

The Stained Glass Windows in Church of St Alkelda, Giggleswick

Batten family

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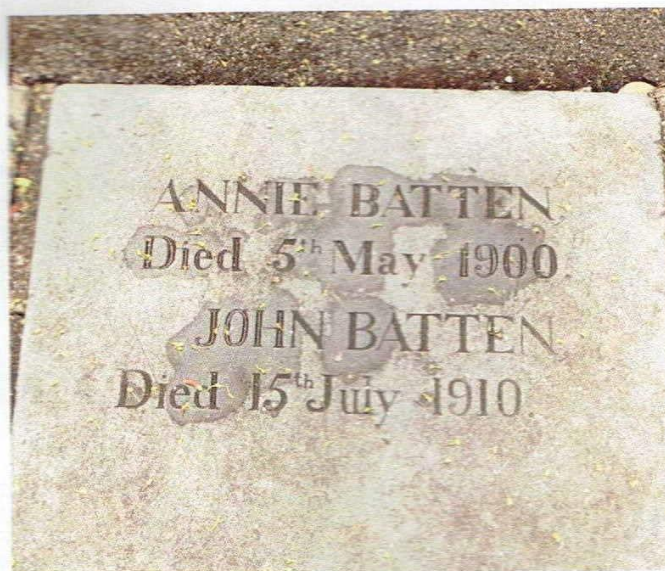
The Batten Window 1900

This window has the inscription:

'In loving memory of Annie Batten, who died 5 May 1900, by
her husband + son'.



The shield is the arms of the Batten family and engraved on the tombstone of Annie and John Batten outside the church porch, (A1j/1), but is not depicted in the window.



It is not known how John and Annie Batten met but Annie's family had long connections to the area around Settle. John's family had always lived around Rochester and then London. Annie, who died first, was brought from Kensington and buried in St Alkelda's in 1900 and John also, being brought back from Woking was buried with her in 1910.

John Batten, Mayor of Rochester, father of **John Batten**

John Batten, son of John Batten cabinet maker of Rochester and his second wife, Sarah Nicholson, was born on 20 March 1796 and baptised at St Margaret, Rochester on 18 May, 1796. He was apprenticed to his father. His parents died tragically on the same day in 1815 but John did not come of age until 1817 and his father's estate was held in trust by his uncles, Edward

Batten and William Nicholson. On 31 March 1817, just 11 days after his majority he married Sarah Prall, daughter of John Prall and his wife, Rachel Hatch, at St Nicholas. Then on 14th July 1817 he became a Freeman of Rochester by virtue of his birth from John Batten. At that time he was already occupied as an auctioneer.

In 1819 John was recorded as using the Sun Inn in Chatham as an auction house. By 1824 when he appears in Pigot's Directory he was established at his home at St Margaret's Bank, Rochester, a cabinet maker and auctioneer. He was Mayor of Rochester in 1835 and again in 1841 and also served as a magistrate. At the 1841 Census he and Sarah were still living at St Margaret Bank with five of their children still at home.

In the summer of 1845 John was taken ill and died in the autumn of a tubercular abscess of the spleen on 20 October 1845 and was buried at St Margaret on 29th.

John Batten

John Batten, was born in about 1829 in Rochester, Kent, son of auctioneer John Batten and his wife, Sarah Prall, and was baptised at St Margaret, Rochester on 4th February 1829.

He had eight siblings – Isabel, Sisley John, George, Laetitia, Sara, Henry, Mary Sarah, and Fanny.

The early death of John Batten's father in 1845, led to his mother moving her family to Frindsbury Road where he was living in 1851 while working as a clerk in HM Customs.

Annie Batten

Annie's father, Stephen Hargraves, was born 26 July 1792 in Giggleswick, Yorkshire, the son of John Hargreaves and Anne (King) Hargraves. He was baptised at Giggleswick in Yorkshire on 21 August 1791. He married Isabella Holgate in 1818. They employed 4 labourers, renting most of their 2250 acres of farmland at Stockdale Farm behind Upper

Settle from the Dawson family of Langcliffe Hall and Thomas Clapham of Stackhouse. He was the largest landholder in the Settle area by far, being involved in sheep and cattle farming.

