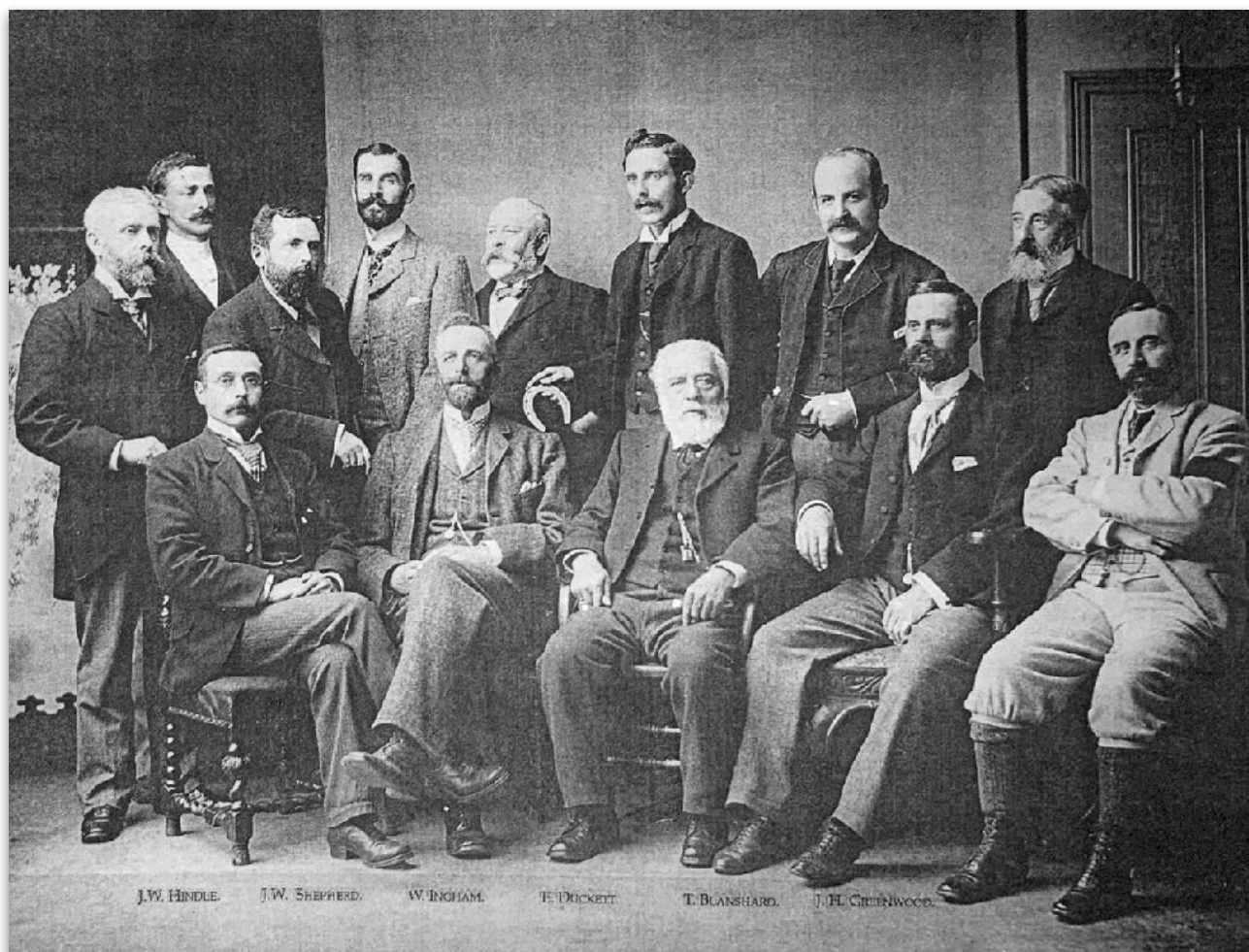


## A moment in Settle history, 1897



This unusual and fabulous photo [A] captures a group of thirteen businessmen in 1897. It is owned by descendants of the Duckett family who described the men as 'Settle worthies'. The men demonstrate the fashions of the day, wearing smart suits, starched collars and a variety of tie and facial hair styles. It's a fascinating photo but raises numerous questions, including where it was taken and who the photographer was. We know the Ducketts had individual portraits taken by the Horner family so it wouldn't be surprising if this was too. Who were these men?

**Front row, seated:** JW Shepherd, W Ingham, E Duckett, T Blanshard, JH Greenwood.

**Back row, standing:** JE Hindle, DH Brayshaw, Dr CW Buck, JL Brayshaw, E Handby, T Brayshaw, WF Clark, RH Buck.

First of all, we'll check out the men in the front row.

