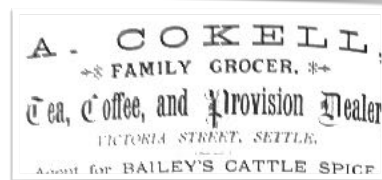


The Cokells, serving Settle, King and country

The Cokells of Settle descended from **Adam Cokell**, born in 1833, a shoemaker from Lancaster who came to Settle and married **Ann Moorby** in 1858. Adam ran his business in Victoria Square while Ann brought up six children. Daughter **Agnes** died, aged 9, in 1881 and is buried in an unmarked grave in the Ancient graveyard.

In 1864 Adam gave a reading at a social meeting of the Adult Sabbath classes [SC]. These had been set up by the Quaker families and the Mechanics Institute to provide working class men with life skills to develop their prospects. Adam became a grocer in his latter years, still on Victoria Street. Adam was 62 when he died and Ann was 79. They are buried in the unmarked *OldAX24* with Ann's mother **Sarah (Hardacre) Moorby**.

Several 'readings' were also given by members of the classes. Mr Adam Cokell read a story of Russian travellers attacked by wolves; Mr James Winskill, 'The Burial of Moses,' Mr Thomas Graham, 'One glass more,' Mr John Towler, 'The village parson,' and Mr James Bulcock, 'The Psalm of'



Eldest son **Samuel Cokell** married **Sarah Ewbank** from Appleby and they had six sons and two daughters. They lived on Albert Hill and then on Castle Hill which remained a Cokell home for many years. Samuel found work on the railways as a platelayer. In 1884 Sarah was fined for throwing dirty water over **Sophia Peel** of Upper Settle 'five times in succession'! [1]. This was a good old family argument. **Sophia (Allen) Peel** was the wife of **Robert Moorby Peel**, Ann (Moorby) Cokell's nephew.

ASSAULT.—Sarah Cokell, Upper Settle, was charged with assaulting Sophia Peel, also of Upper Settle, on the 26th ult. Complainant stated that defendant threw dirty water over her five times in succession. Defendant admitted throwing the water, and was fined 10s. and 8s. 6d. costs.

In October 1905 a British Railways accident book describes Samuel became 'Ruptured. Continued at work until Feb'y 1906' but he was still working on the railway at the time of the 1911 census.

1. Samuel Cokell	1905	Settle	Way + Work, Platelayer	Department
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Sarah died in 1919, aged 54 and Samuel died 20 years later, aged 79. They are buried with their young daughter **Rose Ann** in the Old graveyard C22.

In loving memory Rose Ann daughter of Samuel and Sarah Cokell died March 2nd 1897 aged 7 years. Samuel Cokell died May 27th 1939 aged 79 years. Sarah Cokell died 14th May 1919 aged 54. Also John their son killed in action in Flanders August 13th 1917 aged 23 years, Old C22

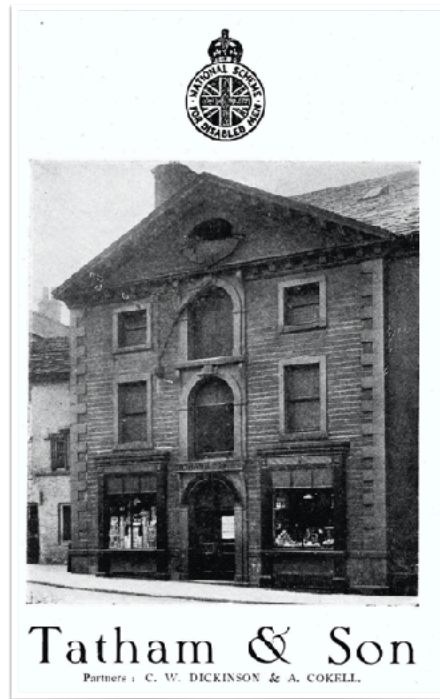


The gravestone commemorates the life of their fourth son **John Cokell** [ph1] who was one of four sons who went to war — imagine how Samuel and Sarah must have felt as they all set off? John worked as a railway porter and for Craven Limes and also served as a territorial. He joined the Royal Field Artillery when war was declared. His work as a signaller involved laying land telegraph lines — a dangerous job. He was killed by a sniper whilst laying cables during the 3rd battle of Ypres in France on 13th August 1917, aged 23. A letter from Major Lindsay to his parents said, 'I have lost one of my best telephonists and a really good man. . . Your son was a true soldier and has died a soldier's death, serving his King and Country.' His parents were also presented with a parchment certificate which read, 'For coolness and devotion to duty during the recent operations near Ypres, especially during the last week of July 1917. . . Whenever a line had to be laid under shell fire, or a particularly unpleasant job had to be done, he always volunteered for the worst work and has given encouragement to those around him.' In October 1915 John had married **Emma Julia Myatt** who had been working as a



