

24 Ulverston Skating accident 30 January 1880



THIS MEMORIAL WAS ERECTED THROUGH THE AGENCY OF THE FREE CHURCH OF ENGLAND BAND OF HOPE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THIS TOWN ASSISTED BY OTHER EMPATHISING FRIENDS TO COMMEMORATE THE SAD EVENT THAT DEPRIVED THEM OF THOSE WHOSE NAMES ARE HEREON INSCRIBED, THEY HAVING BEEN DROWNED WHILST SKATING ON THE ULVERSTON CANAL AND ALSO AS A LASTING TOKEN OF THE RESPECT IN WHICH THEY WERE UNIVERSALLY HELD



WAITING FOR THE COMING OF HIS LORD,
HERE RESTS THE BODY OF
JOHN WILLIAM, SON OF
THOMAS AND SARAH BOUNDY
OF THIS TOWN
WHO FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS
23RD JANUARY 1880
AGED 18 YEARS
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ELLEN, SISTER OF THE ABOVE,
WHO FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS
29TH SEPTEMBER 1886
AGED 21 YEARS
HER END WAS PEACE



WAITING FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST
HERE RESTS THE BODY OF
HENRY, SON OF
JOHN AND ELIZABETH TYSON
OF THIS TOWN
WHO FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS
23RD JANUARY 1880
AGED 19 YEARS
ALSO OF THE ABOVE NAMED
JOHN TYSON
WHO DIED THE 16TH JULY, 1893
AGED 67 YEARS
ALSO OF THOMAS, THEIR SON
DROWNED AT SEA OCTOBER 1880
AGED 27 YEARS



IN THE HOPE OF
BLESSED RESURRECTION
HERE RESTS THE BODY OF
MARGARET CREWDSON
DAUGHTER OF JAMES
AND ANN CREWDSON
OF THIS TOWN
WHO FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS
23RD JANUARY 1880
AGED 16 YEARS
ALSO OF AGNES HARRISON
AUNT OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED 3RD OCTOBER 1888
AGED 28 YEARS

SHOCKING ICE ACCIDENT. – An inquest was held at Ulverston on Saturday morning on the bodies of William John Boundy, painter, aged 18; Henry Tyson, grocer's assistant, aged 19; and Margaret Crewdson, dressmaker, aged 16, who were drowned whilst skating on the Ulverston Canal on the previous night. From the evidence adduced it appeared that for some days past the canal had been frozen over, but it was well known that the ice in certain part was not in a safe condition, as there were several breeches in it caused by the discharge of boiling water and steam from the adjoining ironworks. Skating had, however, been going on to a large extent during the day, and up to a late hour on Friday night large numbers of both males and females were on the ice. About a quarter to ten o'clock, at which time the moon was somewhat shaded by a thin haze in the atmosphere, the deceased and others who had decided to come off after another turn, were skating within about four yards of the open water, when suddenly the ice gave way, and Tyson and Crewdson fell in. Tyson, with great presence of mind, seized the ice with one hand and endeavoured to support the young lady with the other, and called to Boundy to come and help Maggie out of the water. Neither Tyson nor Boundy were able to keep hold of the ice, which continually broke as they clutched it, and as it was out of the power of those on the ice to assist them, the three were drowned. Immediate search was made for the bodies, and they were recovered between eleven and twelve o'clock. – The Coroner, in summing up at the close of the inquest, spoke of the want of caution and indiscretion of the deceased skating so near to the water, and expressed the opinion that the police ought to be authorised to prevent skaters going on dangerous places. He mentioned an instance where a few days previously he had seen a skater trying how near he could get to the water with impunity, and also alluded to a narrow escape a boy had had from drowning in the canal a few days previous. He recommended that the Local Board should provide appliances for saving life in such emergencies. – A verdict that the deceased were accidentally drowned was returned. – The deceased were buried in the non-conformist portion of the cemetery on Monday afternoon. The *corteges* joined, and the ceremony as well as the procession was one for the three unfortunate young people. The female members of Rev. Troughton's band of hope wearing their medals, headed the procession. It was estimated that there were upwards of 1,000 people in the cemetery. The three graves were dug side by side, the body of Miss Crewdson being laid in the centre. The funeral service was most feelingly rendered by the Rev. W. Troughton, Free Church minister.