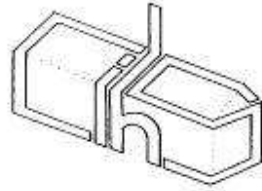


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EDITORIAL

Well another successful year for the Society draws to an end. The committee are very appreciative of all those who turn out for the events even in appalling weather like the visit to Cockermouth in September. The committee has arranged another wonderful set of visits and conferences for the coming year with meets in all parts of the county and with topics that should appeal to most people. Please support these meetings as well as you can.

Enclosed with this Bulletin (in separate mailing for those who get it by email) is volume 8 of the Cumbrian Industrialist the Society's occasional publication. It consists of two papers that were written by the late Mike Davies-Shiel but he never got published during his life. They have been edited for publication but still retain Mike's trade mark writing style.

If you would like to see the Industrialist reach double figures for editions I am in need of papers for the next volume. So if there is that piece of research which you have done and feel others would be interested in please get in touch. Guidance and advice is always available for anyone who is not sure

The digitisation of the Mike Davies-Shiel slide collection is now nearing completion and we would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work in transcribing the notes on the slide frames. It is hoped that the collection along with the searchable database will be freely available shortly.

Front cover Members of the Society at Double Mill, Cockermouth on the September meeting.

SOCIETY EVENTS 2013

FEBRUARY EVENING MEETING 28TH FEBRUARY 2014. 7.30PM.

Ambleside And Beyond. Pictures from the Mike Davies-Shiel collection at the Ambleside Parish Centre.

APRIL CONFERENCE SATURDAY 26TH APRIL 2014

See enclosed flier for details and booking form.

WORKINGTON'S INDUSTRIAL PAST, SUNDAY 18TH MAY 2014 10.00 AM

The start point is GR NX 984 296. Known locally as the pier end. Its on the south side of the river Derwent. All the walking will be on footpaths and old railways (cycle ways) and possible beach walking. We will use Tesco and Asda parking areas and toilets are not very far away. Restaurants at Morrisons, Tesco, and Asda there is also a McDonalds. A picnic on the beach is nice depending on the weather.

JUNE EVENING MEETING HERON CORN MILL 17TH JUNE 2014 6.30 PM

Meet in Corn mill car park SD 496 799. A tour of the recently refurbished mill and display.

BAUGH FELL AND QUARRIES SUNDAY 20TH JULY 2014 10.00AM

Leader – Kevin Lancaster. Meet at Greenwood Hall, Dowbiggin (SD 6872 9230) at 10am. Weather clothing and stout footwear.

A walk of about 5 or so miles on fell land taking in Wilkin Stile non-lead mine, Dent fault, stone quarries and coal works, seventeen house platforms at Bowscale and mills at Hebblethwaite, lots of pits and two cinder ovens. Lunch at Gill Laid's waterfall.

STAINMORE RAILWAY SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST 2014 10.00AM

Leader – Mark Keefe (Stainmore Railway Trust's archivist) Meet at Kirkby Stephen East station (NY 7618 0668) at 10am. Weather clothing and stout footwear.

Guided walk on the dismantled line past various quarries and former railway infrastructure sites to examine Podgill and Hartley viaducts (Depending on weather and members inclination there would be the opportunity to go further) Back to KSE for a guided tour and tea in the 'buffet'. There is also the possibility of a slide show on the railway.

BROUGHTON AND DUDDON SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2014 11 AM.

Meet at Donkey Rocks SD 210 867 for a walk around Duddon Furnace and the industrial sites in Broughton.

Autumn conference Brampton details to be arranged

November Evening meeting Backbarrow Blue works video date and venue to be arranged.

JOINT MEETING WITH FOCAS SATURDAY 24TH APRIL 2014 10.30 – 12.30

'This special session at Barrow Record Office with the archivist who has been cataloguing the huge collection of mining records there is being held in conjunction with Friends of Cumbria Archives. As numbers are limited and two societies will be attending, please book your place with Rob David (01539 726134 or r.david49@btinternet.com).'

Work has now started on the National Cataloguing Grant project "A Mine of Information" at the Cumbria Archive and Local Studies Centre in Barrow. The aim of this project was to address the cataloguing backlog at the centre and allow greater access to the records of two significant business collections; The Hodbarrow Mining Company Limited, and The Millom and Askam Hematite Iron Company (and associated companies). Completion of the project is set to be in April 2014.

