

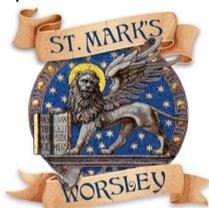
William BATLEY



Born: 11 May 1797

Died: 19 December 1870

*2nd Reg. of LIFE GUARDS
TRUMPET MAJOR*



William BATLEY

Sadly, the headstone for this gentleman and his family no longer exists in the churchyard. However, about 50 years ago, transcriptions were made of some of the stones and the transcription for this grave read:

In affectionate remembrance of WILLIAM HENRY BATLEY late Trumpet Major 2nd Life Guards and late Trumpeter D.L.O.Y.C. who died December 19th 1870 aged 68 years. Also of SARAH SUSANNAH wife of the above who died December 30th 1868 aged 68 years. Also of WILLIAM HENRY their son who died April 6th 1878 aged 55 years. Also of CHARLES their son who died August 12th 1850 aged 11 years. (Plot i1234)

1797: Baptism of **William Batley** at St. Marylebone, to William and Ann on 11 May 1797.

1813: Enlistment Date 13 May 1813 into the 2nd Life Guards.

1821: Marriage of **William Henry Batley** to Sarah Burton, on 18 February (or 6 March), at St. Marylebone.

<i>William Henry Batley</i>	of <i>this</i>	Parish
<i>Bachelor</i>		
and <i>Sarah Burton</i>	of <i>this</i>	Parish
<i>Spinster</i>		
were married in this Church by <i>Banns</i>		
	this <i>Sixth</i>	Day of
<i>March</i>	in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-one	
By me <i>B. Burgess Curate</i>		
This Marriage was solemnized between us } <i>Wm Henry Batley</i>		
In the Presence of } <i>Sarah Burton</i>		
} <i>Rebecca Ann Watson</i>		
} <i>Rich^d Parkin</i>		
No. <i>161</i>		

1841 census: Regents Park Barracks

William Batley	35	Army
Sarah	40	
Francis	12	
George	9	
Thomas	5	
Charles	2	

1845: Discharge date 1845. 2nd Reg. of Life Guards. Enlisted 1813, aged 11. Born about 1802. Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner.

1851 census: Worsley.

William Batley	Head	M	49	Chelsea Pensioner	b. Marylebone
Sarah	Wife	M	50		b. Kensington
William	Son	S	28		b. Windsor
Francis	Son	S	21	Musician	b. St. Pancras

George	Son	S	17	Joiner (App.)	b. Windsor
Thomas	Son		15		b. Knightsbridge
James	Son		5		b. Westminster

1859: Marriage on 15 October of Thomas Batley to Elizabeth Nixey, at St. George, Hanover Square, by Licence. Son of William Henry Batley, Office Clerk.

Children:

William (1823-1878)
 Francis John (1832-)
 George Alfred (1835-1911)
 Thomas (1836-1931)
 James (1846-)
 Charles (1839-1850)
 Clara Annie (1867-1867)

1861 census: Village, Worsley.

William Hy. Batley	Head	M	59	Tonnage Clerk	b. Marylebone
Sarah	Wife	M	60		b. Kensington
William	Son	S	38	Professor of Music	b. Windsor
Francis John	Son	S	29	Professor of Music	b. Regents Park
George Alfred	Son	S	29	Do.	b. Windsor

1870: From *The Bolton Evening News* 23 December **1870**

YEOMANRY BANDMASTER'S FUNERAL AT WORSLEY

*The mortal remains of Trumpet Major **Batley**, late of the 2nd Life Guards, and subsequently bandmaster of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, were interred yesterday at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, with military honours, the vicar, the Rev. Canon Beechey, officiating. The regimental band assisted at the funeral, and the Worsley Troop, under the command of Lieut. Ashton, followed the remains of their late comrade to their final resting place, ten of whom fired three volleys over the grave. Both in the regiments to which he was attached and in the village of Worsley, **Mr. Batley** was highly respected. A large number of people witnessed the interment.*

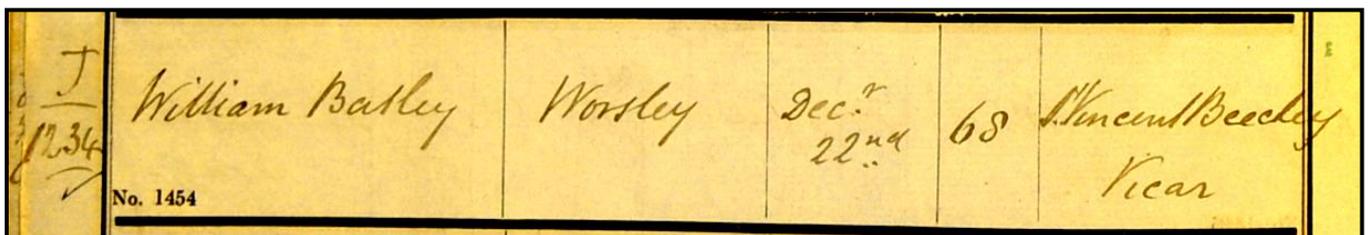
Burial: 22 December **1870** St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England