nurse at the workhouse. She was not too happy that the parchment had been sent to John's parents instead of to her. Samuel and Sarah received another letter from Major Lindsay saying, *'I have had a communication from Mrs Julia Cokell demanding that this honour should be sent to her but as no-one in the battery knew that Gunner Cokell was married and his next of kin in his book was yourself, I am sending it to you as I know you will know how to deal with it.'* Julia later married a widowed grocer **Edward Pease** in 1933. The other three sons survived the war, not necessarily unscathed.

Samuel and Sarah's son, **Adam Cokell**, was a shop assistant in the old Co-op on Victoria Street [LSA]. War records show he was passed *'1st class'* training in signalling and telegraphy and was of *'very good'* character'. He was discharged in 1918 due a *'disease of right arm'* which affected him for the rest of his life. In the 1930s Adam Cokell was a partner at the Tatham store on Cheapside [ph2] with **Charles William Dickinson**, the son of **John Dickinson** and **Ann Todd**. The advert mentions this was under the banner of the *'National Scheme for Disabled Men'*. In 1913 Adam married **Rose Otway** who moved to Settle from Norfolk to work in service for the Geldard family at Cappleside in Rathmell. An appreciation of Adam upon his death, aged 72 said, *'His manner was distinguished by a stately courtesy, such as one would associate with years gone by. He had unrivalled powers as a raconteur and when he started on one of his stories, there was usually a dead silence to the end. His rollicking voice and was an outstanding figure will be a memory hard to dim.'* Quite a character! Adam enjoyed antiques, wildlife and his allotment. [A]



When Samuel and Sarah's son **Frank Cokell** signed up for the war he was listed as a *'steam roller attendant'*. He worked in the Royal Engineers but was discharged in 1919 as *'no longer physically fit enough for service'*. After the war Frank worked as a signal and telegraph maintenance wireman on the railway. Frank and his wife **Elizabeth Ellen Gutteridge** had five sons. They were buried in the most recent section of Giggleswick graveyard with two sons who died aged just 47 and 50.

Treasured memories of Frank Cokell who died 26th Dec 1954, and of Elizabeth Ellen who died 25th Dec 1972 and of Peter Guttridge Cokell son of the above who died 6th May 1971 and of Brian Cokell who died 21st Dec 1971.



Samuel and Sarah's son, **Samuel Cokell**, worked as an attendant at a mental hospital and so served in the Royal Army Medical Corps during the war [A]. Son **Ernest Cokell**, worked as a hairdresser under the centre arch in the Shambles. In 1924 Ernest was working as a beater for a shooting party when he witnessed 71 year old **John Greenbank** being killed by a strike of lightning which must have been stressful [3]. In 1908 Ernest married **Lilian Hartley** who descended from Langcliffe coal merchant, **James Hartley** whose mother, **Isabella Hartley**, ran the Golden Lion for decades.

Ernest worked from a shop opposite the Folly on Victoria Street, just down from the old Coop. Ernest and Lilian had four sons, including twins **Frank** and **Walter**. Twin Frank died in infancy but twin Walter worked as a quarryman but ran a social club at Bank Buildings on High Street when he retired. Walter is buried with his wife **Kitty Fitchett** in the grave New J47.

