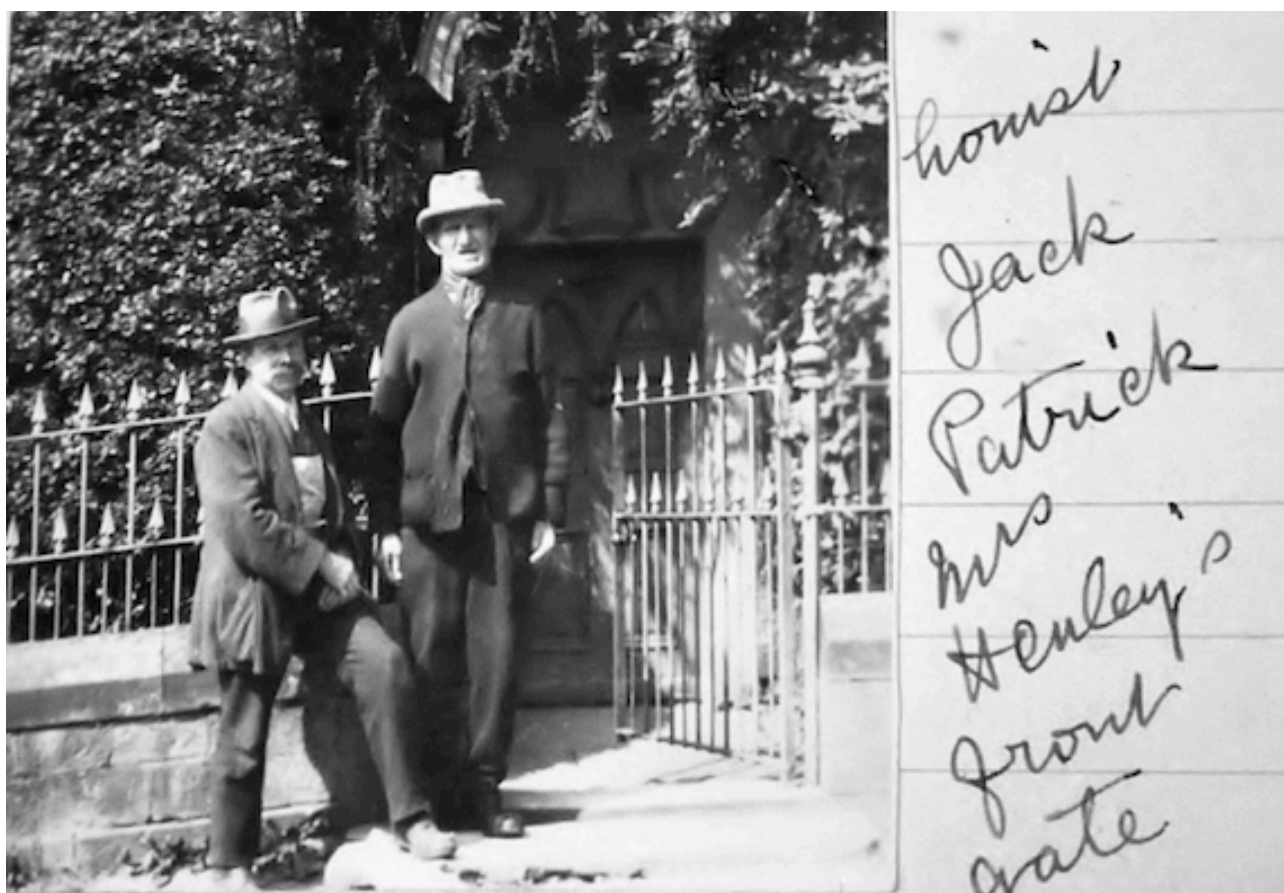


Honest John Patrick, and his dishonest relations

John Patrick was one of eight children of **Charles Patrick**, an agricultural labourer and his wife **Sarah Taylor**. The family lived in Banham, east of Thetford, Norfolk which is now known for its pretty thatched cottages and a zoo. When he was 18, on 3 October 1869, John married **Elizabeth Matilda Cracknell** who was born soon after her father, **James Cracknell**, died. Elizabeth Matilda's mother **Mary (Farrow) Patrick** brought up nine children single handed. Daughter Elizabeth Matilda, although only 17, gave birth to a son, **Robert John Cracknell**, just two months before her marriage to John Patrick. John and Elizabeth went on to have six daughters, moving to Settle in time for the birth of daughter number four, **Mary Elizabeth**. East Anglia suffered from an 'agricultural depression' during the second half of the nineteenth century as new machinery was removing the need for agricultural labourers. As a result, thousands of East Anglians left to find work in the cities and hundreds came to Settle for work in the mills, on the new railway or limestone quarries. They formed communities wherever they settled – surrounded by strange accents!

John worked as a quarrier in the limeworks but later took up gardening. Diarist Charles Green reported, *'I remember working for Mrs Henley of Hillside on Constitution Hill, and a dear old lady was she. I attended to the flowers and pruning etc and Mr Jack Patrick was Mrs Henley's kitchen gardener and handy man. Jack Patrick was know to most folk in Settle, a typical Norfolk man is Jack Patrick, ways of his own, which are not amiss when understood. Honest John Patrick would be a good name for him'*[CG]. Widow Mrs Henley moved to Settle after her husband Thomas Clark Henley, the vicar of Kirkby Malham, died in 1897.



John's mother, Sarah, died in the summer of 1880 and then his father, Charles, joined them in Victoria Square in Settle – a rather full house. Charles went back to Norfolk after a while to live with daughter **Susan (Patrick) Alba** who had just three children, a quieter house. Charles lived

to the fine old age of 90 spending his last days in the workhouse which will have provided some medical care.