The Hodbarrow Mining partnership was formed in 1855 with the success of the company linked to both the size and quality of the hematite deposit found. With the mine being so close to the sea, flooding and sand runs caused serious problems, occasionally resulting in the forced closing of the mine. This dilemma was solved with the construction of two sea barriers, the first in 1891 and the second in 1905. The remains of these barriers can still be seen today and forms part of the RSPB nature reserve at Hodbarrow. The company also played an important benevolent role in the region, building housing for workers, providing health and welfare facilities, and granting subscriptions to a number of local schemes. Production ceased at Hodbarrow in 1967 and the mine closed on 31st March 1968.

The Millom & Askam Hematite Iron Company Limited was founded in September 1890 in order to acquire and amalgamate two existing firms; the Cumberland Mining and Smelting Company Limited (1862) and the Askam and Mouzell Company Limited (1880). The company leased and owned various iron ore mines in the local vicinity including the Ullbank and Florence mine at Egremont, which became the last working deep iron ore mine in Western Europe, finally closing in 2008. The collection also includes records from the company's foreign interest in the Alquife Mine and Railway Company in Spain.

The collections cover 102 linear metres of records (the equivalent length of a professional football pitch) including minutes, maps and plans, health and welfare records, employee records, production records, title deeds, photographs, correspondence, and much more. The session will explore the history and local impact of the two companies, with a chance to see and handle some of the unique archival records.

BOOK REVIEW

DRAINING THE CUMBRIAN LANDSCAPE. Edward and Stella B Davis. Published Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeology Society Research Series no. XI. 2013. Paper back 219 pages plus CD. Price £18.00. (See enclosed flier for discount)

This is really two books in one, the printed book looks at the introduction of land drainage in Cumbria (Cumberland and Westmorland) using burnt clay tiles and pipes. This industry was introduced to Cumberland in 1820 and slightly later to Westmorland and it rose spectacularly to peak in the 1850's and 1860's to fall away rapidly by the turn of the century. The second book on the CD is a gazetteer of all the sites that Edward and Stella have found making tiles in Cumberland and also some in Scotland and Northumberland which have connections to the county. For each works they list its site if known and usually illustrated with an extract from either the first or second edition Ordnance Survey maps. They list all known workers associated with the works and also all sources both historical and recent for each site. The great advantage of this being on a CD in Microsoft word means that the whole document is easily searchable for and place or person.

Returning to the main book this uses a lot of newspaper adverts and articles to trace the introduction of tile making on the Netherby estate by Thomas Guy Patrick, through its spread around the county with the building of numerous works either to supply a specific estate or for sale to the general public.

Initially tiles were made by hand and the introduction of various machinery including pug mills and tile making machines and there effect on the local economy is looked at. Also the major machine manufacturers supplying machines to the area are examined.

The introduction of various loans by the government of the day to encourage people to drain their land is also examined and the role it played in Cumbria. The reasons for the reduction in the number of tileries towards the end of the Nineteenth Century is examined looking at the affect the introduction of rail transport had on the local works.

This book not only looks at the work of tile makers and drainers in Cumbria in the Nineteenth Century but also puts into context with what was happening both in the neighbouring counties at the time but also nationally as well. It sets the scene now for people to do further research into the draining of specific farms, commons and estates within the county or elsewhere in the country.

The gazetteer is not only invaluable to those interested in drainage but also to family historians, agricultural historians, and anyone interested in brick making as most tile works did produce some bricks as well as most brick works producing tiles at some point in their history and all are recorded here.

Graham Brooks

ABSTRACTS

Lime Burning and the use of lime in the historic County of Westmorland and along the Pennine Edge of Cumberland. David S Johnson. C&W Transactions Vol XIII 2013 P191 – 213.

David has carried out a survey of the lime kilns within the boundaries given in the title and also looked at some of the documentary evidence for lime burning in the area and the use this lime was put to. This paper deals with a massive subject but is a good introduction to a subject that has not been well covered in print yet.