Ernest Cokell, Dell Hill, Settle, one of the beaters for Major J. A Morrison's party, said the drive had only just commenced, when Greenbank was struck. There were signs of a storm when the driving started, and the party were fully exposed to the weather. Greenbank carried a beater's flag and a walking stick, but nothing to attract lightning. There were only two flashes, the second one causing the fatality. The Coroner returned a verdict of "Accidentally killed by lightning"

In loving memory of Walter Cokell died Dec 9th 1983, aged 67 years, Also Kitty, wife of the above died Nov 18th 1969, aged 49 years. New J47



Ernest, who died aged just 47 and Lilian, who outlived him by 27 years, are buried in an unmarked grave New KX14. Their youngest son Ernest (Ernie), a painter and decorator, worked for **Thomas Horner** in the Market Place before running his own business from 1955 at what is now the resource centre in Duke Street opposite the Post Office [A]. Ernest was famously photographed in front of the horse outside the Smithy in Castle Hill before the houses below Bowskills Yard were demolished [ph2]. He served in WW2 was remembered fondly as being a lovely gentle man who didn't retire until he was 75.



Ernest married **Deirdre Furness** in 1955. After Ernest (Snr) died Lilian worked in service for the Birkbeck family at Anley and as a result the witnesses to their wedding included the resident Lady of Anley, **Rozanne Elizabeth Wyatt Birkbeck**, the first wife of **Major General Theodore Henry Birkbeck**. Ernie and Deirdre celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the Settle and Carlisle Railway in style [A]. Deirdre was a busy and resourceful woman being involved in almost every Settle community group while raising five children and running her craft shop (which still operates to this day, run by daughter Sue.) She was one of the main drivers behind the formation of the Settle Area Community Swimming Pool, the Riverside Walk and renovations to Victoria Hall amongst many other projects. As chair of the town council Deirdre [right,A] was presented to the Duke and Duchess [left] of Gloucester during a visit to Settle to celebrate the European Architectural Heritage Year in 1975. Deirdre received a glowing obituary from the Town Mayor[A] when she died in 2007, described as unique, irreplaceable and with an unselfish, immeasurable contribution to the well being of the



A great loss

Sir - The members of Settle Town Council are very much saddened by the death of the former chairman Mrs Deirdre Wendy Cokell.

Settle has suffered a great loss, but her family's loss is so much greater.

Deirdre's unselfish commitment and positive contribution to the well-being of the Settle community and far beyond is immeasurable. She gave quietly without fanfare.

Often, recipients of her unselfish efforts were totally unaware of her identity, for example, many children of Chernobyl, patrons of the Victoria Hall, future beneficiaries of START projects and so many, many more over the years. All this while looking over and worrying about her beloved family.

She is unique and irreplaceable.

Thinking of the manner in which she confronted and fought against MS and then her final illness while working and caring for everybody but herself, I shall always remember her, talk about her and celebrate her as the

bravest and most unselfish person I have ever known.

community. She was the 'bravest and most unselfish person I have ever known'. What an amazing woman.

Deirdre and Ernest are buried in Old J47 in a specially selected plot.

Deirdre Cokell, born 2 August 1935, died 6th December 2007, aged 72 years, forever in our hearts, the wind beneath our wings. In loving memory of Ernest (Ernie) Cokell, husband of late Deirdre, born 17 November 1921, died 2 June 2011, aged 89.



Going back a generation, Adam and Ann's son **Thomas Cokell**, a butcher, died in 1906, aged 31, just a few years after marrying **Margaret Newall**. Margaret remarried and their two sons were brought up by their Cokell grandparents. Thomas was buried in the unmarked *Old GX24*. Thomas' grandson, via son **Maurice**, a quarryman, was **Thomas Allen Cokell** who made a living at the Settle Coop. In October 1943 Gunner Cokell, serving with the anti-aircraft battery, received head wounds from a gun splinter in Sicily [2]. He recovered and lived until the age of 75. Adam and Ann's daughter **Sarah Jane Cokell** became the first wife of **James Henry Foster**, the son of *William Foster* and his wife **Susannah Barker**. Sarah Jane is buried in the unmarked *Old HX24* with James Henry and his brother, William Foster, who returned from Canada after his wife ran off with the ranchman next door.

IN SICILIAN CAMPAIGN.
Another young man from the Settle district who became a casualty in the Sicilian campaign is Gnr. Thomas Allan Cokell, R.A., serving with a light anti-aircraft battery. He received head wounds from a bomb splinter. Evacuated to a Middle East military hospital he is now sufficiently recovered to return to duty. Gnr. Cokell, aged 19, joined the Forces in November of last year. He was formerly employed by the Settle Co-operative Society. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cokell, reside at St. John's Row Langcliffe.

