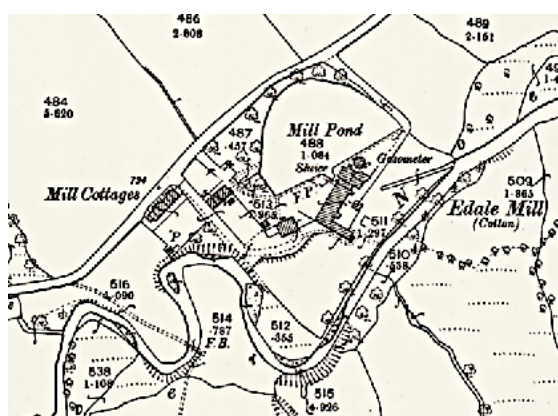


Israel Jackson, working for Hector Christie for 66 years

Israel Jackson, born in 1837 in Kenninghall, Norfolk was the second of ten children of **William Jackson**, a farm labourer and **Elizabeth Reynolds**. As the mechanisation of farming reduced the need for labourers in East Anglia, William took the family to Edale in Derbyshire work as a farm labourer, a servant and then gardener. There are worse places to live!

Israel was one of several siblings to try his luck in Lancashire and found work in the cotton mills. At the age of 19 Israel married a mariner's daughter **Mary Ann Wilding** from Runcorn who would give birth to six children. By 1867 the family had moved to Langcliffe where youngest daughter **Minnie** was born.

In 1879 **Hector Christie**, the owner of the Langcliffe Mills, held a coming of age celebration at High Mill for his son, **William Lorenzo Christie**. All the mill employees were invited and, together with guests, 700 people attended. Speeches were made on the lawn before the meal and the West Yorks Rifle Volunteers played through the evening. Israel was asked to read a testimonial [1]. The report said that Israel had been 'a servant to Mr Christie for nearly 30 years' which would suggest he had worked for him since 1849 when he was 12. This is very possible. Hector Christie's father, **Lorenzo Christie**, had purchased the Edale Cotton Mill in 1833 before also buying the Langcliffe Mills in 1861. Israel's parents and several siblings spent the rest of their lives at the Mill Cottages at Edale Cotton Mill just east of Edale village. The Christies were known to recruit from East Anglia and so it's likely that William moved to Edale in response to a job offer. More on that later.



and family. He was no adept at speech-making, and would call upon Mr Israel Jackson, a servant to Mr Christie for nearly 30 years, to read the testimonial.—Mr Jackson then read the testimonial, which was framed and beautifully illuminated, and had been executed by Messrs Armitage and Ibbotson, of Bradford, and which was as follows:—"To Wm. L. Christie, Esq.—As the workpeople in the employ of your father, Hector Christie, Esq., we wish to express the hearty esteem in which we hold you and your ancestors. As you are just attaining your majority we ask you to accept this address of good wishes and congratulations. We hope long life and happiness are in store for you. One strong feel-

Back in Yorkshire, by the time of the 1881 census Israel and Mary Ann had moved the family to Settle to live at the cottage, 1 Bridge End and Israel had been promoted to work as a mill overlooker (foreman), a post he held for the rest of his life. The Bridge End Mill was also owned by Hector Christie but during the 1870s had been taken over by **Henry Brassington** who used it as the base for his immensely successful saw mill business. So, Israel probably worked at the Shed Mill or the Langcliffe Place mill.

In July 1889 Israel undertook an unusual task as the timekeeper for a swimming competition along

Hansbrow, time 2m 13.4s. by T. Holden
officiated by Mr. and Mrs. and Mr. Israel Jackson as timekeeper.

with **Thomas Holden** as judge. It was held over 100 yards in the River Ribble above the top mill, then a paper mill. There were 200 spectators [CH]. Three local men raced against SS Burlington who must have been a 'professional'. Fastest 'local' was **James Allan Braithwaite**, a grocer's assistant from Middlesborough boarding with **John Bordley** in Settle, second was **Henry Stirk**, a builder from Skipton, third **Louis William Hansbrow** from Lancashire and last was **William Bullock**, Settle stonemason, son of **John Bullock and Elizabeth Sledding**.



SWIMMING CONTEST.—Considerable interest was excited in **Settle and Langcliffe** by the announcement that a swimming race would take place on Friday evening, July 26th, open to amateurs residing within a radius of six miles of **Settle**. On account of the unsettled weather the event was postponed until Monday the 29th, when the evening was all that could be desired. The place selected for the race was the reach in the river Ribble above the Paper Mill Wear, which, when the water is full to the brink, as it was on this occasion, affords a splendid straight course for a hundred yards race, the only drawback being that unless artificial means are resorted to the competitors are not able to dive in for a start. Three small prizes amounting in value to about 13s were given. It is estimated that about 200 spectators were present. The

Israel and Mary Ann's Golden Wedding on 10 November 1906 was celebrated in the Settle Almanac [LSA].

10. Public Tea and Lecture in connection with Langcliffe Wesleyan Chapel; lecturer: Rev. W. J. Moulton, M.A.—Mr. and Mrs. Israel Jackson, of Bridge End, Settle, celebrated their Golden Wedding.

Israel worked in the mills until his death in 1915 aged 78, having worked for some 66 years for Hector Christie. He still lived at the cottage at 1 Bridge End. Mary Ann had died the year before.

