

20 William & Alice Horn d 1875 & 1908



IN
AFFECTIONATE
REMEMBRANCE OF
WILLIAM HORN
SURGEON
OF DALTON-IN-FURNESS
WHO DIED APRIL 12TH 1875
AGED 37 YEARS
ALSO OF LUCY
ELDEST DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE
DIED MAY 13TH 1877
AGED 10 YEARS AND 11 MONTHS
ALSO BARBARA HORN, WIFE OF THE ABOVE
BORN JULY 2ND 1844, DIED JAN 29TH 1909
ALSO ALICE, SECOND DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE
WHO PERISHED IN THE TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE AT
MESSINA, SICILY, ON DEC 28TH 1908

Where is the grave?

Close to the North Chapel, west and slightly north. It is a distinctive reddish marble.

Barrow Herald Saturday 17 April 1875:

DEATH OF DR. HORN, OF DALTON. We regret to announce the death of this gentleman, one of the most popular and highly esteemed members of the medical profession in the neighbourhood. It appears that he had been ailing for many months from disease of the liver, and died about three o'clock on Monday morning last, from hemorrhage (*sic*) and exhaustion consequent upon the complaint. The deceased was only 37 years of age, and was greatly beloved and respected by all who knew him, on account of his kind and generous nature; and he will be missed by many in Dalton, being always ready and willing to lend a helping hand in every good cause brought forward in the town, either for the private or public good. He leaves a widow and young family of four children, and much sympathy is felt for them in the town and district. On Wednesday the deceased was attended to his last resting place in Dalton Cemetery by the Baldwin Lodge of Freemasons, of which he was senior warden, and many officers and members of the Barrow and Ulverston Lodges. A very touching letter of condolence was sent from the Baldwin Lodge to Mrs. Horn, signed by Mr. J. Postlethwaite, Worshipful Master; Mr. W. Whiteside, J.P.M.; Rev. J.M. Morgan, chaplain; Mr. C. Godby, Junior Steward, and Mr. Blake, Secretary. He was to have been carried to the Cemetery by his brother masons, but a very pressing application having been made by the members of the Forester's lodge, of which lodge he was surgeon, the members of the Baldwin Lodge gave way, so he was borne to his last home by twelve of the principal officers and members of the Forester's lodge, to whose wants he had ministered so satisfactorily for a number of years. The funeral *cortege* started about 11.30. The procession was preceded by the Rev. J. M. Morgan, provincial grand chaplain for West Lancashire, attended by his curates, the Rev. H.M. Burgess, and the Rev. J. Reed: Mr. H. Cook, P.G.S. Cumberland and Westmorland; Mr. J. Postlethwaite, W.M. Baldwin Lodge and P. G. Steward, C. and W.; Mr. J.E. Johnson, Barrow; Mr. W. Crossley, Greenscoe House; and Brothers Whiteside, J.P.M., F. Clarke, S.W., and the whole of the officers and members of the Baldwin Lodge. Amongst their numbers we noticed Mr. Case J.P.M. 995; Mr. Dodgson, J.P.M. 995; Mr. Taylor, Barrow, and many others of the craft from Barrow and Ulverston. These were preceded by the Forester's lodge. The corpse was followed by Mr. Horn, of Appleby; Mr. J. Horn, inspector Furness Railway, both brothers of the deceased; two brothers-in-law; Mr. Thompson, solicitor, Dr. Allison, of Barrow, who attended the deceased during his last illness; Dr. Clark (Dr. Horn's partner); Dr. Anderson, Askam; Dr. Hall and Dr. Mayne, Dalton; Mr. W. L. Preston, chemist, and many private friends. The Rev. J. Read (*note alternative spelling to earlier in the paragraph*) went through the introductory service, and the psalms at the chapel, and the Rev. Mr. Burgess read the lessons. The solemn rites of the tomb were gone through in an impressive manner by the Rev. J.M. Morgan. At the wish of the deceased gentleman, there were no carriages, with the exception of that of Dr. Hall, who was not able to walk the whole of the distance.

Evidently his family experienced further early deaths, and then left the district. However, someone thought to let the local press know thirty years later, when his daughter was killed overseas, and his widow died soon after.

The local newspaper reported international events as they affected Furness. The headline of Jan 2nd spoke of an estimated death toll of 150,000. Current (2015) estimates put the death toll at 70 - 80,000.

Barrow News Saturday 9th January 1909

LETTER TO A DALTON LADY – On Wednesday morning the following letter was received by Mrs. Dr. Forster, Dalton, from her sister, Mrs. Benson:-

Palermo, Sicily
New Year's Day, Jan 1st 1909

My dear M-----

You will have read in the newspapers of the terrible and horrid earthquake at Messina on Monday morning, the 28th, at 5.25, which destroyed the whole city and nearly all the inhabitants; also the small towns across the straits, Reggio, Villa San Giovanni, were demolished, and the people, those that have been saved, are many of them destitute, being deprived of all they possessed, not even clothes to their backs. Shiploads of wounded, dying, and saved have arrived at Palermo. Many have died on the journey; one woman was confined (*i.e. gave birth*). Committees have been formed to provide relief and to give the poor, destitute people a shelter, food and clothes. We have three here, an old mother and two daughters, who were miraculously saved. We have given them all three shoes, boots, skirts, stockings, etc. food and bed.

Barrow News Saturday 30th January 1909

DALTON LADY KILLED AT MESSINA – News has come to hand that one of the victims of the recent earthquake was Miss Alice Horn, of 21, Clifton Crescent, Folkestone, daughter of the late William Horn, surgeon, formerly of Dalton-in-Furness, and Mrs. Horn. Information has also reached us of the death of Mrs. Horn, this week.