At the time of the 1891 census John and Elizabeth Matilda had moved to live at Castleberg House on Back Lane which became the Settle Smithy we still recognise today. They had a niece, **Elisabeth Alba**, daughter of John's sister Susan, living with them. In July 1898 Elizabeth married **Henry Denmark Soames** who had also moved to Upper Settle to work in the quarries from Bawburgh to the west of Norfolk. Unfortunately, Elizabeth died less than a year after their marriage in April 1899, perhaps with child related issues and Henry died in May 1901. They are buried together in the unmarked *Old EX37*. We cannot miss this opportunity to record that after Elizabeth's death, Henry married **Eliza Ann Smales** from Langcliffe and they had a son, **Edward Victor Denmark Soames** who was brought up by his mother and grandparents in Langcliffe. Edward and his wife **Emily Monk** were the proud parents of **Derek Victor Soames** who became a local legend of the railway.

From Castleberg House the family moved to the Back Stables behind Cheapside and Duke Street. Elizabeth Matilda died in 1929, aged 77 and John followed in 1932, aged 81. They are buried in *Old D27* with their fifth daughter **Priscilla Patrick**, a spinster.

In Loving Memory of Joseph Cracknell who died Feb 19th 1900 aged 21 years. Also Elizabeth M Patrick who crossed the border June 14th 1929 aged 77 years. Also John Patrick who passed home March 15th 1932 aged 81 years. At Rest also Priscilla their daughter died Nov 2nd 1956 aged 78, Old D27



The first person commemorated on the stone was 21 year old **Joseph Cracknell** who had come up to Settle to live with his aunt Elizabeth Matilda, being the son of her brother **William Cracknell** and his wife **Mary Ann Goring**. The families must have been close – two of John and Elizabeth Matilda Patrick's daughters married William and Mary Ann Cracknell's sons. Elizabeth Matilda and John's daughter **Emma Jane Patrick** married **Thomas Frederick James Wright** [ph1] a gardener who was also from Thetford. They began their large family in Langcliffe and then took them to Church Street, Giggleswick. They are buried in Giggleswick Church graveyard with a stone which has now fallen down.