Adam and Ann's daughter **Rose Ann Cokell** married **Thomas Allen Bulcock** who was a cotton cloth examiner. Thomas was one of three illegitimate children of **Jane Bulcock**. Jane and her sister **Parthenaea Bulcock** had six illegitimate children between them. If the occasionally used naming conventions for illegitimate male children apply in this case, Thomas Allen Bulcock could have been the son of **Thomas Allen**, a cotton weaver who was married with four children who soon moved to Blackburn with his family. Rose Ann and Thomas Allen Bulcock lived in Wapping Cottage, the Old Methodist Chapel in Upper Settle and had four children but little **Annie** died in infancy.



To the dear memory of Thomas Allen the beloved husband of Rose Ann Bulcock died Jan 11th 1924 aged 56 years. Peace perfect peace. Also of Rose Ann beloved wife of Thomas Allen Bulcock died Nov 21st 1931 aged 61 years, Old K44.



Thomas Allen and Rose Ann's son **Frank** [ph1] started life as a clerk at a colliery. On the 5th April 1915 he married **Emily Kitchener**, daughter of gardener **Stephen Kitchener** who lived on Castle Hill. Frank was another victim of the war, killed on 19th December 1915 on the western front in Belgium from a shrapnel wound in his back. If he had survived one more week he was due to go on leave. In 1908 he had been a witness to the marriage of Ernest Cokell and Lilian Hartley. Emily became the second wife of **Herbert Edmondson**, a draper.



In a post script to this story . . . the Adam Cokell born in 1833 was the third son of another **Adam Cokell**, a joiner and **Mary Riley**. Family rumours suggest a family argument resulting in some members of the family changing their name to Calkeld. This is borne out by records. Of the six

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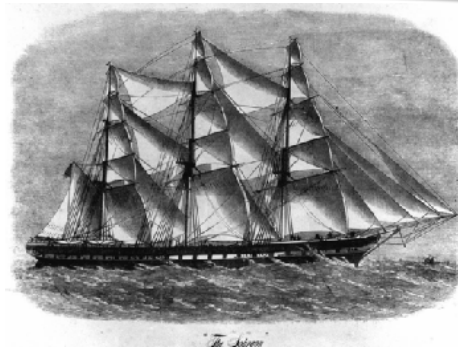
Marriage solemnized at <i>St John's, Langcliffe</i>		
When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.
<i>Jan 11th</i>	<i>Edward Thomson Fisher</i>	<i>41st yrs</i>
	<i>Maria Cokell</i>	<i>40th yrs</i>
d in the <i>Church of St John</i> according to the R		
Marriage solemnized at	<i>Edward Thomson Fisher</i>	
	<i>Maria Cokell</i>	

siblings, three changed their name to Calkeld. The name changes only took place after the death of father Adam in 1849 and perhaps it is connected to his death? Adam's eldest son **Samuel**, a bobbin turner, third son **Adam** (above) and fourth son **Matthew**, a joiner, remained as Cokells. Youngest son **Thomas Riley 'Calkeld'** worked as a clerk for the Lancashire Canal. Daughter **Maria** didn't seem too sure. On her wedding registration document she gave her name as Calkell but her signature appears to read Cokell.

Second son **James 'Calkeld'**, a blacksmith worked at Crosby Ravensworth near Kirkby Stephen, probably finding work on the Settle and Carlisle railway construction. He married **Mary Hunter** and they had four children, two of whom, **Adam** and **Mary Ann** were known as Cokell and sons **Robert** and **Thomas** were known as Calkeld. Clearly there was a bit of confusion.

