

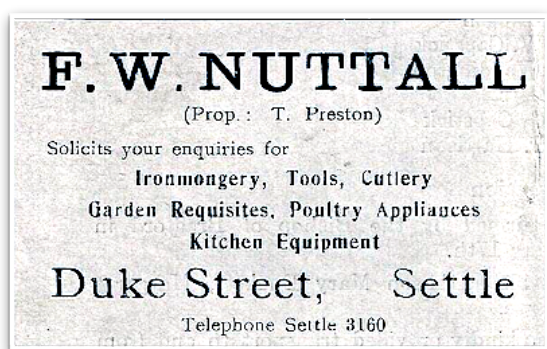
Frederick William Nuttall, making a fresh start in Settle

Many Settle folk remember FW Nuttall's ironmongery store and pot shop on Duke Street, now occupied by Bar 13 and the furnishings shop next door [ph1]. F W Nuttall also had a barn in the Back Stables area (Delaney Court). He employed **Tommy Preston** to help run the ironmongery business and **Doris Ann (Dot)**



Hesleden to help run the pot shop. He sold the ironmongery business to Tommy Preston and Doris Ann Hesleden was a lucky beneficiary to his estate of over £6000 when he suddenly died on 23 December 1944, aged 66 [1]. So successful was the business that it ran for many years after his death under the same name. After Tommy Preston it was run by **Jack Atwood** and **Peter Tempest** [ph1,2].

NUTTALL.—December 25 (suddenly), at Wellow Station Road, Giggleswick. **FREDERICK WILLIAM NUTTALL** Ironmonger, Duke Street, Settle.—Cremation arrangements later



The business claimed that if they didn't have something in stock they could get hold of it within 60 minutes. This amazing claim was made possible with a business link with Manby's ironmongers in Skipton (now housing Phase Eight clothes shop). A quick telegram or phonecall and the item could be dispatched on the next Pennine Bus without a problem! [ph3]



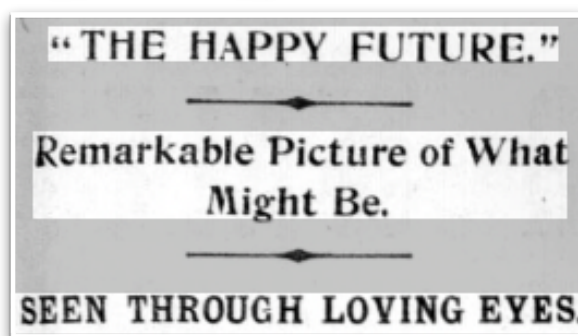
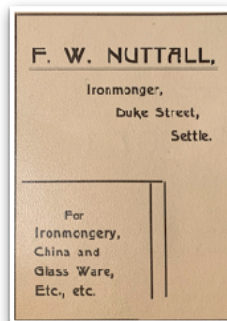
So who was **Frederick William Nuttall**? He was born in 1877 at Bestwood Park, Nottinghamshire, the youngest of three children of **John Nuttall**, a farmer and his wife **Sarah Walker Houseley**. John died in his forties when Frederick William was still a lad and Sarah took the children to live in the picturesque village of Wellow, near Ollerton in Nottinghamshire which is where her parents had lived. Frederick left home during the 1890s and then perfected the art of disappearing at the time of a few census returns. However by the time of the 1921 census he was working as an ironmonger in Rumney, Cardiff and had a wife, **Mary** from Wisbech, Cambridgeshire. His niece, **Margery Barrett**, the daughter of Frederick William's sister **Elizabeth Ann (Nuttall) Barrett** lived with them.



Settle Graveyard Project

By 1931 Frederick William and Mary [ph1] made their first appearance in the Settle electoral records with the shop in Duke Street, taking over from Mr Yeadon, and lived in Station Road, Giggleswick, in the house still named 'Wellow', appropriately enough, which is where they spent the rest of their lives.

