

Charles Lord, agricultural labourer

Charles Lord was one of the many descendants of **John Lord** and **Mary Bordley** and worked as an agricultural labourer in Settle. In 1825 he married **Alice Hall**, and they had a family of nine children, although four died in infancy. Tragically, within the space of a couple of months in 1849, both Charles, aged 49 and Alice, aged 48 had died – perhaps of contagious disease? Eldest son **John Lord** had to take over as the head of the household. In the 1851 census the remaining five siblings lived together earning money from the mill.

After the mills went out of business in the 1850s, many families moved to Lancashire for work, however John stayed in Settle and found work as a grocer/fruiterer living in Cob Castle in Upper Settle [SC]. John had seven children with his wife, **Rose Martha Preston**, the daughter of a Long Preston clogger. When he was 42, in 1868, John had his photo taken at the Horner Studios [ph4].

Rose Martha died, aged 46 and four infants are buried with her.

In affectionate remembrance of Rose Martha, the beloved wife of John Lord of Settle who died March 1st 1876 aged 46 years. Also Charles son of the above who died Jan'y 11th 1855 aged 8 months. Also Ann daughter of the above who died January 27th 1857 aged 8 months. Also Alice Hall daughter of the above who died Novr 25th 1863 aged 1 year and 7 months. Also John Edward son of the above who died April 1st 1865 aged 7 months. Blessed are they that die in the Lord, Anc B19



John remarried in 1879, this time to Rose Martha's sister, **Ellen Preston**, who helped to bring up the remaining children. It was not actually legal to marry the sister of a deceased spouse until 1904. If being a dad and grocer were not enough, John celebrated 50 years as a Methodist Preacher in the local circuit in 1899 [LSA]. John was also Vice Chair on Settle's first Parish Council [ph4]

7. Mr. John Lord, a Wesleyan Local Preacher of 50 years, celebrated his jubilee by a service, in the Settle Wesleyan Church, in which several of the characteristic features of the methods of worship in by-gone days were reproduced.

When the 'new' Methodist church was being built on Church Street in the 1890s [ph3], John was,

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Wesleyan : Foreign : Missions.
— HELLIFIELD. —
On SUNDAY NEXT, Dec. 1st, 1895,
TWO * SERMONS
WILL BE PREACHED IN THE
** WESLEYAN CHAPEL, **
BY
MR. JOHN LORD, of Settle.
SERVICE AT 2 AND 6-30 P.M.

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appropriately, asked to lay the foundation stone. He was a popular, 'racy preacher' [A]

The name of John Lord stands out conspicuously in the annals of the Settle Circuit as a preacher of uncommon ability.

His quaint homely manner and his shrewd and original sayings live in the memories of those still living who were privileged to know and hear him.

John Lord conducted a remarkably successful Bible Class which eventually changed its name to Mutual Improvement Class and later, in 1897 evolved into the Wesley Guild. The Guild had a successful career of over 20 years and introduced to our church at Settle many of Methodism's greatest preachers and leaders.



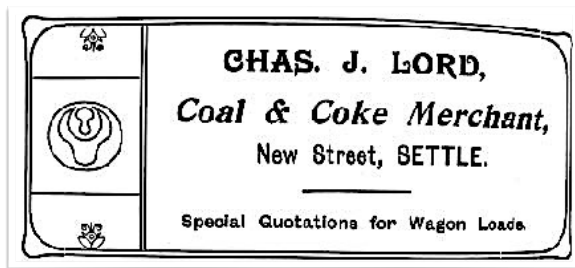
John died in 1904, with an estate of £315. When Ellen died just seven years later, she left an incredible £1262 which would be worth nearly £150,000 in today's value. Where did she get that from? John and Ellen are buried in *Old grave F18* with his son, **Thomas Preston Lord**, a successful Lancashire shipping merchant and Thomas's son **John Wilfred Lord**, a promising accountant killed in the war.



