

William Battersby d 22 April 1869

SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
WILLIAM BATTERSBY
who died April 22nd 1869,
Aged 78 Years.

ELIZABETH WIFE of
WILLIAM BATTERSBY who
died at Edge Hill on the 16th May
1860 Aged 64 Years

ALSO
JOHN Son of the above who died
on the 16th day of Sept^r 1834
Aged 1 Year and 6 Months.
Also of **WILLIAM** their Son,
who died on the 22nd day of June 1878,
Aged 55 Years
Also of **ROBERT** their Son
Who died Jan^y 5 1881
Aged 55 years.



A finely carved slate headstone to a Yeoman's family. Yeomen farmed on their own behalf.

A William Battersby, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Battersby, was christened at Dalton on 1 May 1791.

William Battersby (27) Husbandman, married Elizabeth Geldart (21) Spinster (X) (meaning she could not write) on 24 October 1818 at Urswick. The witnesses were Robert Chatburn Geldart and Elizabeth Geldart (X). *Lancashire Online Parish Clerk.*

Another William Battersby was baptised 5 April 1823 at Dalton-in-Furness, son of William and Elizabeth Battersby.

In the **1851 Census** living at Edge Hill, Urswick, were William Battersby (59) Farmer of 108 acres, 2 labourers, born Dalton, Lancs; Elizabeth Battersby (55) Farmer's Wife, born Aldingham, Lancs; William Battersby (28) Unmarried, Son, Husband

Man, born Dalton, Lancs; Robert Battersby (24) Unmarried, Son, Husband Man, born Dalton, Lancs; Eleanor Pickthall (17?) House Servant, born Urswick, Lancs; Henry Simpson (19) Farm Servant, born Dalton, Lancs; and William Wilson (13) Farm Servant, born Urswick, Lancs.

I had difficulty finding the family in the **1861 Census**, (the name has probably been mis-transcribed, but I never discovered to what) but they were still at Edge Hill, Urswick. The household is made up of William Battersby (70) Widower, Farmer, born Dalton; William Battersby (38) Son, Unmarried, Farmer's Son, born Lindale (*sic – probably Lindal*); Robert Battersby (34) Unmarried, Farmer's Son, born Lindale (*sic*); William Fisher (17) Grandson, Farm Servant, born Dalton; William J. Edmondson (11) Farm Servant, born Ulverston; Ann Nicholas (25) Unmarried, House Servant, born Gleaston, Lancs; Mary Dixon (14) House Servant, born Kirby (*sic*) Lancs.

The **National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1869** has:

BATTERSBY William 6 August The Will of William Battersby late of Scales in the Parish of Aldingham in the County of **Lancaster** Yeoman deceased who died 22 April 1869 at Scales Aforesaid was proved at **Lancaster** by the oaths of Samuel Battersby of Scales aforesaid Yeoman and William Battersby of Redman Hall in the Parish of Urswick in the County aforesaid Yeoman the Sons and William James Fisher of Barrow-in-Furness aforesaid Spirit Merchant the Executors.

I had expected to find the younger William still at Edge Hill in the **1871 Census**, but this was not the case. Living at Scales (abode unnamed) were Samuel Battersby (50) Farmer of (unreadable) acres, born Dalton, Lancs; Sarah Battersby (37?) born Aldingham, Lancs; Robert Battersby (18) Unmarried, Agricultural Labourer, born Aldingham (as were the next five children; Elizabeth Battersby (16) General Servant (Domestic); Sarah Jane Battersby (14) Scholar; Samuel Battersby (12) Scholar; Thomas Battersby (10) Scholar; John Battersby (8) Scholar; William Battersby (48) brother, Annuitant, born Dalton; Robert Battersby (44) Brother, Farm Servant, born Dalton.

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BATTERSBY William 26 July The Will of William Battersby late of Scales in the Parish of Aldingham in the County of **Lancaster** Yeoman who died 23 June 1878 at Scales was proved at **Lancaster** by Samuel Battersby the Brother and James Stables Yeoman both of Scales the Executors. Personal Estate under £800.