both defendants, and ordered them to be imprisoned for two months each and find sureties as in Towler's case for their good behaviour for twelve months. James Hind, of Kirkby

Simpson for about a month. Several witnesses were called, who stated that they saw the prisoner dragging his wife in the street by the hair of the head, and who also saw the prisoner kick Mrs. Towler. On the prisoner being called upon for his defence he said he was drunk and did not know what he was doing when the alleged offences were committed. The prisoner's wife was called at the request of the Bench, and in answer to their inquiries she said the prisoner was generally a good husband, except when under the influence of drink. The Chairman said these were very aggravated assaults, and could not be looked over. The sentence of the court was in each case that the prisoner should be committed for a period of one month with hard labour to the Wakefield House of Correction. The Chairman further remarked that he trusted this sentence would be a warning to the prisoner, and strongly advised him to abstain from drink altogether.

Agnes' sister **Mary** married **Henry Towler**. This couple must be candidates for the unluckiest (or least skilled) parents in the graveyard. They had ten children but five of them, Mary, John,

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Richard, Tom and Hannah, died as infants and are buried somewhere in the Ancient graveyard. Mary and Henry and their son Jim are buried in the unmarked grave *Old DX62*

Agnes' brother **William**, a butcher married **Susannah Barker**, sister of **Jane Barker**, the successful businesswoman. (*Lawrence Hodgson, Phineas Butler*). Susannah and Jane had previously run the New Inn. William, his wife and sister-in-law are buried in the *Old graveyard D33*

In Loving Memory of Jane widow of the late Lawrence Hodgson who died Jan 10th 1900 aged 83 years also of William Foster died Oct 28th 1904 aged 67 years also Susannah widow of William Foster died April 26th 1917 aged 78 years

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

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

GL - Golden Lion, as now, previously on Cheapside

SE - Spread Eagle Inn on Kirkgate

CV - Crown Inn/Vaults

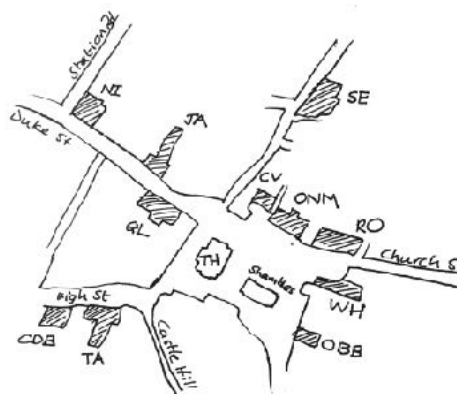
ONM, RO -(Old) Naked Man and Royal Oak, as now

WH - White Horse

OBB - Obadiah Bayne's Beerhouse - the tiny house in the row

TA - Talbot Arms, as now

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



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This account has been compiled as part of the Settle Graveyard Project which has recorded gravestone inscriptions, updated church records and researched the lives of those buried. Life stories can be found on 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'.

The life stories of people with italicised names have been researched as part of the graveyard project.

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LSA - Lambert's Settle Almanac, with the kind permission of the North Craven Buildings Preservation Trust