

Andrew Jones Woodhouse d 27 May 1876, and Maria Woodhouse d 28 August 1876



IN MEMORIUM
ANDREW JONES WOODHOUSE
WHO DIED 27TH MAY 1876, AGED 50 YEARS
ALSO MARIA HIS WIFE
WHO DIED 28TH AUGUST 1876, AGED 52 YEARS

A fine tomb with a wide kerbing. He died in London, but was brought back to Aldingham for burial: expensive and unusual. He was buried on 1 June by Henry Hayman, Rector, and his address is given at Sea View House. His wife was buried by Rector Hayman on 31 August.



There is a splendid tablet on the inside of the church which reads:

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In Affectionate Remembrance of
Andrew Jones Woodhouse
Of Roose Beck House & of Barrow in Furness
Died at Dalston, London, 27th May 1876
Aged 50 Years
“He giveth his beloved sleep”
Also Maria, his Wife
Died at Roose Beck House, 28th Aug^t 1876,
Aged 52 Years.



Andrew Woodhouse was a significant player in the building of Barrow. His brickworks were on the site currently (2020) occupied by ASDA, and (again currently) there is an informative board about him in the Dock Museum. [Image courtesy of the Dock Museum]

The *Barrow Times* 3 June 1876 carried the following:
DEATH OF COUNCILLOR WOODHOUSE.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Mr. Councillor Woodhouse, on Saturday morning last in London. For some considerable time past the deceased had been suffering from an internal disease, said to have originated with bronchitis, and with a view to alleviate this complaint, he left Barrow for the City, with the result already known. Mr. Woodhouse, who is a native of Staffordshire, has been connected with the town for many years, having first commenced business here as a joiner and builder about the year 1860, when Messrs. Schneider, Hannay, and Co. were engaged in the construction and extension of the large blast furnaces at Hindpool, and carried on his business so successfully that he found it necessary to build the works which now stand in Walney-road, and which turn out an extensive quantity of building material. The demise of a gentleman so greatly respected is a matter of general regret throughout the town, and on Thursday last most of the places of business throughout the town were closed. The remains of the deceased gentleman were, on Thursday forenoon, interred in Aldingham churchyard in the presence of a large number of his late fellow citizens and neighbours. The funeral started from Roosebeck about ten o'clock and proceeded to Leece *via* Scales to Aldingham, the *cortege* being joined on the way by many persons and vehicles from Barrow and elsewhere. The chief mourners were Mr. Benjamin Woodhouse, Mr. W. Woodhouse, sons of the deceased, and Mr. J. Woodhouse, of Staffordshire, brother of the deceased; Mr. S. Evans, Mr. A. Smith, of London;

and Mr. J. R. Wilson, of Burnley. At some distance from Aldingham Church was met by the members of the Barrow Town Council, the Masonic body of which the deceased was a most respected member, and a large number of the tradesmen of the town. Immediately after the hearse and the two coaches containing the chief mourners had passed the members of the Corporation, the Masonic body and the tradesmen, who had previously lined the road, turned in reverse order and followed the remains into the church. The following members of the Corporation were present:- Messrs Alderman Smith (ex-mayor), Townson, Park, and Gradwell, and Councillors Fish, Harrison, Baynes, Huartson, Slade, Coward, Haslam, Hunter, Waiting, Whittam, Williamson, Loxham, Fisher, Taylor, Brownrigg, Bell, and Farmer. The members of the Hindpool and Hartington Lodges of Freemasons mustered in large numbers, and many of the deceased's workmen also followed his body to the grave. The Rev. Dr. Hayman, D.D., Rector of Aldingham, read the funeral service on the occasion, after which the coffin, which was most elaborately ornamented, was borne to the newly-built vault at the exterior of the church for the Woodhouse family, and while this was being done the "Dead March in Saul" was played on the organ by Miss Hayman. The respect shown to the remains of Mr. Councillor Woodhouse on Thursday was only due to one who had, while living, been noted for his great private generosity and public worth.

His wife died only three months later. The *Barrow Times 2 September 1876* briefly reported in a news column: The funeral of the late Mrs. Woodhouse took place yesterday at Aldingham, when the Rev. Dr. Hayman came from Oxford expressly to officiate. Mr. Hadley had the general arrangements of the funeral, Mr. Hutcheon was the undertaker, Mr. R. Holker supplied the lead coffin, and Mr. R. Brownrigg the hearse and six pair-horse mourning coaches. The deceased lady was buried in the same vault as her husband, and was 56 (*sic*) years of age.

From *Ancestry* we can find that Andrew Jones Woodhouse was born in Rowley Regis nr. Dudley in the West Midlands in 1826, and died in Dalston, Hackney, East London on 27 May 1876.

He married Maria Evans in St. Thomas' Dudley, 25 December, 1847.

In the **1851 Census** Andrew Woodhouse (25), bricklayer employing 5 men, is living at Mousesweet Brook, Rowley Regis, with wife Maria (25), listed as born in Rowley Regis, and children Benjamin (2) and John (1). Mother-in-law Maria Evans (61), widow, lives with them, born Wales. She is listed as Pauper (seamstress).

By the **1861 Census** he had already moved to Furness. He is living at Burlington Terrace in the Parish of Dalton, though in the "Proposed Parish of St. George's, Barrow". I suspect Burlington Terrace is now Burlington Street, between the very top of Dalton Road and Michaelson Rd. Several families of Ashburners, and various mariners, lived in the Terrace. He is 35, and he is now a Furnace Builder. The household consists of Andrew Woodhouse (35), furnace builder, born Rowley Regis; Maria (34), wife, born Presteign (*sic*), Radnor; Benjamin (12), scholar; Lydia (9), scholar; William (6), scholar; Sarah (3); (All children born in Old Hill, Staffs. There were 2 servants: John Andrews (20), born Upper Canada (British Subject), and Sarah Harrison (13), born in an unreadable village in Worcester.

On 13 September 1864 Andrew Jones Woodhouse became a member of the Hartington Lodge of Freemasons in Barrow. He is described as a builder with a residence in Hindpool. [**United Grand Lodge of England Registers on Ancestry**]

In the **1871 Census** they have moved to Roosebeck:

Andrew Woodhouse (45), Furnace builder, born Rowley nr. Dudley, Staffs.

M. Woodhouse, (47), wife, born Radnorshire.

William Woodhouse (16), son, born Rowley, nr. Dudley, Staffs. (*No occupation recorded*).

Harriet Griffiths (25), Visitor, born Wednesbury, Staffs.

Mary Wile (29), General domestic servant, born Netherton, nr. Dudley, Staffs.

A.J. Woodhouse is listed in the Barrow-in-Furness Directory 1875 as a builder at 36 Blake Street. In the Mannex Directory 1875/6 he is listed at 26 Blake Street and Roose Beck House.

The **National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1876** has 5 August. The Will of Andrew Jones Woodhouse late of Roosebeck Barrow-in-Furness in the County of **Lancaster** Contractor Builder and Brick Manufacturer who died 27 May 1876 at 12 Montague-road Kingsland in the County of Middlesex was proved at **Lancaster** by John Woodhouse of Bilston in the County of Stafford Contractor the Brother and James Bigg Accountant and John Stanley Ormandy Chemist and Druggist of Barrow-in-Furness the Executors. Effects under £18,000.

Another Andrew Jones Woodhouse – nephew? grandson? – applied to become a US citizen on 28 December 1891 in King County, Seattle, Washington State, signed in open court on 15 July 1894. This Andrew Jones Woodhouse named a son Andrew Jones Woodhouse on 19 December 1900 in King County, Seattle. His occupation is given as a grocer.