

# William Settle

June 1865 - 12 September 1929

**W**illiam was born in Halliwell, Bolton in June 1865 to father John (1821-1889), and mother Alice (1825-1897). His mother was born in Westmorland (although shown as Bolton on the 1871 census, but Westmorland in 1881), his father was born in Bolton.

William appears on the **1871** Census aged 5 years living with his parents at 11 Seventh Avenue, Barrow Bridge, Bolton. His father is a labourer. He has sisters Anne aged 21 (a cardroom hand), Sarah Ellen aged 15, Nancy aged 13 ('Doffer' in a Cotton Mill) and Alice aged 1. - all were born in



Historic Barrow Bridge

Bolton. William had brothers John aged 10 and Thomas aged 8 (both 'Doffers' in a Cotton Mill) and James aged 3 who was a 'scholar'. All were Bolton born.

In **1881** the family were living at 4 Magnalls' in Halliwell, Bolton. Magnalls was demolished in 1934 when Moss Bank Way was constructed. The land appears to stretch from the top of Halliwell Road to the Dean Brook side of Temple Road, so

the farmhouse will have been in this vicinity along with some cottages which

would be known as Magnalls.



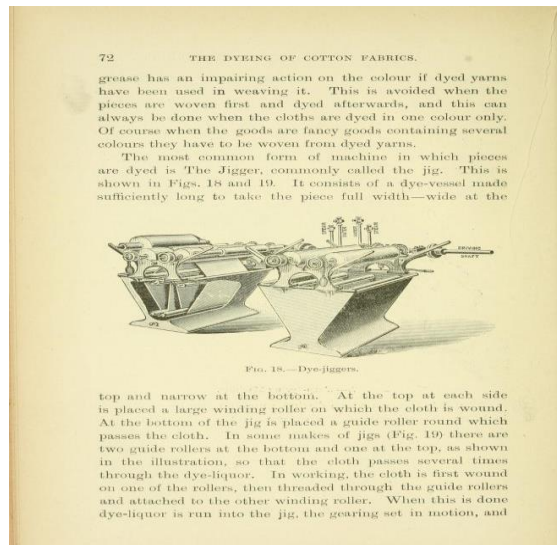
St Thomas the Apostle

His father is a 'farm labourer' aged 60 years. Mother Alice is aged 55. William is aged 15 and is a 'Jigger at Bleachworks' (many small piece dyers conducted the whole of their *bleaching* on the *jigger*, a simple form of dyeing machine on which most cotton piece goods are dyed – see below). John aged 20 is a labourer, Thomas aged 18 is a 'Piecer in

Cotton Mill', and James aged 13 is a scholar. Alice is also a scholar aged 11.

On **22 May 1889** William, aged 24 and a 'Crofter' of 40 Victor Street, Halliwell, married **Amelia Gower** aged 21 of 10 Herschell Street, Halliwell - at St Thomas the Apostle, Halliwell, Bolton. Amelia was born in Garstang, Lancashire.

John Settle (father) was present although he is thought to have died shortly after this in 1889. Also present was the bride's father James Gower (a carter) and Alice Settle was a witness. They were married by Minister G Lovett.



Dye Jigger



Their first child **John** was born in **1890** and baptised on **14 December 1890** at St Matthew, Bolton whilst living at 4 Magnall's Halliwell. William is described on the parish register as a 'Mangler'. The child was baptised by Alfred Wood.

In **1891**, as a married man aged 25, he and Amelia (aged 22) were living at 53 Cellini Street, Halliwell (off Wordsworth Street). William was employed as a 'Finisher' and Amelia as a 'Drawing Frame Tenter (cotton)' = someone who looks after spinning frames. Lodging with them is 59 year old James Gower, Amelia's father.

A child named **Alice** was baptised at St Matthew, Bolton on **16 September 1891** and by then the family had moved to 53 Cellini Street, whilst William is still working as a 'Mangler'. Alice was baptised by Curate Percy Scott. Sadly by 1901 Alice does not appear on the family Census.

**James** was born to the family in **1893** and he was baptised on **23 August 1893** at St Matthew. The family continued to live at 53 Cellini Street. William was a 'Mangler'.

**William [Junior]** was born on **13 July 1895** and baptised by Curate David Scott. The family were still at 53 Cellini Street but father was shown as a 'Crofter'. Like Alice, James does not appear on the 1901 Census.

**Robert** was born 3 February 1897 and baptised by D. Bernard Taylor. Father William's occupation is now shown as a 'Mangler'. They are living at 53 Cellini Street.

