

The Moores, with an exceptionally talented nurse

This fabulous photo, taken sometime after 1911, shows **Robert Moore** and his wife **Ann Sunter** with their three daughters and sons-in-law [ph1].



Robert, born in September 1860 near Hawes, was the illegitimate son of **Agnes Moore**, a farmer's daughter. Robert was born just two months before Agnes married **John Thwaite Metcalfe** and they had another seven children. Despite living with Agnes and John, Robert was referred to as 'grandson' in the 1861 census which probably suggests he was not John's son.

When he was 19, in November 1879, Robert married 18 year old farmer's daughter Ann Sunter. They were both working as servants at the time. They remained in Hawes with Robert working as an agricultural labourer while Ann started on the production of seven daughters. Four of them, the eldest **Agnes** and the youngest three, **Isobel**, **Rose** and **Esther** died in infancy. Such was Victorian England.

The arrival of the Settle and Carlisle railway provided better paid employment for Robert. He became a railway signaller in Hawes and would have worked with **Henry Dilley**, another signaller. In 1892 Robert was transferred to work in Settle. They lived at 4 Railway Cottages on Station Road at the junction with Cammock Lane. Their neighbours and fellow signallers/inspectors were **Henry Freeman**, **Mark Bellas Bolt** and **James Silcock**. These six cottages were built in 1875 by the Midland Railway to provide accommodation for their workers. As with all the stations along the Settle and Carlisle railway, little expense was spared, building them in the corporate



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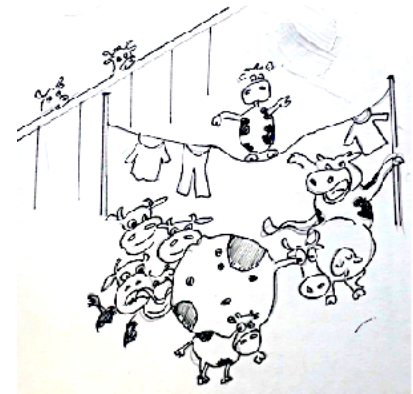
architectural style to provide impressive and comfortable accommodation. Recruitment to these relatively remote parts of the country was difficult so this was one strategy to help.

In 1894 Robert's half sister, **Sarah Jane Moore**, came to visit from Hawes. She was pregnant with a son, **John Moore Metcalfe**, [ph5] and may have wanted the help of Robert's wife Ann whilst avoiding difficult discussions back home. Six years later Sarah Jane married **Edmund Airey**, a Liverpool tram driver and young John was brought up by his grandparents. In the war John signed up to the Royal Field Artillery in October 1915. He was badly gassed in January 1918 whilst with the Trench Motor Battery and was invalided home, but went overseas again in July. He was killed instantly by a shell on 3 Oct 1918. *'He was one of the quietest and most unassuming of lads and a great favourite with his comrades, and the townspeople generally. He was for years prior to joining up a member of Hawes Church Choir, and also a member of Hawes Brass Band.'*



At the time of the 1891 and 1911 censuses Ann was found living in Liverpool with her parents and sister with one of her daughters. She could just have been visiting but there may have been other reasons. Perhaps she needed a break from railways, or Robert.

Ann's parents, **James and Mary Sunter**, worked in farming but during the 1880s they joined the hundreds of families from the north Yorkshire Dales responding to adverts [SC] to move to Liverpool to become 'cowmen', providing milk for the expanding city. Over 900 farmers and their families lived in regular terraced housing and kept an estimated 4000 cows in back yards, feeding them on fresh grass in local parks and, famously, Everton football field. The fresh milk was welcomed by the city folk, ladled directly from churns into customers' jugs. Family members also made and sold butter, cheese and cream and many also kept hens and pigs to provide eggs and bacon. Cowhouses operated for over 100 years, the peak around the time of World War 1 when women ran the businesses. Successful families diversified to arrange for deliveries, thus establishing the role of the 'milkman' [ph2].



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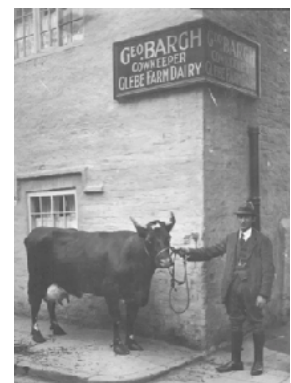
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The families of the Yorkshire Dales cowmen formed a close knit community, partially because locals couldn't easily understand the Yorkshire accent. They socialised together and intermarried. They were very successful businesses, many employing several servants at the time of each census. Several of Ann's brothers became Liverpool cowmen.

Back in Settle Robert retired in 1928 having worked as a signaller nearly 50 years, the last 36 of those being in Settle. Robert and Ann celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1929, with a family re-union dinner party at the Golden Lion. They retired to live in the Market Place as the cottages owned by the railway would have been needed for other railway employees. Robert died in 1934, aged 73 and Ann followed a year later. Their gravestone commemorates the lives of their

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infant daughters. Isobel and Esther are buried in the same plot, Agnes and Rose were buried back in Aysgarth.

