

The Hartleys of Malham Moor, farmers

There have been numerous Hartley families in this part of the world and they may be related if you go back far enough. A good place to start with the Hartleys of Malham Moor is **Thomas Hartley**, born around 1769, possibly in Thornton-in-Lonsdale. In 1793 he married **Dorothy Gill** from Gargrave. They had at least 12 children and, from their baptism records, we know they lived at Trenhouse, spelt Tairnhouse, Trainhouse and Capon Hall, spelt Cappenhaw, Capenhaw and Cappernath. Thomas was a gamekeeper and farmer. 'Tairnhouse' could also have been Malham Tarn House as that had been built in 1780. Thomas Hartley had Pew 8 (South) in Kirkby Malham church and his name is inscribed into it. Thomas and Dorothy retired from Capon Hall to live in Long Preston but were brought back to Kirkby Malham for burial in an unmarked grave, hopefully with some of their infant children.



It's hard to track what happened to all their children but we do know that daughter **Dorothy Hartley** married **Thomas Lawson** of Clapham, another farmer. Thomas and Dorothy's son **William Hartley** became a surgeon who practised in Burnsall, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Long Preston and Otley and ended his days in Grassington. He was buried in Long Preston graveyard with six infant children that he had with his second wife **Harriet Brown**. Just one son, **Thomas Robert Hartley**, survived and he became a farmer in Otley.

Sacred to the memory of the children of William Hartley of Otley, Surgeon and Harriet his wife. An infant daughter Novr. 30th 1834, William Hartley died May 5th 1840 aged 28 weeks, Sarah Hartley died May 10th 1841 aged 9 weeks, Dorothea Hartley died Decr. 16th 1843 aged 6 years, John William died May 29th 1848 aged 35 weeks, Emily Jane died May 18th 1851, aged 5 weeks. William Hartley father of the above children died at Grassington Novr. 20th 1862 aged 63 years.



It was Thomas and Dorothy's son **Edward Hartley** and his wife **Betty Ratcliffe**, from Bingley who took over farming duties at Capon Hall after a few years at Mearbeck farm, just outside Settle. In 1850 Edward Hartley became the tenant farmer at Barrel Sykes, owned by the **Dawson family** of Langcliffe Hall and it was here that the last three of their seven children were born. At the time of the 1851 census Edward and Betty had nephew **Thomas Robert Hartley**, surgeon William's Hartley's son, living with them, learning the trade for his own career. They had servants at the time of each census which Edward would have needed as he was farming nearly 150 acres.

Edward had all the usual poaching issues, this one in 1854, involving **Ambrose Preston** and **John Gill**[1]. The same edition refers to Edward chairing a meeting of the Wesleyan Mission, one of very many he chaired.

In 1854 Edward supported a new cricket club which was being set up especially for working class men and apprentices. There was already another club for the wealthy folk but it was too expensive for many. Edward offered the use of his 'North Field' for practising and matches for free [2]. Other supporters raised funds for equipment. In

SETTLE PETTY SESSIONS, TUESDAY LAST.—G. Towler and Ambrose Preston, both of Settle, and J. Gill, of Giggleswick, were each charged with trespassing in search of conies on land occupied by Mr Edward Hartley, of Barrel Sykes. The charges were clearly established (being proved by Mr Cockshutt, superintendant constable) and the defendants, all of whom were represented by Mr Pearson's clerk, of Kirkby Lonsdale, were fined £2 each and costs.

WESLEYAN MISSIONS.—On Sunday last, afternoon and evening, the Rev. Thos. M. Rodham, of Kendal, preached in the Wesleyan Chapel, Settle, in behalf of these missions. The anniversary meeting was held in the same Chapel on the following evening, Edward Hartley, Esq., in the chair.

1880, after the railway was built, cricket moved to Marsh Field. In 1856 'Mr Edward Hartley's servant man found a very large mushroom, about a foot in diameter.' [2] These are the things that make the news!

LARGE MUSHROOM.—Mr. Edward Hartley's servant man found a very large specimen of this kind of plant in a field above Barrel Sykes, about the middle of the month; it measured a foot in diameter, and weighed upwards of a pound and a half.