Peat use in the Barony of Kendal, common of turbary and the Levens Anomaly. Anne Hillman. C&W transactions Vol. XIII 2013 p 139 – 150.

This paper looks at what was once a basic industry in the county providing fuel for people locally and the control put on this digging by the local manor courts as far as access etc. was concerned. Some manors had no rights to turbary and so it had to be leased. She then looks at the effect enclosure had on this industry.

INDUSTRY & RELIGION

Surprise was voiced by some of those who arrived at St Peter's Church, Lindal in Furness for the recent Field Trip to visit some of the local haematite ore mining sites. Granted the church was a convenient, recognisable and accessible rendezvous at which to assemble our far-flung membership but it also offered an opportunity to inspect some records and artefacts of industrial interest. The south transept of the building now accommodates a substantial recreation of a Furness mines engine house for which space was no longer available in the local museum plus a collection of maps, photographs and sales announcements relating to the mining industry gathered from among other places a closed local hostelry. The presence of the display, which began as a fairly temporary expedient, is now acknowledged in the parish entry in the latest Pevsner Guide to Cumbrian buildings. As St Peter's Church was largely funded by the mining proprietors no better place could play host to such a display.

It is, however, by no means unique. For many rural communities the church and chapel are now virtually the sole remaining public spaces. Financial constraints are also reducing the capacity of local authorities to accept custodial responsibility for the full range of historical material that continues to emerge.

At Tebay the church of St James is now home to The Tebay in Steam Exhibition. Again this could hardly be a more fitting venue. The site for the church was gifted by the North Eastern Railway, its interior walls are faced with bare railway bricks, the pews might have come from a station waiting room and the font cover is based on a railway wheel.

The narthex contains a series of well-researched information panels describing Tebay's part in railway history as well as lots of photographs and personal recollections of former railwaymen and their families.

The Tebay initiative is one part of a wider programme under the banner Railways & Religion in the Western Dales. With support from English Heritage and the Churches Conservation Trust a trail brochure has been devised proposing visits to twelve places of worship between Dent in the south and Crosby Garrett in the north. The accompanying leaflet briefly describes each of the buildings that can be visited and also highlights the links between the arrival of the railways in the district and the strong local influence of non-conformity in the shape of Methodism and the Society of Friends.

Copies of the trail leaflet are available from Sedbergh Tourist Information Centre (t: 015396 20125).

Alan Postlethwaite.

FURTHER EXTRACTS FROM THE WADHAM DIARIES

18 March 1884 Tuesday (*visiting Spanish mines with W G Ainslie*)

Went around San Sebastian and visited the Forts and the Graves of the English slain in 1836 – This is a most delightful place – Left at 12.30 pm – and drove via Passage & St Jean de Luz to Biarritz – where we arrive in time for Table d'Hôte – a beautiful drive all the way until you come within about 3 miles of Biarritz, when it becomes barren and unfruitful – St Jean de Luz is a very pretty place and more so than Biarritz – which is a kind of “spurious Brighton”

28 May 1884 Wednesday

In office till 9.30. Then to Barrow at 10 o'clock attended meeting at St George's Vicarage as to Burgess – 11.30 St James's Church as to Organ – attended Exchange, had lunch at Steel Works – at 2 o'clock meeting as to Dalton Church – at 2.30 meeting as to School of Art – inspected St James Church with Sir James Ramsden – at 4 o'clock meeting with Mr Bruce Joy as to pedestal of Lord Frederick Cavendish's Statue – Walked home

4 August 1884 Monday (*Richard Thomas & Co was re-capitalised by BHS. EW became a director*)

In office till 10.30 – then to Dalton to meet Mr Drewry and Mr Butler about Oyster Beds – they made a difficulty about oysters being fish – and proposed that the Duke of Buccleuch should rent the Rampside & Walney Fisheries – agreed to put this before Mr Nicholl – To Barrow to see Sir James about the Furness Meetg, saw him at the Steel Works – also Mr Smith who had a scheme about some Tin plate Works to put before me – Home to lunch – In office all the afternoon –

6 May 1885

In office till 10 o'clock then to Lindal – set out the Church – called to see a poor little child that had been run over by the train – and had its arm amputated - Called at the Vicarage about the Incumbency of Rampside - In afternoon drove down to Walney to see