Stephen retired in 1853 after the death of William, his son, and he and Isabella his wife came to live in Settle at Rock House, Castle Hill. He died February 19th, 1859 aged 67 years in Leeds after an operation for gall stones when it was reported that inefficient and unhygienic nursing hastened his death. He left an estate valued at around £7000. It was probated on 24 June to his executors, his son, Robert, Thomas Stackhouse and Christopher Geldard.

Annie's mother - Isabella (Holgate) Hargraves was born before 22nd September, 1793 in Giggleswick, the date of her baptism. She was the daughter of John Holgate and Alice Stackhouse. She had ten siblings, including a pair of twins. All but three of their children died before them in the 1840s and 1850s. The date and whereabouts of her marriage to Stephen Hargraves is unknown. They had four children, John, Annie (m. Batten), Robert and Jane (m. Brown).

By 1861, when Isabella was a widow she is recorded as the owner of the property which was empty at that date. She died on September 7th, 1861, aged 68 years.

Isabel died on 7th September, 1861 at 2 Claude Villas, Denmark Hill, Camberwell, Surrey, the home of her son-in-law, John Batten and daughter, Annie Batten.

The records of Isabella's probate show:

National Probate Calendar (17 September 1761) Isabella Hargraves died 7 September 1761 at 2 Claude Villas, Denmark Hill, Camberwell. Formerly of Rock House, Settle. Estate less than £1000. Probate granted to Adam Brown Ad of Bennan near Thornhill in Dumfries, farmer and John Batten Gentleman of Camberwell, the executors)

In December 1861, Rock House in Settle was put up for sale as seen in the Settle Chronicle:

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
On WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of DECEMBER, next,
at the Lion Hotel, in Settle, at 6 o'clock in the evening,
subject to such conditions as will be then produced,
ALL THAT DESIRABLE
MESSAGE,
The Dwelling-House, situate in Settle, in the County of York,
called **ROCK HOUSE**, with the Yard, Garden, Outbuildings
and appurtenances to the same belonging, as lately occupied
by Mr Stephen Hargraves, and afterwards by his widow,
but now unoccupied, together with the **STABLE** adjoining,
now in Mr Jackson's occupation, the **CHANDLER'S SHOP**
belonging to Mr Henry Skirrow's occupation, and the **TWO**
COTTAGES adjoining, in the occupations of James Handby
and James Ingham, and the **PIG YARD** and **PIG COAT**
in the occupation of Richard Foster.
Rock House has been recently improved and embellished
throughout, and is in an excellent state of repair, and suitable
for the residence of a respectable family.
The House consists of an excellent Drawing and Dining
Room, large Kitchen and Pantry on the ground floor, Cellars
underneath. Five Bedrooms on the first floor, and excellent
attics above; and is within five minutes walk of the Church.
The House is little more than a mile from the North Western
Railway, and about half a mile from the Endowed Grammar
School at Giggleswick.
Further particulars may be known on application to
Messrs. G. & W. HARTLEY, who will appoint a proper
person to shew the premises.
Settle, November 20th, 1861.



John and Annie Batten

It is not known how **John and Annie** met.

Name	John Batten
Registration Year	1857
Registration Quarter	Oct-Nov-Dec
Registration district	Settle
Parishes for this Registration District	Settle
Inferred County	Yorkshire West Riding
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Household Members	Name
	John Batten
	Mary Foster
	Ann Hargraves
	Henry Towler

In October, 1857 at Settle in Yorkshire in 1857 **John Batten married Annie (Holgate) Hargraves**, born c. 1824 in Stockdale, Yorkshire, daughter of Stephen Hargraves and Isabel Holgate. She had three siblings John, Robert and Jane.