### Edward Duckett

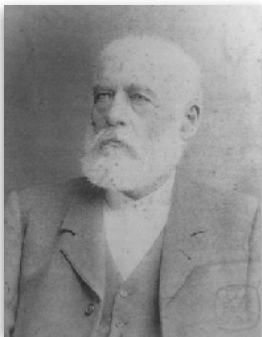
The white-haired man sitting in the centre of the front row is 70 year old **Edward Duckett**, the fifth child of **Charles Duckett** and his wife **Sarah Armitstead** who ran the 'King William' beerhouse on the High Street in Settle during the early 19th century. After an education at the National School, Edward became apprenticed to blacksmith **Luke Ralph**. In 1845, part way through the apprenticeship, Edward, aged 18, married 20 year old **Ellen**



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**Gill**, a blacksmith's daughter from Skipton and the first of 13 children was born two years later. Edward's apprenticeship finished in 1848 and, rather than setting up his own business in Settle, Edward, along with several other young men of Settle at that time, decided to see what the world had to offer instead. He set off for Australia on December 23rd 1848, the day after his 21st birthday. It's incredible to think that young men would take the risk of travelling to a completely unknown life on the opposite side of the world, but this was an era of economic challenges and political unrest in England. An assisted emigration scheme aiming to '*expand the Empire*' offered tickets to Australia for just a £5 deposit and this may have helped to make the decision too.

1849 was at the beginning of the Australian Gold Rush, although the first gold was not discovered until March 1851 in Victoria State. Edward saw an opportunity and decided, as well as trying to find gold of his own, to set up business as an ironmonger and blacksmith. This was a clever move as all the gold prospectors relied on horses for transport. His business was called '*The Golden Horseshoe*' and was immensely successful. Edward regularly sent letters home containing hundreds of pounds for his family back home.



As the years went by Edward [A] expanded the business and his eldest brother, **Richard Duckett**, who had been running the Plough Inn at Wigglesworth, became the agent for the English branch of Edward Duckett and Sons. Unfortunately, in March 1897 Richard died, aged 75, after a bad cold. Coincidentally, Edward had arranged a business trip to England at that time so was able to make suitable arrangements for the business — he moved the headquarters to London from Settle but still asked Craven Bank to control his finances. Whilst in Settle, Edward met up with '*the worthies of Settle*', some of whom were related via his grandchildren's marriages and

some may have worked for the business. The photo is an indication of how well he was regarded in the Settle community, even though he ran his business on the other side of the world! In the photo a horseshoe is being held just behind Edward's right shoulder — he was a son of Settle who started his business with a horseshoe and had gone on to make a fortune. Edward left a set of bowls to be won in a competition at the Settle Bowling Club (at the Ashfield). We will never know who won them!



The business continued for over 150 years, run by numerous descendants. Edward and Ellen named their home '*Castleberg*'! [A] Edward died in 1902, aged 76 and was buried in Melbourne, Australia.

Who were the other worthies? These men were all businessmen who may have had links to the Duckett business. They will all have known each other and all have their own, separate accounts.

### John William Shepherd



**John William Shepherd**, front row, seated left, aged 41, was the eldest son of **William Shepherd** and **Mary Slinger** who had nine other children.

William, a highly successful businessman in his own right [ph1], established '*Shepherd and Armistead*' and then '*Shepherd and Walker*' both successful '*druggist & grocers*' businesses and, as fashions changed, '*pharmaceutical chemists*'. The business on the



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site now occupied by Boots [ph2] survived for over 135 years, with John William running it for many years. As the eldest son, following an education at Giggleswick School, John William was the natural successor. He was also a JP, a poor law Guardian, a bell ringer at Settle Church, president of the cricket club, Chair of Settle Gas Works and a fellow of the Meteorological Society. John William was the only one of the siblings to marry and he



married twice. His first wife, **Eliza Julian**, died two years after the birth of their son, another **William Shepherd**. Son William went into banking but during the war he saw active service in Salonika, Palestine and Egypt as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment. After the war he managed a bank in Bath. John William's second wife was **Mary Ellis**, daughter of the banker **Frank Ellis**.

John William and his remaining sisters lived extraordinarily long lives, all living into their 80s or 90s, seeing out their last years together in Helwith Bridge.

## William Ingham



**William Ingham**, sitting between Mr Shepherd and Edward Duckett with the horseshoe resting on his shoulder, was the manager of the Langcliffe Mills at the time of the photo. William had quite a remarkable family story. He was the only surviving child of an agricultural labourer but managed to have an education at Giggleswick School — he must have been a bright lad to obtain a scholarship. By the age of 18 he had obtained a post as bookkeeper and clerk for **Hector Christie**, the owner of the Langcliffe Mills. William was a loyal employee and this paid off. At the age of 55 William became the manager of the mills and this provided him with the invitation to be included in this gathering soon afterwards. William had married **Jane Waller** whose ancestors ran the Black Horse in Giggleswick for decades, and they had six children.

Several members of the Ingham family had very itchy feet! William and Jane's son, **Edward Ingham**, left these shores at the age of 15 setting sail to America for a variety of jobs in fruit production. He married a Hawaiian girl and, after having children, moved to San Francisco. William and Jane's daughter, **Mary Elizabeth Ingham**, married **John Thomas Broome** in India. He was a cotton mill manager and they also moved to San Francisco to run another mill. William's cousin's son, **Thomas Ingham** left Settle soon after his 21st birthday bound for Australia, just like Edward Duckett. Perhaps Thomas and Edward Duckett knew each other? Thomas [ph3] was not quite as successful as Edward and had a few precarious adventures trying to find gold but eventually settled in Rockhampton, north of Brisbane running a profitable Chemist's business [ph4].



