

5 Dr. Sydney Johnson, d 8 December 1889



Barrow News Tuesday 10 December 1889 had a brief report:

DEATH OF DR. SYDNEY JOHNSON:

We have to announce the death of Dr. Sydney Johnson, which took place after only a week's illness, at his residence at Far Old Park, near Ireleth, Askam, on Sunday morning, about seven o'clock, at the comparatively early age of 48 years. Dr. Johnson was a native of Laxton, near Newark, Notts, and came to Dalton as an assistant to Dr. Hall, upwards of 20 years ago, and remained in that capacity for several years. He married a niece of Dr. Hall's, and started practising as a surgeon on his own account, and he soon had a large connection in Dalton and surrounding neighbourhood, his skill as a medical man being very highly spoken of. His abilities were excellent, and his knowledge very general. He was a member of the Dalton School Board for a few years, and also a Poor-law Guardian. He held the responsible position of medical officer of health under the Dalton Board for several years. He was also a member of the Local Board up to the time of his death, being elected for the East Ward in 1888. He held other minor offices in the town and district. He attended to his duties a little over a week ago, when he was attacked by paralysis and congestion of the lungs intervening. He leaves a widow and four children (three daughters and one son) to mourn his loss. The funeral is fixed for Thursday noon at the Ireleth Church.

Sydney Johnson married Lilian Bettany in 1941 at Ireleth.

The quotes on the grave are from:

1 Proverbs 31:28

2 & 3 Hymn 'The strain upraise of joy and praise' or "All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord."

4 Psalm 23:2;

5 Anna Letitia Barbauld – poet (1743 – 1825)

IN MEMORIAM
SYDNEY JOHNSON
SURGEON
BORN AT LAXTON, NOTTS
NOV. 8TH 1841
DIED AT FAR OLD PARK
DEC 8TH, 1889
BELOVED AND LAMENTED
ALSO HANNAH, HIS BELOVED WIFE
BORN AT CARTMEL
DIED AT PROSPECT HOUSE, KIRKBY
MARCH 22ND, 1922, AGED 72 YEARS
"HER CHILDREN RISE UP AND CALL HER BLESSED"¹
ALSO CAROLINE, THEIR BELOVED DAUGHTER
WHO PASSED AWAY JULY 24TH 1944
"YE THRO' THE FIELDS OF PARADISE ROAM
YE BLESSED ONES REPEAT THROUGH THAT
BRIGHT HOME – ALLELUIA"²
ALSO SYDNEY HALL, THEIR BELOVED SON
DEARLY LOVED HUSBAND OF LILIAN GLADYS
WHO PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 28TH 1953
"FIRST LET BIRDS WITH PAINTED PLUMAGE
GAY, EXALT THEIR GREAT CREATOR'S PRAISE
AND SAY – ALLELUIA"³
ALSO LILIAN GLADYS, HIS BELOVED WIFE
WHO PASSED AWAY JULY 21ST 1953
"HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES
HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS"⁴
"SAY NOT GOODNIGHT, BUT IN A FAIRER
CLIME BID ME GOOD MORNING"⁵