

# Three Christopher Rawsthornes

Christopher Rawsthorne born in 1812 in Wray was a farmer. In 1857 he married **Mary Burrow** from Richmond who was 20 years his junior. Mary had been working in domestic service in Clapham. They lived and worked in Selside near Horton in Ribblesdale and had six children.

Christopher spent his last years in Cowan Bridge and died in 1886, aged 74. Mary decided to move to Settle but she also died just two years later, aged 53. Just two of her children came with her and the rest had jobs and families elsewhere. The youngest daughter Ellen had died, aged five, in Selside.

Daughter **Agnes**, who was 22 when her mother died, spent many years in domestic service working for James Atkins, an elderly retired butler, in Clapham. After he died Agnes moved to Colne for the rest of her life. When she died, aged 68, in 1934, Agnes was brought back to Settle for burial with her mother, probably by her brother Christopher. The stone was obviously erected upon Agnes' death - the Art Deco style is distinctive and unusual in this graveyard.

*In loving memory of Agnes third daughter of Christopher and Mary Rawsthorne died October 29<sup>th</sup> 1934 aged 68 years. Also Mary beloved mother of above (formerly of Selside) died Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1888 aged 53 years, Old A39*



Son **Christopher**, born in 1871, also stayed in Settle. At the time of the 1891 census he lodged on Constitution Hill with **Martha Perkin**, working as a joiner. In 1893, aged 21, he married **Jane Cheetham** one of seven children of **George Cheetham** and **Ellen Simpson**. George, Ellen and their younger children had also recently moved to Settle. George had worked as a cotton spinner in Derbyshire for most of his life. Jane's younger brother **Arthur Cheetham** [ph1] was a musician who performed in the North East. Jane's sister Catherine married Charles Green, the landscape gardener and son of **Timothy Tooley Green**.

Christopher and Jane had four children whilst living in Craven Cottages in Settle. Jane died, aged 70, and Christopher, aged 79 and are buried in the unmarked grave **Old DX37** with Jane's parents. Christopher and Jane's son **Christopher (Kit)**, a slater and plasterer and his wife **Rose McCoy** are buried in the grave **New 169**

*In loving memory of Christopher Rawsthorne May 1899 - Feb 1970 Rose Rawsthorne December 1905 - July 1987 RIP, New 169*



*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. 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.*

*Life stories can be found on [dalescommunityarchives.org.uk/settle](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'.*

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

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