Mr. Berry about road outside the land on the East side – took Wm. Holmes with me – took copy of endorsements on Deed – home at 7 o'clock

they would have been glad if Mr Wadham would have assumed the responsibility of the affair. The Duke of Buccleuch owned a quarry just at the outskirts it seemed to be, of the village of Lindal-in-Furness, and he also owned the village green. In that green there was a tarn or pond, which, becoming offensive, it was thought desirable to fill up; and in order to do that Mr Wadham constructed—and which he (Mr Shee) held that he had no right to do—a tramway going across the public highway and on to the green, for the purpose of carrying soil from the quarry to fill up the tarn. Previously there was a wall and gate which fenced off the quarry from the street, but they were taken down when the tramway had to be made, leaving the quarry open to the street. The wagons were filled at the quarry, and then started down an incline, along which they ran at a great rate across the road

to the village green. On the 4th May, 1885, the child was playing in the road, and got just inside the enclosure where the quarry was. While there he was struck by one of the loaded wagons, which came down at a great rate. His right arm was so terribly crushed that it had to be amputated. Counsel submitted that defendants were responsible for this. Having taken down the wall and gate they were bound to guard the place in some way, so that children might not stray into dangerous positions. The action arose in 1885, but plaintiff had been unable to bring it earlier,

The Lancaster Gazette and General Advertiser Wednesday, July 20, 1887

1 June 1885 (*Dedication of Lindal Church*)

In office till 9.30 – then to Barrow to attend Magistrate's Court etc etc – At 1 o'clock met a lot of the Clergy and lunched them, then took them to Dalton to the Dedication of the new Church – Dined at Abbotts Wood

On leaving home with Amy & Miss Prance & Ward in the Dog cart going down the road to the Railway Bridge – some sheep frightened the Horse (Lady Louisa) and she jumped the wall at the top of the Railway Cutting, and was obliged to be cut loose from the Dog cart and allowed to fall over on to the line a depth of 40 feet – and was very little worse – and neither the Dog cart or passenger were in the least hurt –

2 October 1885

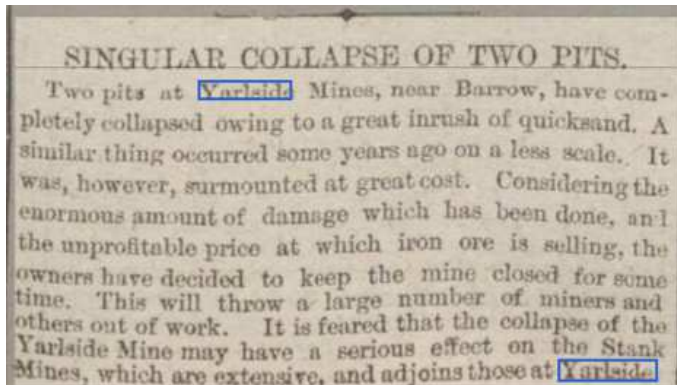
Had Frank to breakfast – Went out and shot 3 Brace of Pheasants then walked over to Croslands to buy some pigs – Home to lunch – Rode Lady Louisa round by Longlands and Lindale to inspect – home at 4 o'clock and in office till 8.0.pm

Very Stormy –

|| Had poor old Redmond who had been staked by some means unknown at Billincote – “Shot” and || buried him in the meadows keeping his feet for a remembrance of a good old servant -

27 July 1886

In office till 9.30 then to Yarlside Mines to meet Strongitharm and consult as to the breaking in of the sand and consequent stopping of the mines. Went through the underground Places and inspected the machinery. To Barrow to see Cooke but found he had gone away for the week. Home to lunch. In afternoon drove round by Longlands and Lindal to inspect. Took Bessie with me.



Exeter and Plymouth Gazette - Saturday 17 July 1886

30 October 1886 (*He stayed with Mr Nicholl on the 29th*)

Had a look all round and left Twyford by the 10.40 train. Arrived in London at 12 o'clock. Went down to Westminster to see Mr Barry, CE about Walter, but found he was away. Called on Stileman. Wrote to Mr Barry telling him what I wanted. Had an interview with Mr Storey about Yarlside also as to the Merionethshire Mines. Left by the 3.42 from Waterloo for Ryde, Isle of Wight. Picked Walter Ross up on the Boat and arrived all right at 7 o'clock. Old Tyrell met me on the pier. Miss Fanny Fox staying with them.

