

G The Standering Family



Thomas Standering was one of the supporters of the new turnpike road between Selby and Doncaster that opened in 1832.

William's business was cargo on the Ouse, trading along the east coast of Britain and across to Europe. When chairman of the local Board of Trade in 1851-53, his boats transported the material to repair and improve roads in the town centre.

In 1907, Mary Standering donated money to extend Selby's Cottage Hospital in New Lane. This gift included an operating theatre and a mortuary. Nearby Standering Hall was built six years later. It still stands and is used for church and other meetings.

In 1914, Mary also funded the creation of a wonderful stained glass window in the north transept of Selby Abbey. The window describes the life of St Germain, to whom Selby Abbey is dedicated.

H The Hawdon Family

A family of local benefactors, one of whom, Thomas Hawdon, was part of the committee that brought clean water to Selby after the cholera outbreaks of the early 19th century. The Hawdon Institute, adjacent to the Abbey is named in their honour.



Now that personal records are widely available online, it has become much easier to trace an individual's life story. If the brief glimpses of the lives of these merchants has whetted your appetite to find out about your own ancestors, resources at Selby Library or via Selby & District Family History Group are excellent starting points.



The "Mariners, Merchants and Monuments" project stemmed from the desire of Selby Town Council to promote a greater interest in, and use of, resources linked to Selby Cemetery. This would lead to an increase in understanding of how life was lived in Selby in the 19th century, and also encourage people to discover more about their own family histories.

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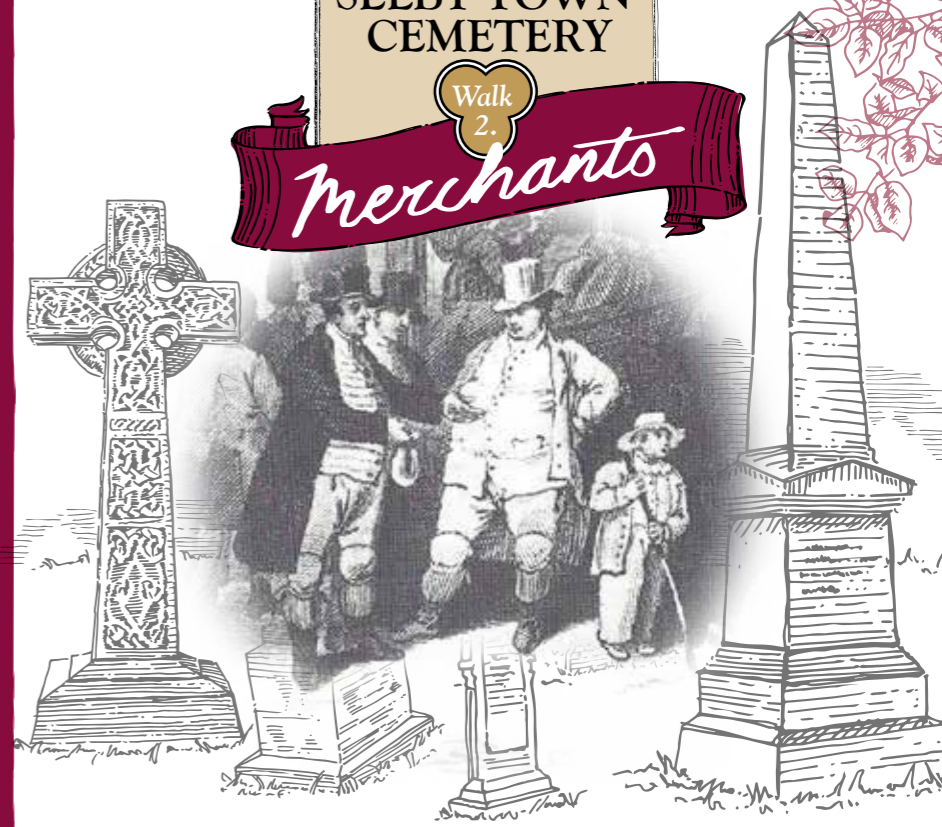


Mariners Merchants and Monuments

SELBY TOWN
CEMETERY

Walk
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Merchants



This walk begins by following the first path to the right, once through the main entrance. Markers on the map show the approximate positions of the graves discussed.

A The Liversidge Family

On the right, by a bench, are a series of memorials to the Liversidge family. William Liversidge (senior) lived in Millgate from 1822, and he had three sons, Thomas, Henry and William junior. They ran an agricultural merchants' on Ousegate, now a charity shop, as well as being involved in shipbuilding along Ousegate.

stained glass, which was consecrated in 1912.

He also helped to set up a dispensary in The Crescent in 1889. This gave some medical help to Selby's needy and poor, distributing medical supplies in the days before the NHS. His charity was still dispensing benefits as late as the 1980s.

William also became a local magistrate and helped to set up the Selby Rifle Volunteers in November 1860. He played a large part in the funding of the Drill Hall and Armoury which opened in 1865, which still stands near the Brayton Road railway level crossing.

Captain Henry Liversidge was a supporter of the Cawood, Wistow & Selby Light Railway, officially opened in February 1898 by the Lord Mayor of York.

William was appointed a church warden of Selby Abbey in 1865. Following the fire in 1906, William was responsible for the beautiful South Transept and its fine

B The Rimmington family memorial



The Rimmington family had a general store near the junction of Finkle Street and Gowthorpe. The family name lived on in the form of the stationers' on Finkle Street that existed until the 1990s. The family were also related to David Foster, a Nonconformist minister, who devised the first form of the game table tennis whilst living in Micklegate in 1889.



The Victorian Area of SELBY TOWN CEMETERY



C William Norwood Cheesman

Cheesman grew up in Hull, and by the age of 25 joined his uncle in the extensive drapery business at Selby which became Cheesman (Selby) Ltd and was on 'The Crescent' adjacent to the current Wetherell's store. Older Selebians may remember buying material from Cheesman's, which was eventually taken over by Wetherell's in the 1950s.

Cheesman was also a keen botanist. He organized 'fungi forays' in the woods around Selby which attracted enthusiasts from all over the UK. The success of these events led to formation, of the national group that studies fungi, the British Mycological Society, at a meeting in the Londesborough Hotel in 1896; a society that still exists today.

In later life, he became a JP, President of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union and a Freemason.



D A memorial to members of the Bellerby family

Mr Bellerby was a printer and publisher who founded what is now the 'Selby Times' in 1860.



E The Wetherell Family

Whilst there are two Wetherell graves in the vicinity marked, there are several more in the cemetery. The well-known family business on The Crescent opened in 1898 and continues to thrive today. There were also Wetherell's stores on the corner of Finkle Street and Market Place and also in Cawood.

F The Whiskers Family

Whiskers were trusted greengrocers in Selby for around a century until the turn of the millennium, with a shop on Gowthorpe by the snicket to the Abbey Walk shops, and a stall in 'InShops': Selby's former indoor market, now 'Home Bargains'.