

24 Richard Hosking d 15 April 1882



Picture courtesy of Barrow Records Office

One of the more imposing memorials in the cemetery, yet not someone with a prominent profile, title or position. The memorial is at the eastern end of the North Chapel.

The term 'Captain' meant the person responsible for the underground working of a mine.¹

Barrow News Tuesday 18 April 1882 reported:

DEATH OF CAPTAIN HOSKING

On Saturday night last death visited the home of a Daltonian who will not soon be forgotten by his fellow townspeople whom he has served long and faithfully. Capt. Richard Hosking was one of the most well-known men that Dalton possessed, and his long association with many public movements in connection with the town, and his able services as a member of public bodies, have won for him a high place in the affections of those amongst whom he lived. For many years he served Dalton as a Poor Law Guardian in the Ulverston Union, his seat for which he resigned shortly before his death, and, as Mr. Robinson said yesterday, he had been a member of the Dalton Local Board from the time of its commencement up to the time of his decease, and had during that time tried to do his best, not only for Dalton, but for the whole district. Mr. Hosking will be chiefly remembered on account of his association with the discovery of ore at Park, under the auspices of Mr. Schneider, and he subsequently took the captainship of Mr. Schneider's mines, and maintained that position after the mines were transferred to the Barrow Co. As a social man Mr. Hosking will be remembered as a just and faithful friend to those who knew him and of him it may truly be said in the words of the well-known writer:

- *The actions of the just
Smell sweet, and blossom in the dust.*²

Barrow News Saturday 22nd April 1882 had news of the funeral. After repeating the above, it went on:

The funeral of the deceased gentleman took place on Tuesday, at 11 o'clock in the Dalton Cemetery, and was attended by a large number of Masonic Brethren and the Local Board, the Mayor of Barrow (Alderman Gradwell), Alderman Wadham, Mr. Garden, Mr. G.B. Ashburner, Mr. J. Smith jun., Mr. R. Blake, ... The mournful procession started from the residence of the deceased in Skelgate, headed by the Masonic Brethren from Dalton, Barrow and Ulverston, after which came the members of the Dalton Local Board. Several local gentlemen sent their carriages. The Rev. J.M. Morgan, vicar and rural dean, conducted the solemn service in the most impressive manner.

¹ <http://www.lindal-in-furness.co.uk/History/miningglossary.htm>

² James Shirley. Poet & dramatist (1596-1666)