

14 John Gilliland, Farmer, d 16 Feb 1916



JOHN GILLILAND
FARMER, BIGGAR, WALNEY
WHO DIED 16TH FEB. 1916, AGED 71 YEARS
ALSO OF **ELIZA**, HIS WIFE
WHO DIED 7TH MARCH 1913,
AGED 67 YEARS.

Barrow News 19 February 1916 reported:

PASSED AWAY. – The death occurred, on Wednesday, at Biggar, of Jno. Gilliland, a gentleman who has been associated with local life for a great many years. Mr. Gilliland went to his present farm over 20 years ago, and his career in the agricultural line has been one of considerable success. Originally, he lived on the mainland, and at different times conducted a business as coal dealer and milk dealer. The latter line of enterprise was continued when Mr. Gilliland turned to farming, and has been maintained with the help of his sons up till the present time. Among the farmers of Biggar, Mr. Gilliland enjoyed popular intimation, and he was alike well known and familiar among the farming community of the entire island, and the wider area of Furness. Mr. Gilliland was 70 yrs of age (*sic*), but though the weight of years prevented him from giving that personal attention to his farm for which he was noted in past years, he did not fail to take a lively interest in the welfare of his property. Throughout the district, the death of a worthy farmer and genial personality is sincerely mourned, and genuine sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved family. The interment takes place today.

On *Ancestry*, the **1911 Census** has a John Gilliland, farmer, aged 66, living at 6, Biggar, Isle of Walney, Lancashire; born in Down, Ireland, with Eliza, aged 65, also born in Down. There are also James Gilliland (40), son, working on farm. Born Co. Down, Ireland. Thomas Gilliland (30) son, working on farm. Born Barrow, Lancashire Mabel Gilliland (24), daughter, Dairy work. Born Barrow, Lancashire Elizabeth Gilliland (22) daughter, Dressmaker. Born Barrow, Lancashire Florance (*sic*) Gilliland (19) daughter, Dairy Work. Born Barrow, Lancashire. Robert Simpson (26), servant, farm labourer. Born Biggar, Walney. Thomas Carr (17) servant, cow man. Born Manchester.

At 1, Biggar, lives one of their sons:

Samuel J Gilliland, aged 36, Gas Stoker, working for the Borough Council, born Barrow in Furness.
Agnes A. Gilliland, 34, born Biggar, Walney.
Ada Gilliland, 15, Biggar Walney, Lancashire
Mabel Gilliland, 12, Biggar Walney, Lancashire
Elizabeth Gilliland, 9, Biggar Walney, Lancashire
James Gilliland, 8, Biggar Walney, Lancashire
Annie M Gilliland, 5, Biggar, Walney, Lancashire
John Gilliland, 1, Biggar, Walney, Lancashire.

At the **1891 Census** the main family had been living at 27 Robert Street, Barrow, where John is listed as a coal dealer, and sons James and Samuel are coal dealer's labourers. Other children are Jane (16), Thomas (11), William (9), Mabel (4) and Lizzie (18 months).

In the **1881 Census** they are at 255 Rawlinson St, children then born being James, Samuel, Jane, Thomas & William. Father John is a Steam Tug Fireman. John's 21 yr old brother, William, a shoemaker, lives with them.

More recent Gilliland graves can be found elsewhere in the churchyard.

Further information can be found in the Cumbria BMD website <http://cumbriabmd.org.uk/>