William Batley

Age: 68 yrs

Abode: Worsley

Buried by: S. Vincent Beechey Vicar



Other Family

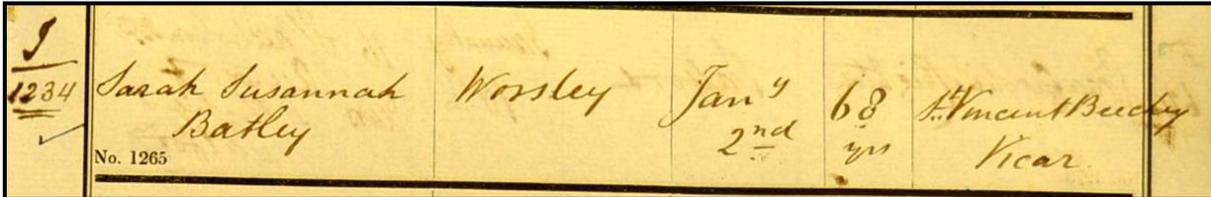
Burial: 2 January 1869 St. Mark, Worsley. [Died 30 December 1868]

Sarah Susannah Batley

Age: 68 yrs

Abode: Worsley

Buried by: S. Vincent Beechey Vicar



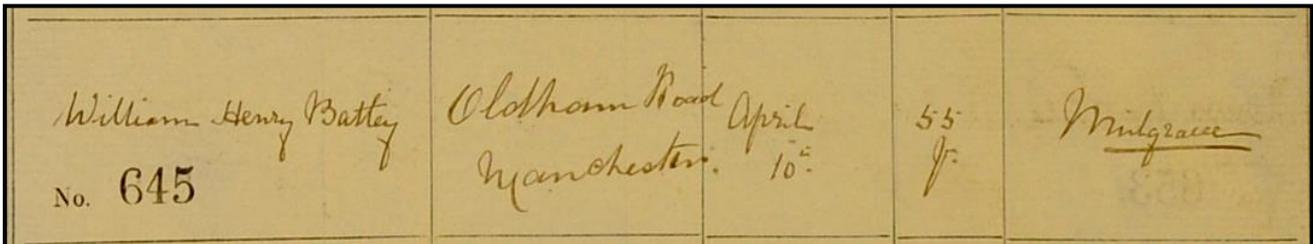
Burial: 10 April 1878 St. Mark, Worsley. [Died 6 April 1878]

William Henry Batley

Age: 55 yrs.

Abode: Oldham Road, Manchester

Buried by: Mulgrave



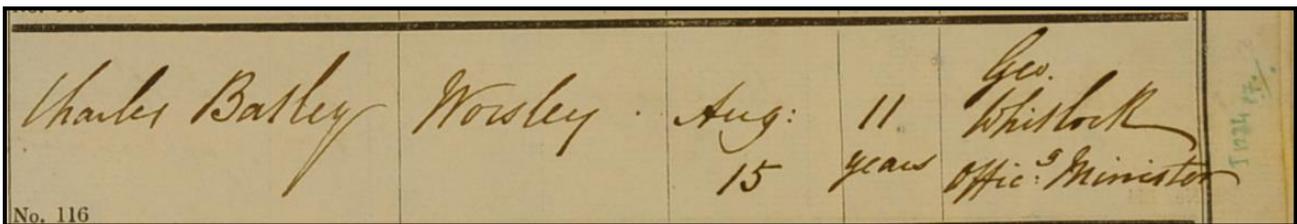
Burial: 15 August 1850 St. Mark, Worsley.

Charles Batley

Age: 11 yrs.

Abode: Worsley

Buried by: Geo. Whitlock Offg. Minister



ALSO:

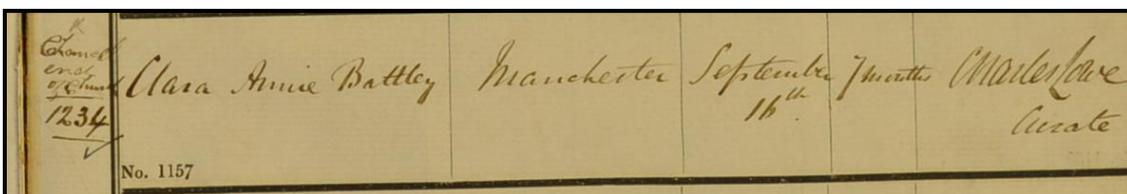
Burial: 16 September 1867 St. Mark, Worsley.

