

## John Lord, stonemason

The Lord families were part of the backbone of working class Settle. They were fertile and had marriages with many of the other long standing local families including Ralph, Hardacre, Slinger and Morphet. **John Lord**, a stonemason, was one of many children born to **John Lord** and **Mary Bordley**, a sister of **Francis Bordley**. John and Mary were buried in Giggleswick graveyard. John (Jnr) was born in 1796 and in 1826 married **Ann Hardacre** from Long Preston. They had at least eight children before John died in 1843, aged 47, after 17 years of marriage. This was just after their eighth child, **Hannah**, was born, leaving Ann to bring up the children alone in Upper Settle. John and their infant daughter Sarah are buried together in *grave Anc BX19*.

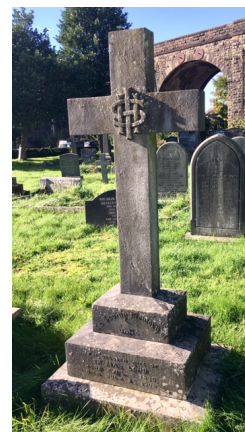
Ann lived for another 41 years and, to make ends meet, worked as a baker – a really physical job, usually done by men. (There were no male bakers in Settle as so many men were needed for farming.) Most of Ann's children found work at the cotton mills which helped to bring in some money. To Ann's credit, the whole family thrived, despite the poverty typically experienced by a working class widow in Upper Settle.

Son **Thomas**, a grocer and carrier, married his first cousin **Jane Hardacre** and they had 12 children [ph1]. Three year old daughter **Mary** and infant son **Robert** are buried in *grave Anc B12*. Thomas and Jane are buried in *Old F32*, with a grandson, the son of their daughter **Rose Martha** and her husband **Francis James Kelly**, a postman. The stone also commemorates the life of their daughter **Margaret (Lord) Ward**. Incredibly, in 1956 and 1965 two more adults were squeezed into this grave plot – they were Thomas and Jane's daughter **Isabella** and her husband **John Forster**, a loco driver from Fewston. They never lived in Settle although John's brother, **Joseph Robert Forster**, also a loco driver, came to Settle. The well known archaeologist **Tot Lord** was the grandson of Thomas and Jane, via their son Thomas.



*He shall gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom. In loving remembrance of Mary daughter of Thomas and Jane Lord of Settle who died Jany 29th 1871 aged 3 years. Also Robert son of the above who died in infancy June 10th 1874, Anc B12*

*In Loving memory of Jane, the beloved wife of Thomas Lord born March 14 1839 died July 23rd 1904. Also the above Thomas Lord born January 10 1836 died November 15 1916. John Angus Kelly born Oct 6th 1920, Fell asleep Jan 30th 1925. Our brightest hope reunion. Also Margaret their daughter and wife of Benjamin Ward who died at Grange Over Sands Feb 13th 1916, aged 37 years, Old F32*



In the unmarked grave, *Old FX33*, next to Thomas and Jane we find their son **Charles Lord**, a grocer and both his wives, firstly **Emily Ackrill** and then **Mary Ann Lord**, also his second cousin. They were joined half a century later by their daughter, **Maggie (Lord) Cameron** and the ashes of her husband (and first cousin), **William Cameron**. William was the son of Charles' sister **Jane Lord** and her husband **William Cameron** from Glasgow.

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Thomas and Jane's son, Edward Lord [ph4] was a clever and talented lad. In 1920 Edward married **Martha Johanna Hildagarde Muller** and stood behind his bride, next to Rev Linney for the photo [ph1]. Martha had come from Dresden, Saxony, Germany in 1902, aged just three to be brought up by **Miss Esther Maria Pickard** and **Miss Marie Auerbach**, the schoolmistresses at Overdale girls' school. Perhaps her parents were known to Miss Auerbach who also came from Saxony?