In Loving memory of John Lord of Greenhead, Settle Born March 3rd 1826 Died Dec 11th 1904 Thomas Preston Lord son of the above Born Sep 19th 1857, died Feb 5th 1930. Also Ellen his wife who died Jan 5th 1912 aged 71 years Mary Ann wife of Thomas Preston Lord Born Aug 5th 1860 Died March 4th 1932. John Wilfred Lord, Missed in France March 21st 1918 Aged 29 years, Old F18

John and Rose Martha's son **James Lord** had a daughter, **Rose Martha**, who married **Henry Cowburn** — a fascinating family.

Preacher John's brother, **Edward**, also stayed in Settle, working as a fruit dealer. Aged 36, Edward married 38 year old **Agnes Carr**, and she gave birth to two sons, **Edward (Jnr)** and **Charles John** before Edward died aged just 39. Edward (Jnr) found work in Accrington whereas Charles John Lord, born in 1867, made his mark in Settle. He was a successful businessman working as a coal merchant, based underneath the Conservative Club in New Street (Station Road) [LSA, ph5], later bought out by Settle Limes. He was a very popular member and honorary clerk to the first Settle Parish Council, along with many other great and good residents [2] and had his photo taken as a result [ph1]. In 1895 the Parish Council was involved in a dispute with Mrs Birkbeck over the access on Lodge-road between Anley and the Lodge.



Charles

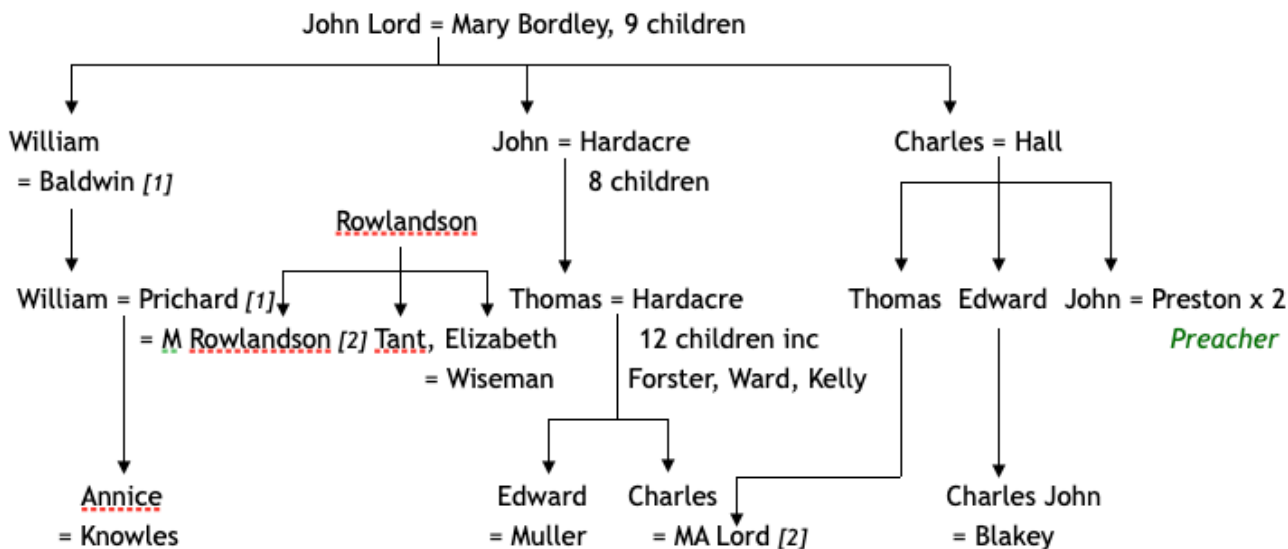
John was also an active member of the Liberal Club in Settle and Skipton. He was a churchwarden at Holy Ascension church and captain of the bellringers. In 1909 the vestry records describe an excursion for the choir and bellringers. *'Several choirmen and a considerable portion of the bell ringers prefer an*

PARISH COUNCIL.—The usual monthly meeting of the Settle Parish Council was held on Tuesday evening, in the Boardroom, Castle Hill. Mr. G. E. Charlesworth presided. There were also present Messrs. Thos. Clark, Wm. Dugdale, T. Harger, T. Holmes, Jno. Hunter, Chas. J. Lord (hon. Clerk), Jno. Lord, Jno. Parker, and Jas. Parker.—A letter was read from Mrs. Birkbeck, in which she stated that the Lodge-road was a private one. It was resolved that Mrs. Birkbeck be asked to furnish the Council with proof of the same. —