In loving memory of Mary Ann wife of Israel Jackson who died June 6th 1914 aged 80 years. Also of their daughter Elizabeth Ann who died Feby 15th 1892 aged 32 years. Also of the above Israel Jackson who died April 2nd 1915 aged 78 years. What I do though knowest not now, but thou shalt know thereafter, Old C36.



The gravestone also commemorated their daughter Elizabeth Ann Jackson who died aged 32. Tragically, of their six children, four others, **Archibald, William George, William Herbert** and youngest **Minnie**, died as infants or children. Archibald and William George died in Lancashire and William Herbert and Minnie are probably buried at Langcliffe. Just one son, fifth child **Henry Jackson**, survived.

Henry worked as a clerk at the cotton mill. He married **Mary Borrowdale**, a farmer's daughter from Horton-in-Ribblesdale. Margaret had come to live at 1 Banks View, a close neighbour to the Jacksons, with her younger sister **Isabella** and brother **James Borrowdale**. James was a fretwork assistant so probably worked for the successful **Harger family**, fretwork specialists. Later he became a dairyman in Nottinghamshire. These sisters were obviously close [ph1] — Isabella lived with Henry and Mary for the rest of their lives.



Henry died aged 71 and Mary aged 82. They were buried in the *New grave J10* with a stone matching that of Henry's parents. Descendants have a photo of the grave just after the burial, complete with the original

Settle Graveyard Project

kerbstones and an empty railway embankment [ph1].



In loving memory of Henry Jackson of Banks View Settle Born 23rd March 1865 Died 14th January 1937 Rest in Peace Also of Margaret Jackson wife of the above born June 13th 1870 died November 20th 1952, New J10

Mary's sister Isabella Borrowdale was buried with her brother **Robert Borrowdale** who had spent his life farming in Canada. He returned to live at 1 Banks View in Settle after his wife **Alice Turner**, originally from Langcliffe, died in Canada. Isabella and Robert are buried in the *New grave H33*



In Loving Memory of Robert Barrowdale died 11th July 1947 aged 75 years. Also Alice his wife died in Canada 1918. Isabella Borrowdale died 27th May 1971 aged 87 years

What happened to Israel's siblings?

Several siblings also moved to Lancashire at around the same time as Israel. Eldest brother **Daniel** worked as a coachman, **Sophia** went into domestic service and then married **John Burdekin**, a coachman. Youngest brother **David** worked as a carter and coachman. David boarded with widow **Elizabeth Booth** and her daughter **Mary Ann Booth** for at least 30 years before eventually marrying Mary Ann at the age of 53, just a few weeks after Elizabeth died. These events are probably connected! The good news was that they had nearly 30 years as a married couple before David died, aged 81.

The rest of the siblings stayed in the Edale area. Israel's sister **Martha** married **Benjamin Pickford** but died with first child **Walter** a year later in 1867. Just a year later sisters **Elizabeth** and **Martha** died in their twenties, within six months of each other and so probably of a shared disease. Sister **Rachel** remained a spinster and worked in Edale cotton mill. **Esther Ann** married a sawyer **William Frost Jackson** (no relation) and then a stonemason, **Robert Hadfield**, both in Castleton.

This left Israel's younger brother **William Jackson**, born in 1847, who started his career in the mills. He married **Margaret Marrison**, the daughter of an agricultural labourer. Incredibly by the time of the 1881 census William had become the manager of Edale Cotton Mill, living in the Mill buildings. He ran the mill with his son, **Eber Emmanuel Jackson**, as his deputy, until his painful death on New Year's Day 1907, aged 60 following a fall 18 months before [1]. William had been a churchwarden so a large congregation attended his funeral. A coroner's inquest revealed that in September 1905 William fractured his

MR. W. M. JACKSON, OF EDALE.

The death of **William Jackson**, aged 59 years, who was manager at Edale Cotton Mills, took place on Wednesday morning at an early hour. Deceased early in the evening, 1905, was severely injured by a fall, and never recovered.

The funeral of the late Mr William Jackson, manager of the Edale Cotton Mills, took place on Saturday at Holy Trinity Church, Edale. There was a large attendance of the congregation, the deceased having been a churchwarden some years. The Rev Dr Noakes, Vicar, officiated.

EDALE MANAGER'S DEATH.

LIVED OVER A YEAR WITH A FRACTURED SPINE.

On Thursday Mr. S. Taylor, coroner for the High Peak, held an inquiry at Edale, touching the death of Mr. **William Jackson**, manager of the Edale Cotton Mills, aged 59, which took place on New Year's Day. Dr. H. B. Shepherd, Castleton, said he was called to see Mr. **Jackson** on September 4, 1905, when he found him suffering from a fractured spine. He had since attended him, and recently bed sores had set up, and finally exhaustion, death resulting. Mr. **Jackson** told him that he had fallen into a by-wash, and that no one was to blame.

Harold Platt, a railway porter, said in September, 1905, he was passing along the road when Mr. **Jackson** was crossing the reservoir. In doing so he over-balanced and fell down the waterfall. Witness jumped through the waterfall and pulled him under a culvert whilst he went for assistance, but deceased could not move, and had to be carried home.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

