

2c John Pennington drowned in Piel Channel 13 December 1895



SACRED TO THE MEMORY
OF **MILES**, SON OF
JOHN AND ANN PENNINGTON
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE JANUARY 9TH 1861
AGED 2 YEARS AND 7 MONTHS
ALSO OF **DAVID**, THEIR SON
WHO DIED JAN^Y 5TH 1870
AGED 3 YEARS
ALSO OF **JOHN**, THEIR ELDEST SON
AND BELOVED HUSBAND OF
MARGARET PENNINGTON
DROWNED IN *PIEL CHANNEL*, DEC 13TH 1895
AGED 39 YEARS
ALSO OF THE ABOVE
MARGARET PENNINGTON
WHO DIED 31ST DEC^R 1935
AGED 74 YEARS

The *Barrow News* 14 December 1895 reported:

BOATMAN DROWNED AT PIEL

Yesterday morning, a case of drowning occurred in Piel anchorage, which has cast a gloom over the neighbourhood. Mr. Johnny Pennington, the well-known ferryman, took a pilot to the s.s. "Test", bound for Ulverston, and on making the return journey, his sailing boat was capsized, and he was drowned. The weather was very rough and squally. Mr. Curwen, the pilot, witnessed the accident, and with two others at once proceeded to Foulney Island, near which the sad occurrence took place, and at this place the body was washed ashore. The boat was also found. The deceased, who was the son of Mr. John Pennington, of the hotel, Roa Island, leaves a widow and six children.

1871 Census:

Living at the Ship Inn, Piel Island –

John Pennington (43), Pilot & Licensed Victualler, born Sunderland, Northumberland (sic); Ann (34), wife, born Lane Houses, Lancashire; John (15), Pilot, born Piel; Thomas (6), born Piel.

1891 Census:

Living at No.13 Rampside –

John Pennington (35), Barge Boatman, born Barrow in Furness; Margaret (29), wife, born Holyhead, Anglesey; David M. (8), scholar; May (5), scholar; Barbara (4); Margaret A. (2).

Cumbria BMD tells us that Mrs. Pennington's maiden name was Jones, David's middle name was Myles, Margaret's middle name was Ann, Jessie D. was born in 1892, and Edward Wilson Pennington was born in 1895.

1901 Census:

East View, Rampside -

John Pennington, (73), Retired Publican, born Overton, Lancs; Ann Pennington, (64), wife, born Rampside; Annie, (39), daughter, born Piel; Margaret A., (12), grand-daughter, born Roa Island. *Is this the Margaret A. in the 1891 Census?*

At No. 13, Roa Island, lived Margaret Pennington (39), widow, born Holyhead; Barbara (14), daughter; Jessie D. (9) daughter; Edward W. (5) son.

1911 Census:

Living at 13 Marine Terrace, Roa Island

Margaret Pennington (49), widow, born Holyhead, Anglesey; David M. Pennington (28), single, Post Office sorting clerk and telegraphist; Jessie D. Pennington (19) single; Edward W. Pennington (15), schoolboy.