CRICKET.—A great many of the old members of the Settle cricket club, which, from some cause or other, was broken up a long time ago, have, by themselves and a number of new members, lately established another; and as they practice almost daily, we hope they will be soon ready to give challenges for a friendly game to one of our neighbouring clubs. Their subscriptions being somewhat higher we understand than some persons can afford, a similar club is also being formed, composed of apprentices and working classes, who will have the use of a field (kindly offered by Mr. Edward Hartley) for nothing. The other club have to pay £12 a-year for their field. As a further encouragement to apprentices and working classes, funds are being raised, from the subscriptions of other parties, for the purchase of bats, &c.; and almost sufficient has already been collected for that purpose.

In 1863 Barrel Sykes was put up for sale and the advert gives an indication of its size and quality [3], with buildings in excellent condition and over 149 acres of land. This was before the railway was built through the estate so Barrel Sykes had plenty of land. It was probably purchased by Mr William Hartley, of the unrelated solicitors' family who will have received quite a bit of compensation money when the railway was built right through his land and also when he sold some of the land to Holy Ascension Church to become the 'Old' graveyard. Despite the new owner, Edward continued to farm at Barrel Sykes.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD ESTATE AT SETTLE, in the County of York.
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, by Mr. JOHN CRAGG, at the Golden Lion Inn, in Settle, on TUESDAY the Eighteenth day of August, 1863, at six o'clock in the evening, the BARREL SYKE ESTATE, in the several Townships of Langcliffe and Settle, in the Parish of Giggleswick, in the County of York, in the occupation of Mr. Edward Hartley, as tenant thereof.
 The Estate consists of the following particulars:—

	A.	R.	P.
Homestead and Garden	0	1	12
Lady Well Close	0	2	22
North Field or North Close } now in Two Closes	15	3	10
Holy Acre			
Great Barrel Syke Close ..			
Home Close	3	0	16
Stable Close	1	2	36
Back Garth	2	0	10
South Kirk Bank			
West Kirk Bank			
North Kirk Bank			
Banks Close (otherwise Carlow)	9	0	15

High Barn Close	3	1	28
North High Close	2	1	0
First High Carlow, including the road on the West Side thereof	9	1	4
Second High Carlow	52	0	30
Third High Carlow	29	1	24
Blewhawe, or Carlow Inclosure	18	2	16
The Copy	10	1	8
Total	149	0	30

The land tax has been redeemed.
 The tithes on the Estate were in 1844 commuted under the Tithe Commutation Acts, at £6. 17s. per annum.
 The buildings and fences are in excellent condition.
 The whole of the land is in grass, and the Estate is well timbered.
 The property adjoins the town of Settle, and is within 1½ miles of the Settle Station on the Leeds and Lancaster Railway.
 Printed particulars, with a plan of the Estate, may be had three weeks before the sale from the Auctioneer, at his offices at Skipton; or at the Golden Lion Inn, Settle; or on application to
 Messrs. W. & B. WAKE, Solicitors, Sheffield.
 Sheffield, 8th July, 1863.

Edward was a manager of the Craven Savings Bank along with several other high status men of Settle. He regularly won prizes at the agricultural shows for his short-horned cattle, horses and white faced sheep.

Wife Betty died in 1866, aged 50, when their youngest child, **Susanna Elizabeth Hartley**, was 11. Edward had his photo taken by the Horners a year later [ph1]. Their son John Hartley may have had his photo taken a few years before - see below. Four years after Betty died Edward married again. His second wife was widow **Ellen (Redmayne) Greenwood**, 22 years his junior.

Ellen, from Thornton-in-Lonsdale had been married to **John Greenwood**, the eldest son of



Mr Ed Hartley, photograph by the Horner Studio.
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a farmer from Horton-in-Ribblesdale and they had two children. John and Ellen worked as grocers and provision dealers in Upper Settle. John died in 1868, at the young age of 36, (the inscription is wrong) leaving Ellen a widow to look after children aged 12 and 10. John was buried in the Ancient graveyard, in the quiet area between the church and the current surgery and Ellen was later remembered on his stone.