When he was 19, in 1878, James' son Thomas Calkeld, a blacksmith, married 25 year old **Margaret Stephenson** and, by the time of the 1881 census they were in Settle, living in the Zion Chapel Yard and then at Goldielands. James and Margaret had three daughters and a son although eldest **Mary Jane** died, aged five and is buried in an unmarked grave at Giggleswick. October 1889 Thomas, aged 33, wrote to the papers to *'express his gratitude to all those whose subscriptions have enabled him to take a voyage to Australia and back, his medical advise being of the opinion that this step was absolutely necessary to save the man's life.'*^[5] However, either on the way out or on the way back, in February 1890, Thomas died of *'tuberculosis disease of kidneys'* on board the ship *Sobraon* ^[ph1] which was a huge, fast and comfortable ship which had been built at Aberdeen. A report on the *Sabraon* in Australia Newspapers said, *'Sobraon, of 2,131 tons, her house flag at the main truck floated nearly 200 feet above the water and under full sail she spread more than 2 acres of canvas. She was decked and planked with almost imperishable teak from forests of Burma. On each voyage 3 bullocks, 3 cows, 90 sheep, 50 pigs and 300 geese and fowls were carried to provide fresh food for passengers. She often ran 2,000 nautical miles in a week and speeds of 16 knots were not uncommon to her. Once she travelled equivalent of 392 land miles in a day.'* *Sabraon* went out of service in 1891. Interestingly, this ship only ever sailed between the UK and Australia.

Mr THOMAS CALKELD, blacksmith, Settle, desires to express his gratitude to all those whose subscriptions have enabled him to take a voyage to Australia and back, his medical adviser being of opinion that this step was absolutely necessary to save the man's life.



The family photo of Margaret and the three surviving children must have been taken soon after Thomas' death when youngest **James Edwin** was three ^[ph5]. Perhaps there had been a life insurance scheme as, by the time of the next census, Margaret moved up to live to Sansbury Place, adjacent to the Overdale properties on Duke Street which she ran as a boarding house. At the time of the 1901 census their boarders were a doctor and a male nurse. Thomas's elder brother **Robert Calkeld** worked in Lancaster but must have visited the family in Settle. In 1892, 32 year old Robert, a joiner married **Jessie Jean Dunkeld** who had travelled to Settle from Scotland to work as a servant for **Susanna Clayton** at Townhead. They married in Settle but then lived in Morecambe.



The photo, taken in 1914, shows the family – Margaret and the three children sitting in a car outside their house ^[ph5]. At the back of the car is Margaret's brother **Michael**

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Stephenson who was visiting with his wife **Ann Dixon**, at the front. They had emigrated to Australia during the 1870s where Michael worked as a train driver.

When he was 18, son **James Edwin Calkeld** was employed as a postman with his daily round being between Selside and Horton in Ribblesdale. He retired in 1947 having worked for the Post Office for 47 years walking *'over a quarter of a million miles in all weathers'* [4]. His obituary describes an active life in the village. After serving with the 6th West Riding Regiment Volunteers [ph5]. James married **Ruth Tippling** from Northallerton.

The "Postie"
Retires
Few people felt the rigours of last winter more than Mr. James Edwin Calkeld, Brookside, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, who has retired after 47 years in the postal service. For 43 years he was postman at Horton, where his daily round took him to many isolated farms in the district.

He tells me that his duties have taken him over a quarter of a million miles in all weathers on his feet. Besides delivering letters Mr. Calkeld has undertaken many tasks which have helped out the farmers and villagers in remote parts of the Dale. When his wage was 15s. a week he had to pay 12s. a week board and 2s. 3d train fares, for his home was then at Settle.

He has taken a prominent part in village affairs and has been chairman of the Parish Council, treasurer and secretary of the Public Hall, sexton and a chorister at the Parish Church, and secretary of the Comforts and Welcome Home Funds. During the first World War he served for three years, and in the 1939-45 war he was a Home Guard captain in charge of training a section whose duties included the guarding of lonely stretches of the important Leeds-Carlisle railway.



The Calkeld family gravestone remembers Thomas, Margaret, daughters Mary Jane, Florence, Alice, James Edwin and his son Charles Edwin although contains the burials of Margaret, Florence and Charles Edwin and his wife Edna Rudd.



In memory of Thomas Calkeld who died at sea. Also Margaret his wife and daughters Mary Jane, Florence and Alice. R.I.P. James Edwin Calkeld Died June 23rd 1963 aged 76 years. Charles Edwin Calkeld 14-8-16 - 10-6-96, Old H45

The family photo shows Samuel and Sarah Cokell, sitting down on the right, next to Samuel's mother Ann (Moorby) Cokell [ph6]. Standing on the right is Samuel and Sarah's daughter, **Agnes Cokell** with her husband **Sandy Parker**.



Settle Graveyard Project

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

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