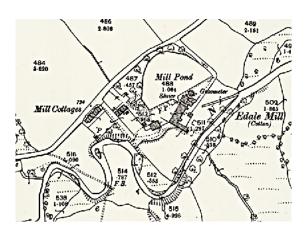
Israel Jackson, working for Hector Christie for 66 years

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 adopt at speech-making. and would call upon Mr Israel Jackson, a servant to Mr Christie for mearly 30 years, to read the testimonial.--Mr Jackson then read the testiilluminated, and had been executed by Messre Armitage and Ibbotson, of Bradford, and which -"To Wm. L. Christie, Esq workpeople in the employ of your father. Hector Christie, Esq., we wish to express the in which we hold you and your As you are just attaining your majority we ask you to accept this addres wishes and congratulations. We hope long life and happinessare 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 td es. ie T. Holden officated service and judge, and Ir Israel Jackson as time better.

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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 Langeliffe by the announcement that a swimming race would take place on Friday evening, July 26th, open to amsteurs 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.

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 Langeliffe 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



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. WM. JACKSON, OF EDALE.

The deat's of William Dackson, aged 59 years, who was manager at Edels Cotton Mills, took place on Wednesday morning at an early hour. Dec. ased early in Se tember, 1905, was severely injured by a fall, and never recovered.

The funeral of the late Mr William Jackson, manager of the Edate 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 had some hed set up and for the 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 cultural whilst he went for anythers. him under a culvert whilst he went for assistance, but deceased could not move, and had to be carried home.

settleresearch@gi death." returned a verdict of "Accidental



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spine after losing his balance and fell down a waterfall and into a by-wash whilst crossing the reservoir (mill pond). Dr Shepherd said William never recovered and became exhausted. What an awful way to go [1].

Son Eber Emmanuel Jackson took over when William became incapacitated. A few months after William's death Eber met some resistance from Arthur Tym, an engine tenter at the mill. Arthur was an important employee, overseeing the operation of the steam engine driving the mill machinery but Eber had discharged him because of poor work. William was violently kicked and was attended to by Dr Shepherd, again. Eber dropped the charges as Arthur apologised and paid Arthur, known to be the medical costs. popular conductor of Edale Brass Band, still worked at the mill at the time of the next census return.

Violent Assault on Edale Mill Manager.

At Chapel-en-le-Frith yesterday, Arthur Tym, engine tenter, of Edale, was charged with assaulting, kicking, and abusing Eber Jackson, manager of the Edale Cotton Mill, on October 26th. Mr. Walker, solicitor, New Mills, who appeared for the complainant, asked permission for the charge to be withdrawn, as the defendant had apologised and paid the costs. The Bench, regarding the matter as serious, asked to hear something of the affair.

The defendant (it was then stated) was a fireman at the mill. Because of the unsatisfactory manner in which Tym had been doing his work he was discharged, and on the date named he waited for the complainant to return home from the mill, and then violently assaulted him, kicking him twice. Mr. Jackson, it was stated, had been attended by Dr. Snepherd, and was not yet recovered from the effects of the assault.

In the result, the Bench allowed the case to be withdrawn. The assault they regarded as a serious one, and they looked upon the costs as a fine. They also warned the defendant as to his future conduct.

Eber's son, appropriately named **Hector Jackson** also had a career as a cotton mill manager in Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, just 15 minutes away from Edale.



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.

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'.

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