

David Pugh, a labourer with a grim tale

David, born in 1859 in Shrewsbury, was a carpenter's son. He came to Settle, presumably to find work on the railways and spent the rest of his life labouring. David met and married **Eliza Ann Haslam** in 1888 and they lived in Upper Settle. During the next 19 years Eliza Ann produced 13 children, three girls and ten boys. That is a phenomenal rate of production.

Tragically, of those 13 children eight died in infancy or childhood. Five are buried together in the unmarked *Old AX29* – **Tom, Maurice, John, Enoch** and **Eliza Alice**. The other three are buried just behind them in the unmarked *Old EX28* – **Edward, James** and **George**.

David and Eliza Ann both aged 84 are buried in the unmarked grave *New HX14*.

Eldest daughter (and second child) **Elizabeth** must have had a difficult upbringing with so many siblings dying as she was growing up. When she was 24 Elizabeth [*ph1*] married labourer **Robert Cox** and they lived at Bridge End. Robert was the nephew of *Joshua Marsden Cox*. Elizabeth and Robert are buried in the *New graveyard D13*



Treasured Memories of Robert Cox who passed away 20th December 1960 in his 84th year Also his wife, Elizabeth, who passed away 16th October 1965 in her 77th year "There the weary be at rest"

Daughter **Mary Anne** married **Walter Astle**. Daughter **Caroline** married **William Astle** who was not Walter's brother but was probably related. Walter and William were both railway workers and they all lived in Hellifield.

Son **William** married **Eva Enid Wright**. William died aged 50 in 1942. Then Eva married William's younger brother **Hollman** who had previously married and divorced **Hilda Newbould**. William, Hollman and Eva were cremated and their remains are in Giggleswick graveyard.



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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