Fine day but dull.

J Ramsden shot Frank Ainslie pretty badly at Oaklea but not dangerously.

19 November 1886

In office. Then to Ulverston by 9 o'clock train to have a chat with Turner who was going to shoot at Graythwaite. Back by the 10.45 train and in office till lunchtime. In afternoon drove Will Ainslie round by Longlands to Lindal, Crossgates and Lindal Moor. Saw some very good ore at Crossgates, also saw the village of Lindal lighted up for the first time by Electricity under the Jablochoff system. (*a carbon arc light*)



Lancaster Gazette 12 Jan 1887

8 January 1888 Sunday (*EW was managing owner of a steamship*)

S.S. Mary E. Wadham went ashore in Freshwater Bay near Sheepcots near Milford Haven and was totally wrecked – one man, a Fireman named Charles O'Neill was drowned

10 July 1888

Called on Dr Wadham Met Caine, Preston & Mercer at Palace Chambers at 11 o'clock – and had a conference about the Local Gov^t Bill – To the Local Government Offices with the same party and had an interview with Mr Long – very satisfactory -

Telegraphed to Barrow to call a Parliamentary Committee for to-morrow at 4 o'clock – and came home by the 1.15 train –

To a Ball at Furness Abbey at Night -

THREE MAGISTRATES FINED.—At Barrow, on Friday morning, the following gentlemen were charged with being unlawfully found on licensed premises, during prohibited hours, on July 10:—Sir James Ramsden, J.P., John Fell, J.P., Edward Wadham, J.P., Major Strongitharm, J.P., George Huthwaite, Edward Allen, Walter Whitworth, William Fell, and W. Williams. It appeared that all the defendants attended a ball at the Furness Abbey Hotel on the date named. The obtaining of a license for an extension of hours had been left to Mr. William Fell, but he had been too late in making the application. He did not inform them that no license had been obtained, thinking it could be got afterwards; consequently the rest of the defendants were in entire ignorance of the matter. The cases against Messrs. Strongitharm, Wadham, and Williams were dismissed. The others were fined 1s. and costs.

Reynolds's Newspaper Sunday, July 29, 1888

11 August 1888

To the office till 9.30. then to Barrow with Mr Nicholl – attended Furness Rwy Directors meeting at 10 o'clock and afterwards the laying of the foundation stone of the Higher Grade School – the Mayor's luncheon – and the unveiling of the Queen's Bust
In afternoon with Mr Nicholl to inspect the Petroleum Tanks and the site of the Pulp Works unfortunately the Cabman drove over a child, which we subsequently deposited at the Hospital –

18 March 1889

In office till 11.30 then to Barrow. Saw Williams's clerk about the letting of the Ship Inn at Piel. To the Corporation offices and had a talk with Mercer and the Mayor about the Water Bill. Lunched at the Club. Attended Town Hall Committee meeting. Home at 3.30. In office. In evening dined at Abbots Wood and had a long talk with Ramsden as to terms for the withdrawal of the Steel Co's Bill and practically settled it.

Barrow Town Council on Tuesday, the discussion on some of the topics occasionally assumed a somewhat lively character.—Councillor Ainsworth called attention to the recent statement at a meeting of the Dalton Local Board that the Barrow Corporation were charging the Dalton water consumers about £300 a year more than they had any right to do, and that the Corporation or the committee had admitted it.—Alderman Strongitharm denied it.—Councillor Wansbrough said when the expenses incurred with reference to the Water Bill came to be apportioned they would see that Dalton was made to pay its share, as the Local Board could not go the length of providing amusement for the ratepayers of Dalton without having to pay for the fun.—A somewhat acrimonious discussion took place with regard to the agreement effected some time ago for the purchase of the residue of the rights of Messrs. Harrison, Ainslie, and Co. in the Duddon and in Scathwaite for the sum of £759.—Alderman Strongitharm pointed out that the minute authorising the purchase distinctly stated that these rights should be acquired whether the subject was gone on with or not.—There was a somewhat heated discussion, but the report of the General Purposes Committee on the subject was carried.