There isn't a wedding certificate for Frederick William and Mary, so who was Mary? And where had Frederick William and Mary been for all those years in between? The gory details were provided in accounts across the national newspapers in July 1910. The headlines included 'Husband's discovery

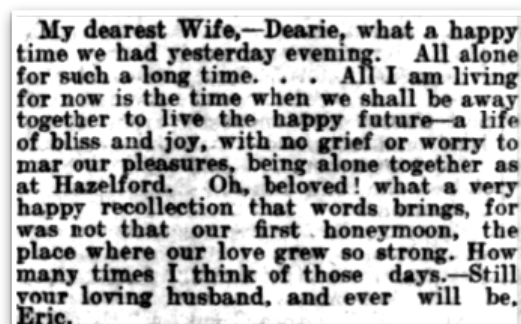


Remarkable story in Farmer's Divorce Suit', 'The Happy Future', 'Our first Honeymoon' and 'Petition dismissed'. [2 - 6]



Like most other people in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, **Herbert Richard Jeffree** was a farmer and fruit grower. He had married **Mary Ann Edwards** in 1897 which was 18 months after the birth of their son **Charles Jeffree Edwards**. They took over the tenancy of the Old Bell Hotel, Wisbech and Mary Ann managed the hotel while Herbert Richard got on with the business, often having to travel away. In 1907 they appointed a young bar maid, **Florence Houlden**, to assist at the hotel. Herbert Richard testified that in 1904 Frederick William Nuttall came to stay at the hotel on several occasions while he was away and Frederick William and Mary Ann started an affair, hence this appearance at the divorce court. Mary Ann confided in the barmaid Florence who agreed that she would be a conduit for letters between Mary Ann and Frederick William. Inevitably Herbert Richard found some of those letters.

The letters portrayed Frederick William as a hopeless romantic. One read, 'Dearie, What a happy time we had yesterday evening. All alone for such a long time... All I am living for now is a time when we shall be away together to live a happy future — a life of bliss and joy, with no grief or worry about our pleasures, being alone together as at Hazelford. Oh beloved, what a happy recollection that word brings for was not that our first honeymoon, the place where our love grew strong? Other letters were 'too bad to be read at court'!



Another report included a passage that suggested he wanted them to go to Australia — *‘Dear old Hazelford! But, sweetheart, Australia will look to us both the same as I have described Hazelford, for we shall have no worries there — no thought of anyone coming along or seeing us.’* Hazelford in is Nottinghamshire and they also had a holiday together in Saltburn by Sea. Did Frederick spare a thought for how Mary Ann may feel about leaving her son behind?

“How happy the world looks when seen through eyes full of love! Dear old Hazelford! But, sweetheart, Australia will look to us both the same as I have described Hazelford, for we shall have no worries there — no thought of anyone coming along or seeing us.

PETITION DISMISSED.
Jury Find Against Both Parties in Wisbech Divorce Case.

Realising the financial sacrifice that she would have to face if the divorce was granted, Mary Ann made a counter claim that she had *‘witnessed misconduct’* between Herbert Richard and Florence Houlden, the bar maid. *‘The barmaid used to sit on his knee and smoke cigarettes and they kissed each other when upstairs together’* and also stated that they slept together. The jury found they were both guilty of misconduct and collusion and so dismissed Herbert Richard’s petition. So, they were still married to each other, but irretrievably unhappy.

At the time of the 1911 census Herbert Richard was working as an agricultural labourer with a young housekeeper — none other than Flora Houlden. They stayed together for the rest of their lives. Were they happy together? Possibly. In May 1939 Florence suffered a double fracture of the pelvis in a motor accident. Herbert Richard was driving a car, belonging to **Frederick Eastgate Hardy**, from Wisbech to Newmarket. Mr Hardy, Florence and another woman were passengers. The car mounted a grass verge and Mr Hardy pulled the steering wheel (to correct it) and, in the process the car went into the ditch, causing the broken pelvis [7]. The jury decided that Mr Hardy and Mr Jeffree should each pay £250 costs to Florence. How strange. Did they know Herbert Richard and Florence were living together? Was this an opportunity to scheme to get some money from Mr Hardy? Either way, they were still living together at the time of 1939 register, just a few weeks later.

WOMAN PASSENGER GETS £500

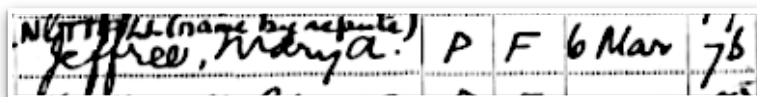
Florence Houlden, of Elm-rd., Wisbech, who was injured in a road accident, was awarded agreed damages against **Herbert Richard Jeffree**, of Elm-rd., Wisbech, and **Frederick Eastgate Hardy**.

