

Elizabeth Kinnish d 21 June 1940 aged 102



IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF
ELIZABETH KINNISH,
BORN JUNE 13TH 1838,
DIED JUNE 21ST 1940.



The *North West Daily Mail* 17 June 1939 reported, alongside the photograph above right:

Rampside's Grand Old Lady

MISS KINNISH 101

STILL LOOKING A PICTURE OF HEALTH

Still looking a picture of health, her rosy cheeks and bright eyes, adorned by her silvery hair, shining in the morning sun, Miss Elizabeth Kinnish, Rampside's grand old lady, on Tuesday celebrated her 101st birthday.

Born at North Scale on 13 June, 1838, Miss Kinnish shows few signs of her hundred and one years. Her faculties she retains to a remarkable degree, very little being wrong with her hearing and eyesight, while she is very upright in her bearing. She is never idle for a minute, and spends time knitting, having done hundreds of yards of knitting lace for traycloths and pillowcases. She also does all her own letter-writing, reads the paper every night, and enjoys nothing better than a good novel.

She often goes out for a walk along the Coast Road and only last Thursday was at Ulverston shopping and visiting friends. A fortnight ago she was round the Barrow market and thought everything looked so lovely and fresh. During Whit week-end she was over at Walney visiting friends.

Miss Kinnish does not get to church as often as she would like, now, the last occasion being on Easter Sunday, but she still holds her own little service at home and rarely misses the services on the wireless.

When our representative called on Tuesday she was sat in a sunlit room facing the sea. There were heaps of messages of congratulations, cards, telegrams, flowers, presents and birthday cakes around the room, and all during the day friends were calling offering personally their congratulations.

CHARMING PERSONALITY

She thinks the air at Rampside does her good, and by her unselfishness and charming personality, she has gained a host of friends there.

Asked if she had any recipe for longevity, Miss Kinnish replied "Yes, always doing what I can for other people."

When she was a girl, she said, they crossed Walney Channel at low water by stepping stones, a little north of the present footbridge, and when the tide was up there was a rowing boat to take them to and fro. There was nothing much to see in Barrow then. The inhabitants numbered only about 30 people, and Dalton was the principal place they visited.

When 14 years of age, Miss Kinnish went to reside at Grange-over-Sands and lived there for 51 years. Then she resided for some years in Ulverston, and came to live in Rampside about seven years ago.

Ancestry tells us: Elizabeth was baptised on 8 July 1838

1841 Census

North Scale: John Kinnish (36) Blacksmith; Jane Kinnish (35); Robert (8); Thomas (6); John (4); Elizabeth (3); Jane (9 months). *Cumbria BMD tells us that the mother's maiden name was Greenwood. Thomas Kinnish is buried elsewhere in the Churchyard. His grave also commemorates his great-nephew(?), Robert Postlethwaite Kinnish. See <https://furnessstoriesbehindthestones.co.uk/stories/kinnish-robert-postlethwaite/>*

Father John Kinnish drowned in Walney Channel coming back from market on 27 January 1848, and is buried in Walney Churchyard. It is mentioned in *The Diary of William Fisher of Barrow 1811 to 1859* (ed Rollinson & Harrison) Centre for North-West Regional Studies (1986) p68.

1851 Census

15 North Scale: Elizabeth Greenwood (67) Head. Landed Proprietor. Born Cartmel Fell. Mary Greenwood (25) Niece. Landed Proprietor. Born Walney. Elizabeth Kinnish (12) Scholar.
Greenwoods also lived at 9 and 22 North Scale. At 9, Robert Kinnish (18) was a servant.

1861 Census

Grange Village: Elizabeth Greenwood (77) Head. Landed Proprietor. Born Cartmel Fell? Elizabeth Kinnish (22) Companion. Born Isle of Walney.

1871 Census

Rose Cottage, Grange Village: Mary Greenwood (45) Landowner. Born Isle of Walney. Elizabeth Kinnish (32) Cousin. Domestic Companion. *See 1851 Census.*

1881 Census

Grange Village: Mary Greenwood (55) Income from land. Born Isle of Walney. Alice Greenwood (18) Niece. Scholar. Born Lancaster. Elizabeth Kinnish (*Kenish* in the search) (42) Cousin. Companion & Dom. Serv?

1891 Census

Rose Cottage, Grange Village: Mary Greenwood (65) Living on own means. Born Isle of Walney. Elizabeth Kinnish (*Kennish* in the search) (52) Cousin. Housekeeper Domestic?

1901 Census

Rose Cottage, Grange Village: Mary Greenwood (75) Living on own means. Born Isle of Walney. Elizabeth Kinnish (*Kennisle* in the search) (62) Cousin. Housekeeper Domestic?

1911 Census

40 North Scale, Walney: Thomas Kinnish (76) Widower. Retired Gardener. Born Walney. Elizabeth Kinnish (72) Sister. Born Walney. Mary Housby (31) Single. General Servant (Domestic). Born Walney.

1939 England & Wales Register

81 Fouldrey-terrace Rampside. Eleanor Kinnish b.20 April 1866. Widow. Unpaid domestic duties. Elizabeth Kinnish. b.13 June 1838. Single. Unpaid Domestic duties. *William Kinnish had married Eleanor Thompson at St Mary's, Walney, in 1886.*

National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations)

KINNISH Elizabeth of 81 Fouldrey-terrace Rampside **Lancashire** spinster died 21 June 1940 Probate **London** 17 July to Charles Storey drapers manager. Effects £2174 14s 9d.