Lancaster Gazette 7 Sept 1889

15 March 1889

In office till 11 o'clock. To Old Park and Lindal with Arthur to inspect. Met Frank and Aymer Ainslie and Charlie Archibald at Lindal and had the Lindal Moor "Silo" opened. Lunched at Lindal Moor, called on old Sharp. Home by way of Longlands.

SOME SUCCESSSES IN ENSILAGE IN NORTH LANCASHIRE.
—Some particulars appear in a daily paper of Thursday respecting the ensilage operations by Messrs. Harrison, Ainslie, and Co., mine owners of Lindal Moor, in Furness; and Mr. W. G. Goodison, of Coniston Bank, a well-known agriculturist. We make a few extracts as to the results from the feeding with silage at the places named. Respecting Mr. Goodison's experiments we read that "the milch cows were fed all through the winter as follows:—30lb. of silage in two feeds, night and morning; 8lb. of hay in the middle of the day. In addition we 'tubbed' them with 12lb. of swedes, 5lb. of chaff, 4lb. of cake, and 4lb. of meal. The mixed diet kept them in splendid health and condition. They also milked well, and the butter was infinitely better than any winter butter we have ever had. In March I took off half the silage and doubled the quantity of turnips, when there was a falling off of two or three degrees in the quantity of cream. The calving cows and heifers, some of them valuable animals, were fed entirely on silage through the whole winter, in addition to the cake and meal. They never had any hay, and they always maintained and in fact improved their condition. . . . We have filled the silos this year in a different way from the one adopted last. We have tried to make 'sweet silage' by filling up the silos very slowly, only adding three, four, or five loads of grass daily, thus allowing the temperature to rise considerably, as near 120 degrees or more as we could get it; then adding a few more loads of grass and so on until completed. The temperature was taken by means of a hollow tube, driven four or five feet into the grass every morning before commencing to fill it up for the day. Whether this makes sweet silage and whether it turns out to be better than last year's remains to be proved. I am inclined to think it will be an improvement on the other system, as it seems to me to be the more common-sense way of preserving fodder for winter consumption. I was so pleased with my experiment with green oats last year that I have pitted about 1½ acres this year unchaffed."—The results of feeding with ensilage by Mr. Ainslie are reported as follows:—"Eight milch cows were given 66lb. each per day with a little meal, but had no other food. Twenty-two milch cows 25lb. each with other food; effect on these 22 cattle partly same as grass. Had to give fewer turnips. The cattle getting nothing but silage were exceedingly healthy and in good condition. Gave excellent milk and grass butter; quantity of milk same as before getting silage, a little increase if anything."

Preston Guardian Sept 12 1885

11 October 1890

In office. Mr Kellett came and had a long talk about the mines etc etc. Went out shooting with Arthur to Scale-Bank & round Crossgates etc. Shot a man slightly i.e. ten pellets in the forehead – as he was passing along the road.

5 May 1891

In office all morning – To London at 1 o'clock – **Ward drunk**

12 September 1891

In office all morning – In afternoon shooting at Scale Bank with Arthur – got 3 ½ brace Partridge very small Birds – and shot Wilson the groom in the eye.

26 October 1891

In office in morning – To Barrow to lunch and to attend Council meeting.

James Wilson "Groom" left

John Hornsby – new "Groom" came from Richmond, Yorks.

20 January 1892

In house till 2 o'clk – went for a walk from 2 till 3 – Ward got drunk in Barrow and Dora had to drive the carriage home – In the house the rest of the day -

23 January 1892

In the office all morning – took wife out for a walk in afternoon

Arthur came down stairs again

Ward still "hors de combat" drunk -

25 January 1892

In office from 10 to 11.30 then to Barrow – went through the finance accounts – Lunched at the Club Attended general meeting of the Club home at 3.30 – In office till 5.

|| Finally dismissed Ward

6 February 1892

In office all morning – sent back the drafts of Southend lease also Will Bell's. Had Ned Robinson – J.T.Rigg & Jack Turner down to report – In afternoon had out the Fire Hose and generally went around with Ward – and walked over to call at the vicarage

Arthur had rather a better day -

Fine day

|| Ward left after 25 years service to take charge of his Cab business in Barrow - ||