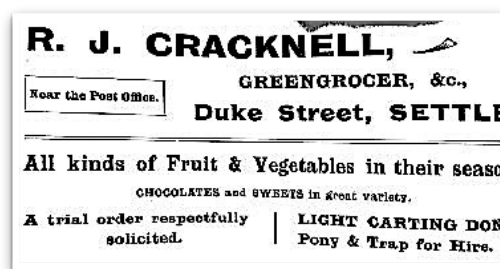


I.H.S, In loving memory of Emma Jane beloved wife of T. F. James Wright died Jan 7th 1949 aged 74 years, and of the above T. F. James Wright died 5th Mar 1963 aged 93 years.



John and Elizabeth Matilda's fourth daughter **Mary Elizabeth Patrick** married **William Frederick Limmer** whose father, **Robert Limmer**, had also come to Langcliffe to work in the quarries from Banham in Norfolk. Their descendant, **Alf Limmer**, was a well known and popular blacksmith. Their story is covered with the *Millington* family.

Elizabeth Matilda's son born just before her marriage to John was formerly registered as **Robert John Cracknell** although brought up as part of the Patrick family. When he was 25, in 1894 Robert John, using the surname Cracknell, married Jane Ellen Ellis who was also from Banham. Robert and Jane Ellen lived in Proctor's Row and then at 17 Craven Cottages in Settle and worked as



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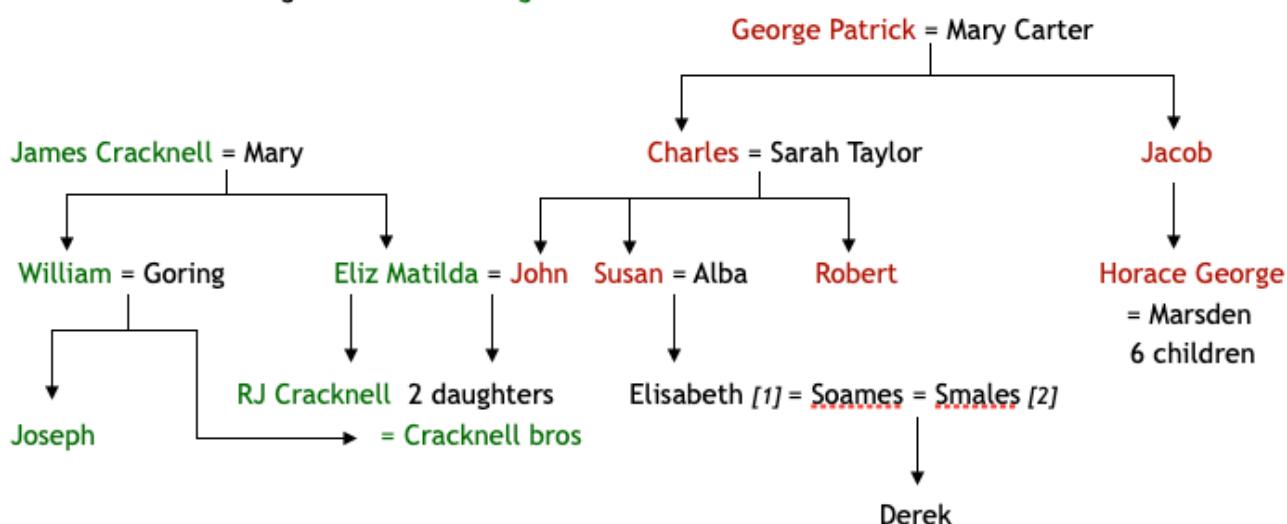
greengrocers from Duke Street [LSA]. They had four children but **Harry** and **Ethel** died in infancy. All the children were baptised with the surname 'Cracknell or Patrick' but were known as Cracknells after that. They were buried in *Old D28*, next to Robert's parents when they died.

