

## Old James Yeadon

This weary looking gentleman in this photo, from the Horner collection at the Museum of North Craven Life, looks like he has seen more than the average number of summers and plenty of fresh air. He is reasonably well presented with a tailcoat and waistcoat but isn't wearing the smart top hat and trousers that many men wore in 19th century Horner photos. This was a working man but the way he is staged, leaning on a desk, suggests a smart businessman too. The photo has a plain backdrop, apart from the sweeping curtain, typical of many Horner photos in the 1860s.



James Yeadon, photograph by the Horner Studio. Horner Collection©NCBPT (CC-BY 4.0)

Who was this man and what did he do?

The slide is inscribed '**James Yeadon**' who was the fifth of six sons of **Adam Yeadon** and **Jennett (Whitehead) Yeadon**, farmers in the Feizor/Clapham area. They married

'*by licence*' in May 1765, an expensive but quicker choice than by banns. A possible reason is that eldest son, **John Yeadon**, was born six months later. Few of James' brothers attained his old age — John died aged 23, Thomas was 10, Adam was 42, Christopher fared a bit better, reaching 52.

James was born in Feizor and baptised in Clapham in May 1779. In 1812, when he was 33, he married 22 year old **Jane Carr** of Giggleswick — perhaps James had previously been married? They farmed at Wharfe, near Austwick. A couple of years later a daughter, **Ann Yeadon**, was born and, another year later, daughter **Jane Yeadon**. At the time of the 1841 census the family lived in the hamlet of Wharfe with a farm servant, **John Butterfield**, who we'll meet again later. James and Jane seemed to have a quiet life. James didn't make the papers on occasions such as agricultural shows, nor for any criminal reasons! Wife Jane died in 1853, aged a respectable 63. Eldest daughter, Ann Yeadon, lived with James but then she died in 1861, aged 47. James stayed in the same house and kept working until he was in his 90s, and then moved to live with his daughter, Jane, in Settle. He eventually died in 1874, aged an incredible 95 and was buried with his wife in Clapham churchyard. The Horner photo was therefore taken before that!

James and Ann's second daughter, Jane, lived with her parents until, at the age of 44, married 50 year old bachelor, **Richard Redmayne**, a farmer from Horton-in-Ribblesdale. He had spent many years working for his bachelor uncle, **John Morphet**, at the 300 acre Foredale farm, near Helwith Bridge which they inherited when uncle John died a year later. In 1862

“FOREDALE,”  
Situate in the Parish of Horton-in-Ribblesdale aforesaid, in the occupation of Mr. Richard Redmayne, and containing 236a. 2r. 28p. or thereabouts be the same more or less. This Lot is subject to the payment of a Rectory Rent of 7s. 1d.  
The above Estates are Freehold and present a favourable opportunity for investment.  
The respective Tenants will shew the Premises, and further information with Particulars and Plans may be had at the Office of MESSRS. GELDARD & CHARLESWORTH, Solicitors, Settle.  
Settle, July 9th, 1862.

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Richard and Jane sold up [1] and took their substantial assets to live at The Terrace in Settle in the good company of some of the other wealthier folk of Settle. Like Jane's father, Richard and Jane both had long lives, dying in their 90s. The papers celebrated Richard as 'the oldest inhabitant of Settle' [2]. They have a very well-preserved stone reflecting Richard's estate, worth the equivalent of over £1 million today. Thanks Uncle John Morphet and James Yeadon!

**Mr Richard Redmayne, the oldest inhabitant of Settle, passed away at his residence, The Terrace, Settle, yesterday. He was in his ninety-third year.**



***In Loving Memory of Richard Redmayne, The Terrace, Settle Died June 21st 1901, aged 92 years. And of Jane Redmayne his widow died November 10th 1905 aged 90 years, Old E34***

Richard Redmayne's great nephew was an interesting chap called **Edward Redmayne Morphet**, the illegitimate son of **William Redmayne** and his cousin **Jane Morphet**, who later married. Edward was brought up by his Morphet grandfather. Edward's wife, **Sarah Ann Williams** had come to Langcliffe as a teenager for work after being orphaned in Cornwall. Several Cornish folk came to Settle to take advantage of the employment opportunities provided by the new railway as the tin mines went out of business. Sarah Ann worked in service for **George Ambler**, a very successful ironmonger in Duke Street at the corner of Chapel Street. When they married Edward became an ironmonger and took over George's business when he retired. For a while Edward worked in partnership with stonemason **John Hardy** installing hot air ovens which had



**E. Redmayne Morphet,**  
General and Furnishing Ironmonger,  
DUKE STREET, SETTLE,  
Begg to thank the inhabitants of Settle and District for their kind support during the past year, and wishes to call attention to his stock of  
**GENERAL IRONMONGERY**  
**OUTLERY,**  
Including Table, Dessert, Tea and Pocket Knives, Carvers, Scissors and Razors.  
**FENDERS AND FIRE IRONS**  
In Brass and Steel.  
**Coal Bases. Register & Slow Combustion Stoves.**  
**HOT AIR OVENS**  
On improved principle, and Ranges prepared on the shortest notice.  
**Washing, Wringing and Mangling Machines,**  
Chaff Cutters and Oatmeal Breakers. Lamps and Lanterns of all descriptions, including the DeLrie's Safety Lamp, Lighthouse Lamp, Eclipse, Duplex and Reading Lamps. Folding Beds. Corrugated Galvanized Iron.  
**NEW ROLLERS FOR WRINGING MACHINES.**  
E. R. M. begs to inform the public that he has taken the **TINNING BUSINESS** formerly carried on by the late Mr. T. Horner, Town Hall, Settle, and that by attention to all orders hopes to receive a share of public patronage. Any new goods required, not in stock, can be made as early as possible.  
**REPAIRS QUICKLY AND NEATLY EXECUTED.**  
**E. REDMAYNE MORPHET,**  
General Ironmonger and Tin Plate Worker.  
Duke Street & Town Hall, Settle.