Clara Annie Battley -

Age: 7 mo

Abode: Manchester

Buried by: Charles Lowe Curate



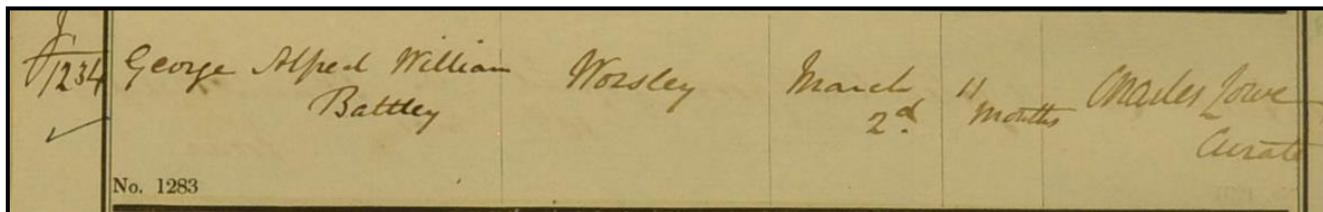
Burial: 2 March 1869 St. Mark, Worsley.

George Alfred William Battley

Age: 11 mo.

Abode: Worsley

Buried by: Charles Lowe Curate



Burial: 11 January 1911 St Mark, Worsley.

George Batley

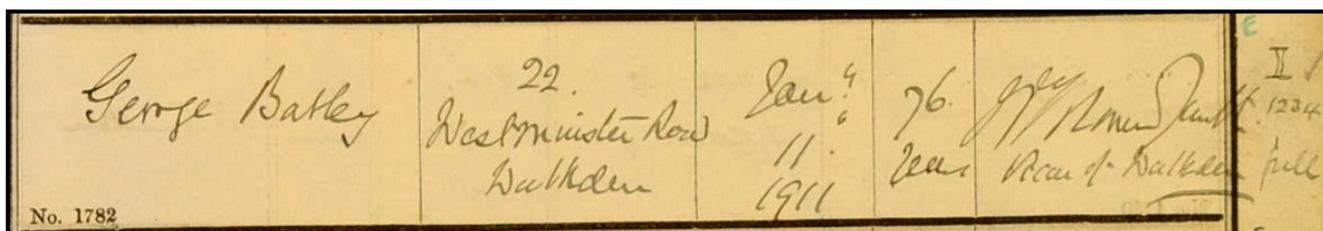
Age: 76 years

Abode: 22 Westminster Road, Walkden

Grave: I 1234

Notes: Full

Buried by: Wm. Mower Smith, Vicar of Walkden



Also buried in the same grave:

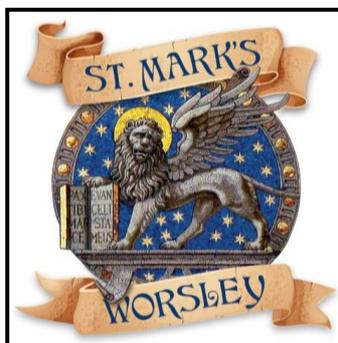
Burial: 18 April 1864 St Mark, Worsley.

Thomas Kent -

Age: 66 yrs

Abode: Alder Forest

Buried by: S. Vincent Beechey





In **1832**, French portraitist Alexandre-Jean Dubois Drahonet was commissioned by William IV to paint one hundred pictures illustrating the uniform of the British Army. The Royal Collection retains most of this series. A photograph of the Equerry's Room at Windsor Castle taken in around **1900** shows some of these paintings hanging together, framed in groups.

During the period of peace following the Napoleonic Wars, increasingly elaborate (and often quite impractical) military attire was devised, particularly by George IV. By the time William IV came to the throne in **1830**, uniforms had become too expensive and were simplified and adapted once again. The result of these changes was codified and promulgated in the **1831** Dress Regulations. These paintings were intended to provide a visual record of the recent changes to military dress. Their value is not only historical, however, but also aesthetic: Drahonet produces lively, slightly elongated figures, capturing their facial expressions and setting them in a variety of organic poses.

Each painting in the series depicts a single figure against a neutral background. Although their uniform and accoutrements are the focus, the sitters are often identified by name, as well as regiment and rank. Seen here is trumpeter **William Batley** of the 2nd Life Guards, part of the Household Cavalry. He is depicted playing his instrument, from which hangs a gold-fringed red banner showing the Royal Arms.

Batley wears a red-crested steel helmet and short gloves (rather than longer gauntlets) which made it easier to handle the trumpet. He wears the ceremonial red and gold State Dress. The large 'GR' on his chest, the cypher of the previous monarch George IV, suggests this painting was made early in William IV's reign.

[by courtesy of: <https://www.royalcollection.org.uk/collection/407042/trumpeter-william-batley-b-1801-2nd-life-guards>]

Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research Vol. 16, No. 62, CORONATION NUMBER (Summer, 1937), pp. 87-100 (14 pages) v. page 97, under 1832-33: Oil Paintings on wood panels, by Dubois de Drahonet. Military Pictures and Prints at Windsor Castle, by the Rev. Percy Sumner, F.S.A.