To the Dear Memory of Ethel daughter of Robert and Jane Ellen Cracknell died May 2nd 1900 aged 2½ years also of their dear son, David Herbert John died Oct 26th 1919 aged 24 years. In the midst of life we are in death. Also Jane Ellen his wife died Jan 7th 1951 age 80 years. Also of Robert Cracknell died Jan 8th 1948 aged 78 years, D28



Robert and Jane Ellen's stone commemorates infant daughter, **Ethel**, who died an infant, and their son **David Herbert John Cracknell** who had the most unfortunate death. After serving as a Private in the Hampshire Regiment during the war he was waiting to come home in 'demobilising furlough' and it was during this that David died, aged 24 but the details are unknown. The speed at which troops were brought home depended on their peacetime occupation and some men had to wait months. Before he went to war David worked as an errand boy for Walker's chemist, at that point run by **William Walker** and his wife **Emily Towler** and so David would have been a long way down the list. Robert and Jane Ellen's surviving son **Sydney Cracknell** worked as a contractor's labourer in Skipton with his wife **Alice (Moorby) Cracknell**, also from Settle.

Cracknell Patrick Family Tree Cracknell in green Patrick in red



Going back a generation, John Patrick had an uncle **Jacob Patrick**, a farmer and coal dealer back in Banham, who had a bit of a problem with alcohol and subsequent driving of horses [2,3].

Jacob Patrick of Banham, coal seller, for being drunk and disorderly in the street, at Banham on the 5th May, was fined, with costs, 16s.

offence was fined with costs £1 10s.—**Jacob Patrick**, of Banham, farmer and coal dealer, was charged with furious driving at Banham on the 23rd November, and was fined with costs 10s. Mr. Jones, solicitor, Norwich and Kennicott, appeared for the defendant.—

Perhaps this had something to do with Jacob's youngest son, **Horace George Patrick's** decision to move up to Settle to join his cousin John. By 1898 Horace had married **Minnie (Jemima) Marsden**, the daughter of grocer-cum-cab proprietor **Thomas Marsden** [LSA] and his wife **Maria Briggs**. Thomas and Maria ran the refreshment rooms at the Folly for a while [ph2].

Horace George and Minnie had at least ten children. They lived in Lower Croft Street and Horace worked as a



fireman at the limestone quarry and then as a grocer at the Coop [centre-ph3]. Horace George and Minnie are buried in the grave Old L28 with their son George Edward Patrick and their daughter-in-law, Ethel Theodora (Moran) Patrick, wife of son Eric Patrick. Ethel was not mentioned on the stone which had a distinctive modern design.



In loving memory of Minnie wife of Horace George Patrick died Sep'r 2nd 1927 aged 50 years. Also of the above Horace George Patrick aged 67 years. Peace perfect peace. Also of a dear husband and father George Edward Patrick and son of the above died Feb'y 1st 1966 aged 54 years. Re - united, Old L28

Horace George and Minnie had three children who are buried together in an unmarked grave Old EX33 – John William Patrick, aged 17, Nellie Marsden Patrick, aged 4, and infant May Patrick. Nellie and May died within a few days of each other in March 1919 so may well have shared an infectious disease, possibly the Spanish Flu. Horace George and Minnie's son Thomas Marsden Patrick and his wife Ethel (Ralph) Patrick are buried in the unmarked grave New DX27.



There is one other member of this family buried in our graveyard. We started with John Patrick, son of Charles Patrick, who had a younger brother called Robert Patrick. In 1867 Charles was taken to court for assaulting his son Robert who was 12 [4]. The case was adjourned as a material witness was absent and there are no further reports about it. However, it is obvious that Robert didn't get on with his dad and was probably a bit of a naughty boy.