extra flues to improve efficiency. The observant reader will notice that he also worked from the Town Hall [LSA] in a perfect position for photos of the Queen's Jubilee Trades procession in 1887 [ph2].

In 1909 Edward [3] purchased the old Primitive Methodist Chapel on Commercial Street, Upper Settle, for £275 when it was sold in order to build the new one at the top of Duke Street. He became the Superintendent and Honorary Secretary of the Settle Ambulance and Nursing Division, in charge of



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54 men and women. In 1913, he was presented with a photo of members who attended the Royal Review at Windsor that year — he was probably one of them! [LSA]. During the 1920s Edward retired to Cornwall with his second wife, **Mary Evelyn Redmayne**, who was also his first cousin and from Durham.

22. The members of the Settle Ambulance and Nursing Divisions presented Superintendent E. R. Morphet with a large framed Photograph of the Members who attended the Royal Review at Windsor on June 22nd.

Going back to James Yeadon, his younger brother, **Christopher Yeadon**, also found himself in Giggleswick. He married **Catherine Waller** — a branch of the Waller family ran the Black Horse in Giggleswick for over a century. Christopher and Catherine had five daughters most of whom moved to Lancashire with their husbands and families for work. Their fourth daughter, **Mary Yeadon**, moved to Liverpool where she married **John Butterfield**, the very same man who had worked in service for James Yeadon in 1841. John was one of two surviving sons of **William Butterfield**, a gardener and the church sexton (grave digger) — three other siblings died in infancy. That's just how it was in the 19th century. John had moved to Liverpool and found work as a merchant's clerk. Liverpool was the largest port in the world at that time, with the transatlantic cotton trade at its peak. The population of Liverpool multiplied by a factor of ten during the 19th century. This enormous population needed to live somewhere and rapidly constructed buildings became overcrowded and unsanitary so, unfortunately, mortality from disease was rife. . . .

John's brother, **James Butterfield**, joined him in Liverpool as he desperately needed a fresh start. The diaries of William Lodge Paley [WLP] tell us that James accidentally shot 46 year old **William Hargreaves** in the shoulder while they were out shooting sparrows and, on June 2nd 1843, he died. William was a labourer who left a wife and had three sons. Amazingly there are no records of a coroner's inquest into the shooting — did James just run away? He wouldn't be the first. Before the organisation of a nationwide police system in the 1870s, it was possible to escape justice by moving to a new county, or if the case was severe, by emigrating to the States or Australia.

June 2.—Wm. Hargreaves, who was accidentally shot in the shoulder by James Butterfield, died to-day; they were shooting sparrows.

Four years after the shooting, in Liverpool, on 11 April 1847, James married **Isabella Jackson** who was the illegitimate daughter of **Elizabeth Jackson**, a domestic servant from Caton. Did Isabella know anything about the shooting? In another awful twist of fate and just 15 weeks after their marriage in Liverpool, 29 year old James died of apoplexy (stroke), working as a victualler (innkeeper).

Eighth August 1847 84 Park Lane Liverpool	James Butterfield	Male 29 years	Victualler	Apoplexy	The mark of Isabella Jackson presented to the 82 Park Lane Liverpool
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Dad William went to the expense of bringing James' body back to Settle for burial and also paid for a notable inscription, perhaps feeling the need to reinforce James' good character? This would have taken quite a chunk out of a gardener's savings.

**Sacred to the memory of Ann wife of William Butterfield died July 26th 1843 aged 65 years. Also of James Butterfield, son of the above died at Liverpool August 8th 1847 aged 29 years.**

**If upright worth and virtue claims the tears, reader tis due to him who sleepeth here. Grateful, affectionate, sincere and kind. His memory's dear to those he left behind.**

**Also of the above named William Butterfield who died April 12th 1860 aged 76, B9**



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At the time of the following census return William was also in Liverpool visiting son John, his wife Mary (Yeadon) Butterfield and their son **Thomas Butterfield**. John was running an inn in the heart of Liverpool, perhaps having taken over from brother James? Unfortunately, Mary died in 1852, aged 35, when son Thomas was just three and then John died in 1854, aged 38. Thomas then went to live with his uncle, another **Thomas Butterfield** who worked in the Post Office in Blackburn. William died in 1860, aged 76, back in Settle, having outlived his wife and all his and Ann's children — how sad.



*This account has been compiled 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.*

*Life stories 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](http://ancestry.co.uk) includes the families buried in the graveyard. The project is ongoing and welcomes queries and information on [settleresearch@gmail.com](mailto:settleresearch@gmail.com). Latest news and events are on the Facebook page 'Settle Graveyard Project'. The life stories of people with italicised names have been researched as part of the graveyard project.*

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