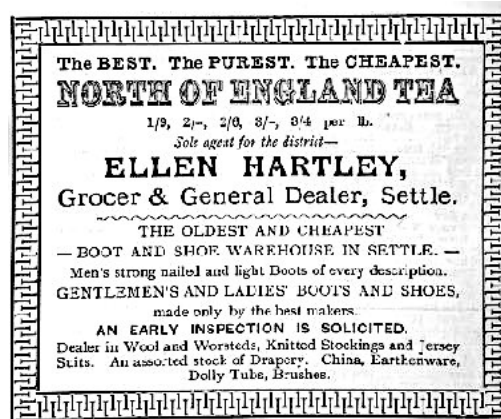
In memory of John Greenwood of Settle who died January 30th 1868 aged 34 years. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Also of Ellen widow of the above, died at Croylands, Spring Grove, Middlesex, June 5th 1900 Aged 71 years. Peace perfect peace, E8

This gravestone is made of a particularly fine slate, positioned amidst other wealthy folk in the graveyard, so there was money here from a good business. After John died Ellen continued their grocery business with the help of her children until she married Edward Hartley. Edward and Ellen's marriage may have caused some interesting discussions. Second spouses often gave up their occupation and lived with their stepchildren but not in this case. Edward left Barrel Sykes in the capable hands of his children and moved in with Ellen and her two children in Upper Settle. Edward continued to farm and Ellen continued to run her grocery business. Edward died eight years after their wedding and was buried with his first wife in Langcliffe.

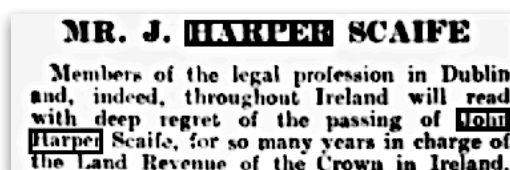


Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth the beloved wife of Edward Hartley of Barrel Sykes who departed this life August 7th 1866 aged 49 years. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Also of the above named Edward Hartley who died December 4th 1878 aged 71 years.

Ellen continued to run her business with enough money to employ a servant for another 20 years [LSA]. She did well. Ellen died in 1900, aged 71, at her son's house in Middlesex.



Ellen's daughter **Mary Elizabeth Greenwood** married **John Harper Scaife**, a barrister who was appointed to take charge of the Land Revenue of the Crown in Ireland [4]. *'In his hands State interests had ample protection...With the passing of John Harper Scaife is lost one of the stalwarts of the traditions which have made the public service a service worthy of its name'*. Ellen's son, **William Greenwood**, became a barrister and worked in Middlesex, living with his wife, daughter and servants. In her later years, Ellen moved to live with William in Middlesex and died there, aged 71.



Meanwhile, Edward and Betty Hartley's children had lived at Barrel Sykes. After Edward died most of them moved to live in the Durham area. Sons **Thomas** and **Edward Hartley** worked as clerks at the docks. They lived together with Thomas' wife and family. Daughter **Susannah Elizabeth Hartley** married **Christopher Heslop**, a mining engineer and,

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after a few years at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, also moved to the Durham area with their family. Son **John Hartley**, photographed in 1861 when he was about 10, [ph2] married his first cousin 1x removed, **Sarah Eliza Lawson**. He worked as a draper's assistant living on Belle Hill in Giggleswick. John and Sarah's eldest child, **Ethel Mary Hartley**, died when she was five and is buried in Giggleswick graveyard. During the early 1900s John and Sarah also relocated to the Durham area.

I.H.S. Darling Ethel June 8 1882, 5½ years. Safe from temptation, safe from sin's pollution; she lives whom we call dead B8/41



Mr J Hartley, photograph by the Horner Studio.
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Edward and Betty Hartley's daughter **Mary Hartley** married **Ezekiel Grayson** who replaced his father, another **Ezekiel Grayson**, as the manager of Bentham flax mills [2]. They were both regarded as good, honest, Christian men. In 1889 Ezekiel liquidated the company after decades of trading, with a view to setting up a new business '*Bentham Hemp Spinning Co. Ltd.*' and selling it on. Unfortunately, he died a year later and Mary moved to Saltburn-by-the-Sea near her sister. The Graysons were an exceptionally well connected family. Ezekiel's nephew **Joseph Constantine** was a shipowner who died leaving an estate of £1.5 million. As well as generous bequests for his own family he left Mary and each of her four children £500.

MILLIONAIRE SHIPOWNER
REQUESTS TO RELATIVES AT
CARDIFF.
Mr. Joseph Constantine, shipowner, of Harlsey Hall, Northallerton, and of Middlesbrough, who died on December 19, aged 67 years, left unsettled property valued for probate at £1,563,196, with net personality £1,312,493. This is the first millionaire estate of the new financial year just commenced, and the duties will amount to about £360,000.



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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

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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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