They are then shown listed in 1861 Census as living at 2 Claude Villas, Camberwell where John was a Clerk to HM Customs, age 32, married to Ann Batten, age 32, born in Settle, Yorkshire. Their son, John Holgate Batten was born in Camberwell in October 1859.

Annie died at 6 Campden Hill Terrace on 5th May 1900 aged 76. Her personal estate was worth £7214 17s 4d and was probated to John on 2nd June, resworn in July. She is buried at St Alkelda's Church, Giggleswick.

Probate

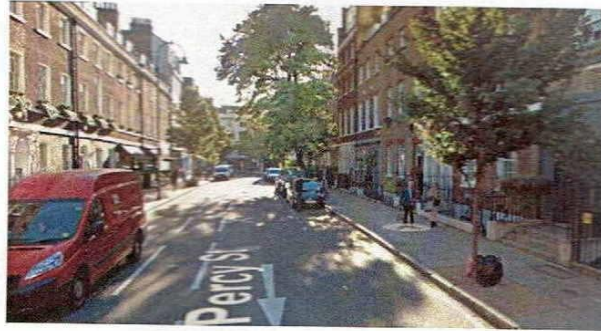
THOMAS NANCARROW tanner and THOMAS MASON gardener Effects £781 0s. 10d.

BATTEN Anne or Annie of 6 Campden Hill-terrace Kensington Middlesex (wife of John Batten) died 5 May 1900 Probate London 2 June to John Holgate Batten merchant Effects £6919 5s. 2d. Resworn July 1900 £7214 17s. 4d.

In 2017, this is worth approximately:

£5,639,410.26

By 1901 John Batten, widower, was living with his son, John H, at 4 Percy Villas, Kensington.



A letter written by John Holgate to his cousin, the Rev Arthur Cross, at this time described his father as old, blind, and unhappy, plagued by doubts about his religion. He had outlived his wife and all his siblings. He died in Woking on 5 July 1910 leaving an estate worth £341 1s 5d probated to his son, John Holgate Batten. John was buried with Annie at St Alkeda, Giggleswick on 15th July 1910.

Reflecting the importance of this family in the local area, Stephen and Isabella Hargraves have two graves,



the one in St Alkeda's, Giggleswick

'The family grave of Stephen
Hargraves',

next to his daughter's Annie Batten
and her husband John.

In view of the huge discrepancy between John and Annie's probates, it is likely that the window in Annie's memory was easily afforded by her legacy from her farming family in Stockdale.

The Hargraves family Bible shows:

"John Batten son of John Batten and Sarah Prall, father of John Batten ", written in the hand of his son, John Holgate Batten.

John Holgate Batten (1859 – 1933)

John H was born in Camberwell in 1859, the son of John and Annie Batten. They had moved to Kensington by 1871. At the 1881 Census he was living with his parents at 6 Campden House Terrace, Kensington, employed as a bank clerk. It is not certain that John ever served in the Army however there is an entry in Hart's Army List 18 April 1887. "John H Batten The King's Royal Rifle Corps, Adam and Eve yard, Kensington. John H Batten (major 26 January 1884)" He was however living again with his parents in 1891. About 1892 he married Jane Leckie Forbes with whom he had 3 children, John (Forbes) Batten, Stephen alexander Holgate Batten OBE and Marjorie Isabel (m. Webb).

By 1901 John H was working for himself as a Land Auctioneer, living with his wife, two sons and his father at 4 Percy Villas. By 1911 John and Janet had moved to Folkestone, perhaps for the health of their daughter, Margery of whom he had written in 1907 "My boys are in very good health I am glad to say but my little girl no great things yet we hope she will grow stronger."

Widowed in 1916 John H died at Horsell, Woking, Surrey on 25 July 1933 aged 74. His estate was worth £23,233 11s 11d, probated to his son Stephen, his daughter, Marjorie and Bank director, William Moore Fullerton on 21 August 1933.

John H was interested in genealogy and a regular correspondent of his cousin, Arthur Cross.