25 May 1892

To Furness Abbey to catch Poole, but he was not in the train – gave my errand to Frank Ainslie – which was to get Poole to contradict a statement made in the paper as to my sitting on the Bench in Ulverston, in my own case – To Longlands, found the Engine was at last – all right – called at Billincote – called also on Mr Cayzer at the Abbey – Home at 11 o'clock and in office – Examined a Lunatic and gave an order for her to go to the Asylum – In office till 4 o'clock by the 4.28 train to London

LUNACY ACT, 1890.
LANCASTER QUARTER SESSIONAL
DIVISION.
THE following Justices have been appointed under the Lunacy Act, 1890, (53 Vict., c. 5), to exercise the powers conferred by the Act upon Justices of the Peace in relation to orders for the reception of Lunatics not being Paupers :—
Petty Sessional Division.
ULVERSTON.
Temple C. Paley, of Cartmel, Carnforth, Esq.
David Ainsworth, of Broughton Hall, Grange, Cartmel, Colonel.
Geo. W. Goodison, of Coniston Bank, Coniston, Ambleside, Esq.
Edward Wadham, of Millwood, Dalton-in-Furness, Esq.
James H. Midgley, of Berner's Close, Grange-over-Sands, Esq.
Aymer Ainslie, of Hall-Garth, Kellet, Carnforth, Esq.
Wm. J. A. Baldwin, of Dalton-in-Furness, Colonel.
HAWKSHEAD.
J. R. Bridson, of Bryerswood, Windermere, Esq.
G. Redmayne, of Brathey Hall, Ambleside, Esq.
Henry R. H. Gale, of Bardsea Hall, Ulverston, Esq.
Charles W. Archibald, of Rusland Hall, Ulverston.

The Lancaster Gazette and General Advertiser for Lancashire, Westmorland, and Yorkshire Saturday, November 08, 1890

23 September 1892

Sir James Ramsden sent for me to meet him and Stileman at Furness Abbey to consult about the "crowning in" at Lindal – afterwards to Barrow to attend Committees etc – Home to lunch – In office till 3 o'clock – then to Lindal to inspect "the subsidence" - to Furness Abbey at 6^h 0^m p.m to meet Sir James – Strongitharm and Stileman and have a further consultation – Home to dinner & William Ashburner came up, and suggested that I had better keep away from the Joint Conservative & L.U. Meeting – much to my joy !! Telegraphed Cayzer – that owing to Wife not being well we had to give up our visit to Urrard.-(*Charles Cayzer's estate nr Killiecrankie*)

23 February 1893 (*in London*)

To see Dr Wadham in the morning – Had Vivian & Cross to see me at "the Cavendish", at 10.30 – about the Salt – Attended Directors Meeting (Furness Railway) at 11.30 – and General Meeting at 12.0 – Smith & Cumming made their usual attack but it came to nothing – Lunched with Ramsden at the Reform – afterwards went to see about my spectacles at Dixey's – Called on Mrs Ainslie to say Good-bye at Ennismore Gardens – To the Club and wrote my letters – Dined with Cayzer at 38 Portman Square – and afterwards went down to "the House" with him – heard a "set to" on the Welsh Church Suspensory Bill – between Lord Randolph Churchill and Mr Gladstone a splendid fight – but "the old man" won –

7 January 1895

In office till 11 o'clock then to Barrow. Attended Exchange. Lunched at the Club. Attended Council Meeting. Home at 5.30. Long Council chiefly owing to J P Smith airing his hobby on the Electric Light. That little brute Hewitson tried to get the question of Fox's holiday referred back and was seconded by Ward.

15 January 1895

Loafed about at Ponsonby till 12 o'clock. Tried to get an explanation of Electric Lighting but neither Turner or his man knew anything beyond the fact that by turning certain switches you got the light. By the 12.30 train to Gillfoot. Held the monthly meeting. Drove to Nethertown and got home at 5 o'clock. Felt very seedy all day.