## Thomas Blanshard



The very tall Superintendent **Thomas Blanshard** on the other side of Edward Duckett also had humble roots, his father running away to America when he was just a few months old. So, Thomas was brought up by his grandparents while his mother worked in domestic service to raise funds to pay for his keep. When he was 20, Thomas joined the West Riding Police Constabulary even though this involved pretending he was 21. He was quickly and regularly promoted, valued by all the communities he worked in. He arrived in Settle as Superintendent of Police in 1895. Tragically, Thomas was killed a year after this photo was taken and there was a clue as to his death in his memorial stone inscription and some unusual newspaper headlines [1,2].

*In memoriam Thomas Blanshard, Supt of Police, Settle, died Nov 11th 1898, aged 41 years. 'In the midst of life we are in death' This stone was erected by the fellow superintendents of the West Riding Constabulary, OLD D34*



**SAD SHOOTING CASE AT INGLETON.  
DEATH OF A POLICE SUPERINTENDENT.**

**Police Supt. Blanshard has been killed by the accidental discharge of the gun of Supt. Haynes, while out shooting in the West Riding.**

Thomas had gone shooting with a 'great personal friend', Superintendent Haynes, who accidentally shot Thomas while he was turning round. Thomas' body was formally identified by none other than William Ingham and he was one of several authorities who made a point of saying this was an accidental death, although he wasn't there at the time [3]. Thomas left a widow, a two teenaged children who all moved away.

**William Ingham, manager of Langcliffe Mill, Settle, identified the body. He and the deceased were great personal friends, and he had not the very slightest suspicion of foul play or negligence in any way. Deceased had always spoken of Mr. Haynes as one of his warmest friends.**

## John Hargreaves Greenwood



At the far end of the front row is **John Hargreaves Greenwood**, the only child of **Edward Greenwood** and his wife **Hannah Smallwood** who met when they both worked in domestic service for a magistrate in Sandbach, Cheshire. Edward's parents were farmers from Wigglesworth. Edward obtained a post as a bank porter in Burnley and this may have helped son John become a bank cashier. By the age of 18 John worked at the Yorkshire Bank in the Market Place in Settle. John married **Emla Dibbs** from Leeds and they had four children.

In April 1900 John gained promotion to become the bank manager of the Bank of Liverpool in Clitheroe. This is when he also resigned as the Secretary and Treasurer of Settle Chess Club, 'an appointment he had held for the past twenty-six years' [LSA]. John was also the auditor for the Settle Temperance Hotel in Commercial Yard. John and Emla's children worked in banking, the military and veterinary work although their youngest

**16. Annual Meeting of the Members of the Chess Club at Settle, when Mr. J. H. Greenwood resigned the office of Secretary and Treasurer, which appointment he had held for the past twenty-six years.—Annual Meeting of the Giggles.**

son, **Victor John Greenwood**, a lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery, acting as Captain, was killed in action on the Western Front in April 1918, aged 32. The observant reader will notice that John

wears a black arm band on his left arm which he wore for mourning his father after his death in April that year. So, this photo was taken after that.

## John Edward Hindle



We cannot leave this part of the account without mentioning **John Edward Hindle** at the left end of the back row. The Duckett family inaccurately labelled him '*JW Hindle*'. John Edward was John Hargreaves Greenwood's boss — the Bank Manager. John Edward was the son of a Doncaster surgeon. His great grandfather was the Captain of the Sheffield militia in the late 18th century. John Edward married **Martha Anderson** whose paternal grandfather was a navy Captain and a hero of the Battle of Trafalgar. That's impressive ancestry! John Edward was a banker's clerk and cashier before promotion to Bank Manager in the Yorkshire Bank in Settle commencing in 1896 when he was 50.

Accommodation within the Bank Buildings was a perk of the job. Martha's sister, **Ellice Anderson**, was a nurse and she also came to Settle and lived in the house next to the bank, now the bike shop, boarding with **Mrs Crone**. Unfortunately, Ellice died of tuberculosis when she was 38 and John paid for her burial in a walled grave in Settle graveyard. James Edward and Martha retired to Bridlington.

James Edward and Martha Hindle had nine children, although two died in infancy. The other children had professional careers in England, Canada, Paris and Australia. During the war two sons were killed within a year of each other in 1917. **Frederic Gordon Hindle** left a widow and **Lionel Montague Hindle** left an '*unmarried wife*' called **Madge Hindle** and their son, **James Gordon Hindle**. The son became an engineer and gave his eldest son the middle name Lionel.

What about the rest of the men on the back row? We'll find out in part 2.



*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 [settlerearch@gmail.com](mailto:settlerearch@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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