Hardy’s car was being driven by Jeffree from Wisbech to Newmarket. Hardy, Miss Houlden and another woman were in the car. At Pymoor, Little Downham, the car mounted the grass verge. Hardy pulled the steering column out of the hands of **Jeffree**, and the car went into the ditch. Miss Houlden had a double fracture of the pelvis.

Meanwhile Frederick William Nuttall and Mary Ann disappeared off the radar which was probably a good idea! At the time of the 1911 census Mary Ann’s son, Charles, was helping at his grandfather Edwards’ farm. In November 1911 Charles had set off for Australia but by 1921 he was back in the UK, living near his parents in Rumney, Cardiff and in October that year, married **Nesta Doris Davies**. They immediately set off for Western Australia and stayed there for the rest of their lives.

At the time of the 1939 register Frederick William Nuttall lived at Wellow on Station Road, described as a *‘master ironmonger, married’*. Where was Mary Ann? Unfortunately, she had been admitted to Scalebor Park hospital, Burley in Wharfedale, otherwise known as West Riding Private Asylum. She was named as Mary A Jeffree *‘NUTTALL (name by repute)’* which reflects the attitudes of the day.

Settle Graveyard Project



JEFFREE Herbert Richard of Birkdale Wisbech St. Peter Cambridgeshire died 23 October 1941 Probate Peterborough 4 Jm to George Pettefar solicitor and Arthur Alfred Jeffree toll collector. Effects £7346 6s. 6d.

JEFFREE Mary Ann of Settle Yorkshire (wife of Herbert Richard Jeffree) died 13 February 1940 Administration Llandudno 14 October to George Pettefar solicitor and Arthur Alfred Jeffree toll collector. Effects £21 12s. 4d.

Mary Ann died on 13 February 1940 and left her estate of £21 in the hands of a solicitor and **Arthur Alfred Jeffree**, toll collector, who was her husband Herbert Richard Jeffree's cousin. Did she forget to change her will? Interestingly her (actual) husband died 18 months later and left his estate of over £7300 to the same two people.

Frederick William died three years after Mary Ann, leaving his estate in the hands of Doris Ann (Dot) Hesleden who had run his pot shop. She lived nearby on Bankwell Road with her parents **William Hesleden** and **Eliza Lofthouse**. Frederick William Nuttall was cremated.



There was another, unrelated, Mr Nuttall in Settle at the same time as Frederick William. **Walter Nuttall**, born in 1879 in Horton-in-Ribblesdale, was the illegitimate son of **Jane Nuttall**. In turn Jane was the illegitimate daughter of another **Jane Nuttall** from 'Lancashire'. She had been working as a servant for **William Morphet** at Studfold farm when she became pregnant. It's possible that someone in that household was the father. The older Jane disappears out of the records, perhaps due to marriage or death, and little Jane was brought up with the Morphet family as their 'niece', which also suggests she had blood ties to the family. Younger Jane was still at Studfold, working as a housekeeper to old, widowed Willie Morphet when she had little Walter.

After Willie Morphet died in the 1890s Jane brought Walter to Settle where she worked as a housekeeper to butcher **George Joseph Beardall** [ph1]. They lived at Rose Cottage close to the slaughterhouse at Bond End. George ran his business at the Town Hall (left ph4, ph7). And so it was that Walter learned the trade to become a butcher. George was also from Nottingham, the son of another butcher but had come to Settle by the time he was 16 working as an assistant to the Dugdale butchers. For some reason, in Grantham in 1875, aged 20, he married **Georgina Bristow**. They were never together at the time of subsequent census returns. Georgina worked as a lady's maid in Lincolnshire for the rest of her life and George came back in Settle and lived with Jane Nuttall at Rose Cottage from the 1890s. George died in 1928 leaving an estate of £11,000 in the hands of executors **Joseph Sydney Beardall**, a nephew and fellow Settle butcher, **Edward Fairhurst**. He left the business to



The testator left the goodwill of his business as a butcher at Settle, together with the stock and machinery, and £500, to Walter Nuttall, if serving; his household effects, a cottage in Castle Hill, £100, and the use of his residence to Jane Nuttall, if serving; and £800 to his niece, Mabel Beardall. His farms, known as Lane Ends.

Bought of G. J. Beardall,
BUTCHER.

settlerearch@gmail.com

Settle Graveyard Project

Walter and the use of his residence and a cottage in Castle Hill to Jane [1]. They had a substantial gravestone erected for George in the newly opened *New Graveyard C27*.

