

## **WILLIAM 'BILL' SALT: 1904-1985**

Bill was born in the cottages at Tomknitter bridge, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire in 1904. His parents were Joseph Salt and Ann Maria Seymour. He had 9 siblings: Isabella, Mary Louisa, Elizabeth, Florence, Joseph Jnr, Sadie, John (Jack), George and Fred.



Like his father and brother Joe: Bill worked on the canals through the depression era and throughout World War 2.

The article from the Leeds and Liverpool canal society newsletter, 'Clogs and Ganseys' Looks back at the precarious nature of the life of a boatman while bombs were raining down on Liverpool. Bill himself very nearly the victim of one of those stray bombs.

With trade on the canals declining after the War, Bill sought new employment and went to work for Blackburn based, Thwaites brewery. One of the best known brewing companies in the North-West, Bill could be seen out and about with the famous shire horses and cart delivering kegs of beer to Thwaites many public houses in the Blackburn area.

Bill never married and continued to live in Church all of his life. He passed away in 1985 and is buried in Dill Hall cemetery, Clayton Le Moors, Lancashire.

*Photo: Leeds and Liverpool Canal near Bradley, North Yorkshire*

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