21 June 1895 *Opening of the Kiel Canal. Cayser took the Clan Matheson.*

Immediately after breakfast we went to Kiel on the launch, passing through the fleet. At Kiel we went ashore to explore the town. Wife and I made a tour round it. It is a picturesque little town, narrow streets but very clean. We went through the principal ones. It was very prettily decorated with flags, flowers and evergreens in honour of the occasion. We visited the markets where we found plenty of fruit and bought some. We also went into a fancy shop where we bought a few little things and found the people very civil. We left Kiel at 12.15 and arrived home to the Ship through the fleet. Saw no end of swells, naval and otherwise. Also the Emperor going about the Fleet in a gig rowed by four men and steering himself without any escort. Went to the entrance to the Canal and saw the Ships that had come through and all the arrangements for the people who assembled round to see the opening which we did not see but heard the guns fire etc etc. Got back to the ship at 1.30 to lunch and sailed for Stavanger at 2.45 in very fine weather. Had a dance on the deck in the evening. Wife was "band". Wound up with "God save the Queen" at 11.45

14 August 1895

In office till 10 o'clock then took the family up the Lake to Bowness to see The Emperor William. Got seats at the Royal Hotel Gardens. He arrived at 2 o'clock. By the 2.20 steamer up the Lake to Ambleside and took Char-a-banks to Grasmere. Met the Emperor on our way back to Ambleside. Got back at 7.15.

17 September 1895

In office till 9.45 then to Furness Abbey to meet Colonel Sandys and sign the Plans for the boundary on the foreshore at Duddon. To Dalton and witnessed Adam Cottam's signature to a request to receive him into a Home for Inebriates. To the Agricultural Show at Ulverston which was a very good one, but the rain came on at 3 o'clock and made it very unpleasant for the show of Horses and the leaping. To Carlisle by the 4.45 train to attend the Diocesan Conference.

Showery & high wind

10 August 1896

In office till 9.30 then to Barrow to attend Special Meeting of Justices to appoint Licensing Committee which was appointed as last year with a majority of "Teetotallers". To the Town Hall and revised letter to the Local Govⁿ Board "re finances" with the Town Clerk. Saw Strongitharm about expenses of the Walney Exploration Co. Saw Fell at Steel Works about the Lady Mary Mines. Had lunch at Steel Works. Attended meeting of Salt co. at 1.30, Fisher, Strongitharm & self, afterwards Bower who was detained owing to the train being late. Attended General Purposes Meeting of Town Council re Li Hung Chang, afterwards a sub-committee on the same subject. Home at 6.30, called on Mercer on the way and found him much better, also called on Dr Stack

19 April 1901

In office till 10.30 – By the 10.40 train to Broughton and drove thence up the Duddon Valley to Seathwaite to inspect the line of the pipes for the proposed new Waterworks for Barrow – saw the two lower Weirs – got some tea and Ham & Eggs at Newfield – on the return journey – visited the old Duddon Furnace and Forge, found them in a state of ruin – the Waterwheel (undershot) rotten and broken to pieces – the Mill-race all practically abandoned and the power – even at its best very small – there being very little fall in the Mill-race – Home by the 4.57 train from Broughton –

3 November 1903

In office all morning. In afternoon drove down to Roanhead and with Mr Kennedy and his managers went to inspect the "fall in" at Woodhed Pit, "the New Farm Buildings", the Nigel Pit workings including the air shaft etc. etc. Home at 5 o'clock.

15 July 1912

Fine day - sat in the shelter. Dora went to Carlisle. Miss Bacon went up in an airplane at Newby Bridge. Walter & Amy went to see her.

FLIGHT OVER WINDERMERE.

Mr. H. Stanley Adams has made a 45-minute flight on the Lake Flying Company's "Water Bird"—the first successful British waterplane—taking Miss Gertrude Bacon, who was thus the first passenger to make the complete circuit of Windermere.

Miss Bacon, who was the first Englishwoman to fly, and who has also made many voyages by balloon, airship, biplane, and monoplane, describes her waterplane flight as her most delightful aerial experience of all—a flight over water, affording a sense of freshness, security, and ease to be found nowhere else—while the matchless scenery added a thousandfold to the enjoyment. A height of 800ft. was attained, and at less than this elevation the bottom of the lake was clearly visible in the shallower parts.



DOUBLE MILL COCKERMOUTH. FROM THE MIKE DAVIES-SHIEL COLLECTION.

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