



LUCY BEATTIE

Worked at Raby
1910 - 1969
Lodge Keeper

- Born 1884
- Died 1969
- Lived at the top lodge on the estate
- Loved gardening
- Her family had served the Barnards for over 120 years



ABOUT

As a Lodge Keeper, Lucy would open and close the lodge gates- every morning at 6 a.m. and every night at 10 p.m. She also operated the gates in times of emergency.

She lived in the lodge and enjoyed gardening and tending to her allotment. Her living room was on one side of the gates and her bedroom on the other!

Relatives of her family and her husband's family had served the Barnard family for over 120 years. Her father, John Beattie, was a shepherd and the butcher on the estate when cattle, sheep and deer were slaughtered onsite. There is also mention of an Isobel Beattie who was a Dairymaid. Her wages in 1921 were £30 per annum.

INTERESTING QUOTES

"Lucy resided at the top lodge and was an institution in herself. She guarded the gates assiduously and woe betide anyone who tried to get in without her seeing. This applied even when the army were in residence during the war, there may have been a sentry on duty, but Lucy had the final say.

When my father and mother went to dances, she always came down to make sure I was alright."
(Arthur Galilee)

Teesdale Mercury Obituary, March 1969

"Miss Beattie came to the High Lodge with her father in 1910, became lodgekeeper on his death in 1922, and remained a faithful and much loved servant until her death.

One of her most treasured memories was a story relating to the present Lord Barnard. When a small boy, being rather upset that he had to return to boarding school, he sobbed that he would be all right if only he could say goodbye to Lucy. He did, and received his bag of sweets which she had always tucked away for him. Children and adults were always given sweets, apples, oranges... and she must have made thousands of cups of tea for her many callers."