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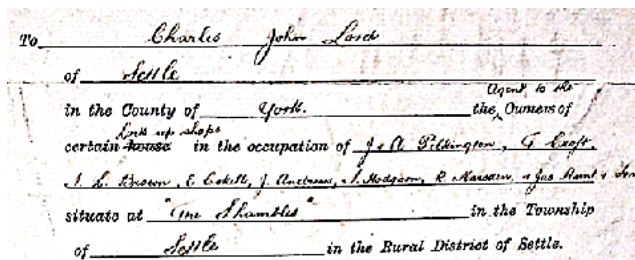
excursion to Langwathby and Lake Ullswater, and are prepared to pay the difference between the cost of this and the excursion to Blackpool. An excursion is accordingly being arranged for the 11th August. Members of the congregation will be welcome to this excursion also. Names should be given to Mr CJ Lord, Captain of the ringers who will be in charge of the expedition. The cost of travelling will be 7 shillings. Train leaves Settle at 8.10am and the return train is due to arrive at 10.36pm.' Charles was the secretary for the Settle Market Buildings Company which ran the Shambles.

Lord Families in Settle Graveyard



In 1895 Charles John married **Minnie Blakey** from Oswaldtwistle. They had something in common as Minnie's father, **William Blakey**, had died when she was just three. Minnie was also Charles John Lord's first cousin. Minnie's mother was **Ann (Carr) Blakey** from Settle, sister of Agnes (Carr) Lord who had married Edward Lord (Snr). Intra-family marriages were not uncommon in this family – Agnes and Ann Carr's mother was **Ann Blakey**, an illegitimate daughter of **Isabel Blakey** from Giggleswick and a second cousin once removed from William Blakey. Charles John and Minnie had four children and they lived in the large houses at the top of Duke Street, beyond the Terrace, an indication of his successful business acumen.

However, in 1920 Charles was summoned by the inspector of nuisances in regard to his properties in the Shambles which he rented out to a variety of tradesmen. He was given 21 days to provide a sufficient water close for the shops or pay the council for them to do it [ph2]. Oops.



The Rural District Council of Settle, in the West Riding of the County
of York, being satisfied on the Report of their Inspector of Nuisances, dated
the 20th day of April, 1890, that
the Houses above described ~~is~~^{are} without sufficient Water Closets ~~and~~^{and} ~~Asphit~~^{Asphalt}.
Whereby give you Notice and requires you, in pursuance of the
provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, to provide for the said Houses,
within the space of Twenty One Days from the service upon you of
this notice a sufficient Water Closet, ~~and~~^{and} ~~Asphit~~^{Asphalt} furnished with proper doors.

Minnie died in 1941, aged 69 and Charles died in 1947, aged 80. Their ashes were buried in the grave commemorating Charles' parents, *Old C35*. Charles' father was commemorated on this stone but was buried in the Ancient graveyard.

In loving memory of Edward Lord of Settle who died Dec,r 14th 1867 aged 39 years. Also of Agnes the beloved wife of the above who died Feb,y 21st 1893 aged 66 years. Also Edward Blakey Lord grandson of the above who died Jan,y 6th 1944 aged 40 years. Also Charles John Lord who died Oct 10th 1947 aged 80 years, also Minnie his wife who died Dec 1st 1941 aged 69 years, Old C35.

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Charles and Minnie's son **Edward Blakey Lord**, a bachelor, worked in the family business and was buried with them. Their daughter **Agnes Ann Lord** became the second wife of **William Edwin Dawson**, son of **William Dawson**, tailor. They are buried in the New graveyard G33

In loving memory of William Edwin Dawson who died August 31st 1947 aged 54 years. Also of Agnes Anne his wife who died February 23rd 1965 aged 63 years, New G33



Daughters **Amy Lord** and **Marjorie Lord** remained spinsters and may have spent their last days in the Keighley area.

The accounts of John Lord and Charles Lord are provided separately



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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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