Edward worked as a solicitor's clerk to **George Kenneth Charlesworth**, **George Marshall Robinson** and also **Alan Hyslop** who took over the Robinson's practice. Edward also worked as the private secretary to a Liberal MP, **William Clough**. He was the clerk to Settle Parish Council, secretary of the Castleberg Lodge of Freemasons and an agent for Halifax Building Society. He was a founder member of the Settle Amateur Operatic Society and took several leading parts with his fine baritone voice. Singing even led Edward to the offer of a professional post in London but he preferred to live in Craven. Edward was an outdoor man and enjoyed shooting



and fishing [CH]. He was the secretary of the Coronation Committee in 1937 too, sitting front row centre, of course [ph1]!

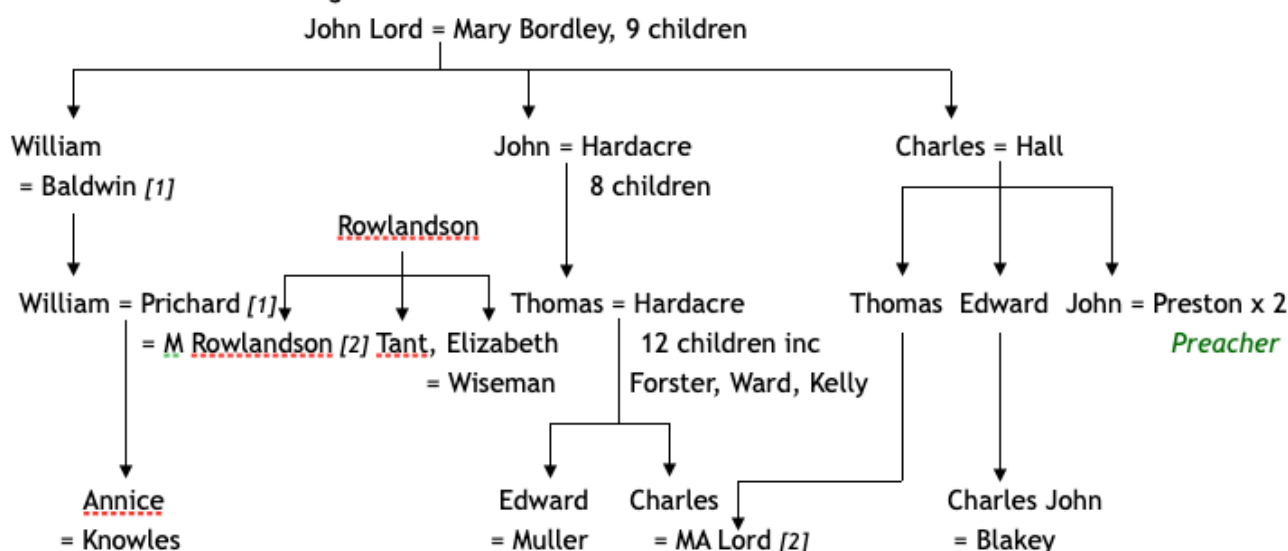
John and Ann's daughter **Jane Lord** married **Luke Ralph**, a weaver, who was the grandson of blacksmith **Luke Ralph**. John and Ann's daughter, **Hannah Lord**, became the first of three wives of the successful plumber **John Handby**.

Ann died in 1884 aged 84, and is buried in an unmarked grave. It would be nice to think she was with her husband John.

John's sister **Margaret** had a second marriage to **Samuel Ralph** and they had a son **William Ralph**. John's sister **Mary** married a quarry labourer, **James Ellel**. Before that, Mary gave birth to a daughter, also **Mary**, who later married **William Ralph**, the son of great aunt Margaret (Lord) Ralph and her cousin once removed. William was a respected blue flag dealer in Upper Settle. Mary, William and their infant son Samuel are buried in *Ancient A2*.



### Lord Families in Settle Graveyard



The accounts of William Lord and Charles Lord are provided separately.



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