Alice Settle, William's mother died **20<sup>th</sup> December 1897** in Bolton.

In **1901** William is a 'Crofter Bleachworks' aged 37. Amelia aged 32 is not employed but is now looking after a family of 4 sons (John aged 10, James aged 8, Robert aged 4 and Stanley aged 2 who dies on 27<sup>th</sup> October of this year) for whom no baptismal record has yet been found. All the children were born in Bolton. They were living in 1 Garside Grove in St Peter's Parish, Smithills.

Later in 1901 they were joined by a daughter **Annie** Settle, who was born 7 October and was baptised at St Thomas the Apostle, Halliwell by G. Russell Gipps. They were at the census address of 1 Garside Grove. William is a '@Finisher'.

In **1905** (April-June) William's wife **Amelia died** in Bolton aged 36 years.

Within 4-6 months of his first wife dying William remarries.

On **11 October 1905** at St Peter, Halliwell, William marries Mary Hannah Morris, spinster, who was in full time employment as a Stitcher living at 8 Pool Terrace close to St Peter's church. [Albert Thornley, who is on the Roll of those who died, lived at 4 Pool Terrace]. William's labourer father is shown on the record as 'deceased' as is Mary's shopkeeper father Adam Morris, also deceased. They were married by John Duckett Woodhall.

In **1911** William and Mary Hannah Settle are living at 31 Holly Grove, Bolton (corner of Ivy Road and Valletts Lane). William is a 'Mangler' in Bleaching and aged 44. Mary is aged 49. She is shown as

being married for 5 years and as having had 9 children, 5 living and 4 dead<sup>1</sup>. The family now consist of sons James aged 17 and a 'Piecer' in cotton spinning, Robert aged 14 (born 3 February 1897) also a 'Piecer', Fred aged 7 (born 5/4/1903) is at school, and daughters Annie aged 9 (born 7/10/1901) and Elsie aged 5 (born 16/4/1905) both at school. These children are likely to be from Mary Hannah's earlier marriage. Previous children not on the Census but on the 1901 Census for the Morris family were Ada aged 28 and Arthur aged 26. As only 5 children are living are these two dead or is the census record incorrect?

There are a number of war records for WW1 for 'William Settle'. No attestation record can be found although there are a number of Medal Roll records held for the Royal Lancashire Regiment, Royal Field Artillery, Lancashire Fusiliers, Manchester Regiment and Army Service Corps. [Can anyone help with this?]

However there is an Army 'Descriptive Report on Enlistment' on which William appears living at 31 Holly Grove, Bolton. He is shown as father of **James Settle** who was enlisting for WW1 service aged 22 years and 50 days, height 5 feet 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches with a 'scar chest bone'. James was on Army service in the UK from 7/4/15 to 13/7/16, with British Expeditionary Force 16/7/16 to 5/5/18, and he returned home on 6/5/18.

Son James (born 7/8/1893) married Hannah Gregory on **3 January 1920** in Chorley Old Road Wesleyan Church, Bolton [see below]. He was described as aged 26, War Pensioners Clerk of 31 Holly Grove, Bolton. Hannah Gregory was 24 and a 'Cotton winder', spinster, of 111 Queensgate, Bolton (off Chorley New Road). His father William was present and is shown as a 'Crofter' and her father Thomas Gregory as an Ironworker. They were married in the presence of Bursell H. Mudd. On **24 July 1921** their son (and William's grandson) Arthur was baptised at Chorley Old Road Wesleyan Church, Bolton. He was born on **2 July 1921**. James' family were living at 111 Queensgate, Bolton. James died on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1969 in the Fylde, Lancashire

William's son Robert married Gladys Hullard [see photo] who was born on 22/8/1902 in Reddich, and died 17 November 1967 in Perth, Western Australia. They are believed to have had two grandchildren of William's (one of unknown female who married John Bertram George, and Kenneth Settle (born 1922 and died 2003) who married Gwendoline (born 1933 and who died in 1993)) – see photograph



Gladys Hullard

Gwendoline Settle

Chorley Old Road Wesleyan Church

Son John died in March 1911.

Son Fred (born 1903) married Margaret Kendall. He died in 1985.

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<sup>1</sup>.It looks likely the parish records are incorrectly showing her status which should probably have been 'widow'. She was married to Arthur Morris (born in Llandudno, North Wales) with a son Arthur born 1885 and a daughter Ada born 1883 both in Denton, Manchester.

Daughter Elsie died in November 1992.

**William Settle died on 12 September 1929 in Bolton aged 64.**