In Loving Memory of Robert Moore, born September 29th 1860, died July 22nd 1934. Also Agnes, Isobel, Rose and Esther their daughters who died in infancy. Also of Ann his wife, born November 26th 1860 died May 1st 1935, Old C71



Robert and Ann's youngest surviving daughter, another **Agnes** (after the eldest daughter called Agnes who had previously died), accompanied her mother to Liverpool to visit her grandparents and sister at the times of two censuses. It's perhaps no surprise that Agnes married a man from Liverpool, **William (Will) Redman**, a carter's son [right of main photo]. Will started off life as a publisher's office boy, running errands and doing odd jobs and later as a shipping checker. Apparently Will did everything for Agnes to the point of ridicule. Agnes kept an immaculately tidy house with a leather sofa which was so highly polished it was difficult to sit on! Her carpet was covered with multiple carpet runners to protect it and these eventually caused her demise after she fell over them. At the time of the 1939 pre-war register Agnes live with her widowed sister **Mary (Moore) Lambert** at Ingdene, 55 Duke Street. After the war Agnes moved back to Liverpool. She died there, aged 86 and William died two years later in 1974.

Robert and Ann's eldest surviving daughter **Mary (Polly)** [centre of main photo] married the printer **William Lambert**, the eldest son of **James Wilcock Lambert** founder of the printing empire and their account is provided separately. Robert, Ann and Mary were pictured at their house in High Hill Grove with Mary's daughter **Dora (Lambert) Mitchell** and her first two children [ph1]. William and Mary were buried in New K15.



In dearest memory of William Lambert born May 31st 1879, died 21st Dec 1933 and Mary Lambert his wife, born September 3rd 1881, died Oct 8th 1971

Robert and Ann's remaining daughter **Sarah Ann (Sally) Moore** [left of main photo] worked in domestic service for **William Marshall Watts**, a science teacher at Giggleswick School. She may well have taken over that position from **Mary Annie Woolerton** who was killed a couple of years before when her dress caught fire whilst working in the house. Sally avoided such problems and married **John Thomas (Jack) Batty** who was the son of innkeeper **Robert Batty** at the Crown Inn/Vaults next to the Naked Man on the Market Place. In one of those small town coincidences, Jack's sister **Ada Annie Batty** married **Ernest Lambert**, the brother of Mary Moore's husband William Lambert.



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Jack worked as a draper in the Market Place and had his shop behind the Shambles, next to what is now the bike shop [ph3]. Jack was the President of the Settle Amateur Operatic Society in 1948/50.

The sisters enjoyed the Eclipse over Giggleswick in 1927. Mary is at the front left and Jack and Sally back row 2nd and 3rd right [ph3a]. William is on the back row centre with the fine moustache.



Sally was quite an incredible woman, involved in many local organisations but primarily with nursing, welfare and first aid which was of particular use during the wars. She became interested in nursing through **Dr Francis Edward Atkinson**, a pioneer of the local ambulance service and gained her first certificate in 1905. Sally joined the St John's Ambulance nursing division in 1911 and replaced **Mrs Mary Ann (Close) Procter** as



Superintendent in 1918. Sally was awarded the Voluntary War Service Medal for her contribution to WWI and in 1932 was admitted as a 'Serving Sister of the Order of St John'. She was pictured in 1935 with fellow nurses on the front row, second from right [ph3b].

SETTLE.
IN LONDON RALLY.
Mrs. S. A. Batty, of Settle, and Mr. Dawson, of Sedbergh represented the Ewecross Division of the West Riding of Yorkshire at the National Service Rally held in Hyde Park, London on Sunday when the rally marched past the King and Queen.

AT AMBULANCE REVIEW.
Last week-end 12 members of the Settle St. John Nursing Division and five members of the Ambulance Division under Lady Divisional Superintendent S. A. Batty, S.S., attended the review on the occasion of the Jubilee anniversary of the St. John Ambulance Brigade held in Hyde Park, London.

DISTRICT NURSING
Settle Meeting
The annual general meeting of the Settle and District Nursing Association was held at the Town Hall, Settle, Mr. John Moore presiding. Mrs. S. A. Batty, secretary, stated that during the year the following cases were attended: General nursing, 84; maternity, 27; midwifery, 24; total 135. General nursing visits numbered 1,318, maternity 362, midwifery 340, school-home 23, infant health 650, ante-natal 173, casual 73, total, 2,939. Mrs. Batty expressed appreciation of the work done by collectors.

In 1943 Sally was the secretary to the nursing division providing facts and figures to the AGM. Mr **John Moore** presided over the meeting [2]. In 1937 Sally visited Hyde Park with other members of the Nursing and Ambulance Divisions for the jubilee of the anniversary of the St John's Ambulance Brigade. In 1939 Sally was in Hyde Park again representing Settle in the National Service Rally marching past the King and Queen [2].

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Aside from nursing Sally was also involved in the Cricket and Bowling Club, the Women's section of the British Legion and the North Ribblesdale Primrose League, the Giggleswick Brownie Pack and numerous welfare and women's meetings. A busy woman!

Sally [ph2, left] was also on the Settle Coronation Committee which organised the town's celebrations for the coronation of Edward VIII in 1937 and presumably that of George VI a year later.

Sally gave numerous lectures on first aid and voluntary service across the area and it was as she was addressing the Settle and Giggleswick Women's Voluntary Services that she suddenly collapsed and died, aged just 59. Her

glowing obituary highlighted her qualities as a great leader despite being a woman in a man's world.

Sally and Jack didn't have children of their own but helped to entertain nephews and nieces, taking them to the pantomime in Bradford. When Jack died, in 1952, he left his estate to their nephews and nieces. Sally and Jack are buried together in the *New graveyard G11*

In loving memory of a dear wife Sarah Ann Batty died May 13th 1943 aged 59 years. Gave of her best. Also John Thomas Batty died Feb 19th 1952 aged 70 years. At rest



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.

The life stories of people with italicised names have been researched as part of the graveyard project and can be found on [dalescommunityarchives.org.uk/settle graveyard project](http://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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