EAST HARLING.—On Tuesday, 30th April, before the Rev. A. B. Hemsworth, clerk, and J. W. Davy, Esq., Charles Patrick, of Bankham, labourer, was charged by Police-constable Vince with having assaulted Robert Patrick, of the age of twelve years, at Bankham, on the 15th of April. In consequence of the absence (through illness) of a material witness the case was adjourned until the 21st of May.—Maurice Leeder, of Besthorpe,

Robert decided to follow brother John to Settle. In 1880 Catherine Short of Langcliffe took Robert to court for being drunk but the case was dropped at her request as she didn't want to jeopardise her husband's job. The article was called 'The Drunken List' [1]. At the time of the 1881 census Robert lived at Willywood in Langcliffe, working as a labourer, lodging with the Segger family. The Limmer family were a few doors down. Six months later he married Eliza Ann Roberts who had moved to Langcliffe with her family from Cornwall. Perhaps a good wife would sort Robert out?

THE DRUNKEN LIST.—Catherine Short, Langcliffe, had summoned Robert Patrick, labourer, Langcliffe, on the 25th ult., but the complainant having expressed a wish that the case might be withdrawn, as the complainant's husband would lose his situation if he had to appear in court, the magistrates granted the request.

Or maybe not. Over the next ten years there are frequent reports of Robert's misdemeanours, usually for theft. He appeared in court so often that he was referred to as 'an old offender' [1]. He had few scruples, stealing from his lodging house keeper, a fellow lodger and a labourer at the limeworks. Being unable to pay fines, Robert spent several stretches at Her Majesty's pleasure in Wakefield [1].

Robert Patrick (30), labourer, was sentenced to nine calendar months' imprisonment with hard labour for having stolen wearing apparel from Mrs. Thompson, with whom he had lodged at Horton, in Ribblesdale. He was an old offender.

In January 1891 Robert's name was added to the 'Habitual Criminal Record' which was used to identify criminals if they crossed from one police force to another. Robert was a tall man, described as 5 foot 11 inches tall with brown hair and green eyes. He would have been easy to spot as his distinguishing features were 'pock pitted (so is likely to have suffered from smallpox) mole near right breast, scar shin, knock knee'd, leg wasted, lame.' He had obviously had a rough life. At this point he had three previous convictions with one stretch in Lincoln Prison. Robert didn't have much going for him and was probably so far into the vicious circle of poverty and crime that it was impossible to get out.

ROBBING A BEDFELLOW.—At the, Settle Police Court, on Friday, before H. Christie and J. Birkbeck, junr., Esqrs., Robert Patrick, of Settle, labourer, was charged in custody with having on the 26th ult. stolen 19s., the money of Joseph Taylor, of Rathmell. Prisoner had slept at the same house as prosecutor, and robbed him of the money whilst he was asleep, going away early next morning.—Prisoner pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to a month's imprisonment with hard labour.

Pockpitted, mole near right breast, scar shin knock knee'd, leg, wasted, lame

THEFT OF WEARING APPAREL.—At the Police Court on Monday before the Rev. H. J. Swale, and J. Birkbeck, junr., Esq., Robert Patrick, a labourer of no fixed residence, was charged with stealing on the 8th inst. from a workmen's cabin at the Craven Lime Works two jackets, value 4s., the property of Daniel Lambert, labourer, Procter's Row, Settle. Prisoner was seen hanging about the limekilns late in the evening of the day upon which the jackets were stolen, and when apprehended by P.C. Grisedale, at Kendal on Sunday was wearing them. Evidence in support of the charge having been given, prisoner, who had been previously convicted of larceny, was committed to the Quarter Sessions.

At the time of the 1891 census Robert was serving his time in Wakefield Prison. It seems that during the 1880s his wife may have married someone else, Petherick William from Cornwall, and then emigrated to Australia – you can't blame her. At the time of the 1901 census Robert was in Giggleswick workhouse and may well have stayed there until his death in 1935 aged 79. He was buried in the unmarked New LX22, a Union (workhouse) plot.



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