

25 Mr William McLung d 21 December 1941



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAM MURRAY McLUNG,
OF DAISY BANK, NORTH SCALE
WHO DIED DECEMBER 21ST 1941
AGED 68 YEARS
ALSO ISABELLA, HIS BELOVED WIFE,
WHO DIED JUNE 15TH 1946
AGED 74 YEARS

Barrow News 27 December 1941 reported:

DEATH OF MR. W. M. McLUNG WALNEY FARMER AND CONTRACTOR

A well-known and popular figure has been removed from Barrow by the death of Mr. William Murray McLung, of Daisy Bank, North Scale. He was 69 years of age. A native of Kirkmichael, Ayrshire, Mr. McLung came to Barrow in 1900 to become manager of the Isle of Walney Estates Farm at North Scale. That was the year when a commencement was made with the building of Vickerstown, and some buildings on the island went up in mushroom growth.

The late Mr. McLung took an active part in the development of the Island. He continued as manager of the Isles of Walney Estates Farm until 1907, and having refused an offer by the late Lord Dunluce, then resident manager on the Island for the Isle of Walney Estates co., to become agent of the estates of his father, Lord Antrim, in Ireland, he started in business on his own account as a farmer and contractor.

His first job as contractor was carting material in connection with the erection of Walney, now Jubilee Bridge. He had an extensive business as contractor, and in that connection was associated with many buildings erected on Walney and in Barrow.

Mr. McLung took a keen interest in agriculture, and its associations. He was chairman of the Barrow Cattle Insurance Committee, secretary of the Barrow and District Ploughing Association since its inception, president of the West Shore Club, trustee of Vickerstown Institute of which he became a life member in 1937, a member of the Ulverston and District Agricultural Association, a member of the Clydesdale Horse Society, a member of the Ayrshire Agricultural Association, a member of Barrow St. Andrew's Society, and a trustee of Walney Parish Church. He was contemplating purchasing an estate in Dumfries when he became ill recently. He had only been confined to his bedroom for two days prior to his death.

On coming to Barrow Mr. McLung introduced the Clydesdale horses and Ayrshire cattle to the district, which in later years became very popular.

The late Mr. McLung was a gentleman who was widely known and highly esteemed, and his death will create much regret. He leaves a widow, one son and one daughter, the latter being in California.

In a family tree on *Ancestry*, William Murray McLung was born on 27 February 1873 in Dailly, Ayrshire to Matthew McClung (*sic*) and Helen Murray. In the 1939 Register he is listed as a haulage contractor and coal merchant. At the time of the **1901 Census** he was an assistant foreman shipbuilding (*which conflicts a little with the news article*), living at 14 Baden Powell St., together with Isabella, William (5) and Jessie (3), and 2 lodgers. All are listed as born in Scotland. At that time the name is spelt McClung. By the **1911 Census** they were at 38, North Scale, where William is listed as 'farmer, carting contractor and coal agent.'

The *Barrow News* 3 Jan 1942 carried an account of the funeral:

MR. W. M. McLUNG

The funeral of Mr. William Murray McLung, of Daisy Bank, North Scale, took place at Walney on Wednesday week, Rev. J. Langlands, of Walney Presbyterian Church, officiated at the service at the house and graveside in Walney Churchyard.



The family mourners were Mr. William McLung, son; Mr. William McLeod, jnr., nephew; Mr. Robert Dunlop and Mr. Wm. McLeod, Snr., brothers-in-law. Also present were Messrs. Hugh Rainey, James Fisher, Fred Forbes (Morecambe), John Foulas, John Bell, Wm. Clarke, Robert Hales, E. Crossley, S. Senogles, T. Wallace, W. Mitchell, H. Bell, T. Nicholson (Muncaster), W. Pickthall (Dalton), S. Gilliland, and John Jackson.

Numerous firms were represented. – Messrs. Pickavance and Heron by Mr. John Heron; Provincial Insurance Co., Mr. John Stubbs; Walney Estate Co., Messrs. Fred Hawkesby, E. Threthole, and H. Smallshaw; Nicholson and Wright, Ltd. (Lancaster), Mr. H. Nicholson; Broughton Estates, Mr. H. Slater; Lancashire War Agricultural Committee, Mr. J. Barnes; Road Operators' Association, Mr. H. Winder; Loxham's Garages Ltd., Mr. W.

Creighton; Barrow Hematite Steel Co., Mr. E. Repton; G. H. Mackereth Ltd., Ulverston, Mr. T. Kitchin; Vickerstown Club, Mr. W. Ayres; Walney Church, Rev. C. Williams; Barrow and District Dairy Farmers' Association, Mr. A. Penny and Mr. J. Hutton, Barrow Cattle Insurance Committee, Mr. A. T. Robinson; Barrow and District Ploughing Association, Messrs. W. Johnson (chairman) T. Gilliland and E. Pegg.

Other firms represented were Rainey Bros., Ltd; Ulverston Agricultural Show, Ulverston Auction Mart; Barrow and District Coal Dealers' Association; Dent and Wilson, Ltd. (Morecambe); Allan Bradley and Thompson (Keighley); and the Barrow Master Butchers' Association.

The bearers were employes (*sic*) of Messrs. W. McLung and Son, Messrs. H. Dixon, W. Dixon, Private S. McLellan, G. Milburn, J. Steele, W. Thompson, H. Jury.

Mr. John Bell, who also attended, had 35 years' service with the firm.

Funeral arrangements were by Mr. J. C. Swarbrick, Barrow.