In loving memory of George Joseph Beardall who died August 26th 1928, aged 73 years. In life respected, in death lamented. New C27



Jane died three years later, aged 78, and was buried in an unmarked grave in Settle graveyard, *New KX2*.

When he was 21, in 1901, son Walter Nuttall married **Elizabeth Ann Young**, known as Annie, the daughter of **Francis William Young** and **Elizabeth Robinson**. Francis William Young was the illegitimate son of 19 year old **Elizabeth Young**. Seven years after his birth Elizabeth married **Ambrose Tomlinson Preston**. In an incredible coincidence, Ambrose and Elizabeth's grandson, **Thomas Preston** was the very man who worked for Frederick William Nuttall, and eventually took over the ironmongery business in Duke Street.

Meanwhile Walter and Annie Nuttall [ph1] lived in Kirkgate but moved to Rose Cottage when George Beardall and Jane Nuttall died. They had two daughters, **Jane** and **Ada** [ph5]. Walter and Annie both died in the 1950s, closely followed by daughter Jane (Nuttall) Hurst. Elizabeth Ann was



the very first burial in Giggleswick's new extended graveyard, although the gravestone wasn't erected until after Jane's death. The grave is now squeezed between a large tree and the graveyard recycling bins.

Walter Nuttall of Rose Cottage, Settle, died March 13th 1954 aged 74 years. Also Jane Hurst died 17th April 1957 aged 55 years. Also Elizabeth Ann his wife died Oct. 4th 1951 aged 70 years. A3/A1

In addition, the Giggleswick Altar Services Book was given to St Alkelda's Church Giggleswick 'in loving memory of Walter and Annie Nuttall and Jane Hurst of Rose Cottage, Settle, 1957'.

In 1925 daughter Ada Nuttall married **Henry (Harry) Heaton** [ph6]. Henry was the son of another **Henry Heaton** and **Mary Jane Bullock**. Unusually, and gloriously, on their wedding certificate they both filled in the 'Father's name' with the name of their mothers as they were both illegitimate.

Henry Heaton (Jnr) had a career as a butler, and, after their marriage, Ada worked with him as a lady's maid. Henry was thought to work for



Settle Graveyard Project

Septemb. 19 th	Henry Heaton	27	Bachelor	Labourn	Giggleswick	Mary Ann Heaton
	Mary Jane Balloch	27	Spinster		Giggleswick	Margaret Balloch

composer **Roger Cuthbert Quilter**. Roger was known for composing over 100 songs, most of which were set to text by William Shakespeare in the English Art Song tradition. Roger was gay and had eventually developed mental illness because of the pressure this caused in those days. Henry Heaton and Ada were beneficiaries of Roger's estate and returned to live in Giggleswick. They were buried together in Giggleswick graveyard. Henry was 92 when he died.

In memory of Ada Heaton the dearly loved wife of Henry Heaton died Nov. 8th 1966 aged 63 years. Also a very dear husband Henry Heaton died Dec. 31st 1990 aged 92 years. R.I.P. "In death they are not divided" A1a/3



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.

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'.

Thanks to John Reid and Phil Summers for their help with this account

Newspaper cuttings with the kind permission of the British Newspaper Archives: 1 – Yorkshire Post, 2 – Derby Daily Telegraph, 3 – Sheffield Evening Telegraph, 4 – Leicester Evening Mail, 5 – Weekly Dispatch, 6 – Boston Guardian, 7 – Lynn News and County Press

ph1 – photo with thanks to Phil Summers, ph2 – photo with thanks to John Reid, ph3 – photograph reproduced by kind permission of the Ellwood and Rowley families, and North Yorkshire Council, and thanks to John Frankland, ph4 – credited to the Bill Mitchell collection, ph5 – credited to family descendants via Ancestry.co.uk, username Ann-Marie Carrol, ph6 – credited to family descendants via Ancestry.co.uk, username ryoung12121, ph7 – kindly provided by John Reid

Baptism documentation via ancestry.co.uk, originally from The National Archives, Crown copyright.

Confusingly the White Horse Inn in Settle once had signage 'Nuttall's Lion Ales, White Horse Hotel'. This was nothing to do with our Nuttalls but the Nuttall's brewery, based in Blackburn [closedpubs.co.uk]. At this time White Horse was run by its last landlord, **Matthew Miller**. It closed in 1936.

