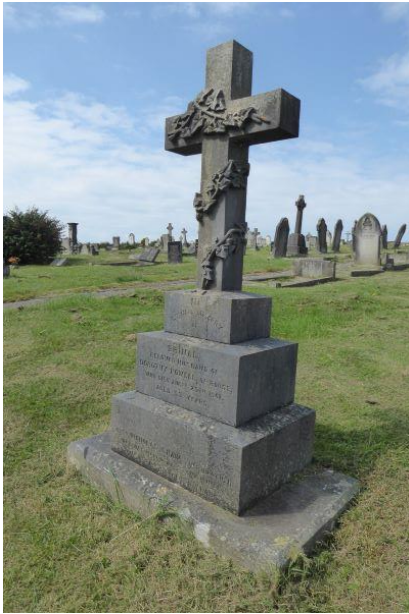


Nicholas Shaw, killed at Stank Mine 4 January 1887



IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF
BRINAL
BELOVED HUSBAND OF
DOROTHY POWELL, OF ROOSE,
WHO DIED AUGST 29TH 1901,
AGED 33 YEARS

ALSO NICHOLAS SHAW, HER BROTHER
WHO WAS KILLED AT STANK MINES
JAN^{RY} 4TH 1887, AGED 15 YEARS

The *Barrow News* 8 January 1887 published a brief column:

SHOCKING FATAL ACCIDENT AT STANK MINES.

On Tuesday morning about nine o'clock a shocking accident, attended with fatal consequences, happened at the Stank Mines to a boy named Nicholas Shaw, residing at 76, South-row, Roose. How the accident occurred has not been definitely ascertained, and probably never will be. The boy was found lying at the bottom of the shaft, with the cage on top of him, by a man called Brewer. He was then quite dead and presented a shocking appearance, having been terribly smashed. His legs, arms, neck, thighs, bones (sic) and collar bone were all broken. Brewer states that about half-past nine in the morning he saw the deceased ring from the bottom height to the top height (105). Brewer then went to have his lunch, and on returning a short time afterwards found that the cage was not quite at the bottom of the shaft. He gave the signal for the cage to be raised a little, and on this being done he found the deceased lying underneath. Mr. Polkinghorn, one of the "Captains" at the mines, is of the opinion that the boy must have fallen from the "105" height to the bottom, a distance of about 90 feet. Death under the circumstances would be instantaneous.

Ancestry has [Coal Mining Accidents and Deaths Index, 1878-1935](http://www.dmm.org.uk/colliery/s916.htm#i07427) and also on the Durham Mining Museum site <http://www.dmm.org.uk/colliery/s916.htm#i07427>

Occupation: Trailer

Colliery: No.2 Stank (metalliferous)

Owner: Barrow Haematite Steel Co

Notes: The deceased got on the cage at the 120 fathom level to ride to the 105 fathom level. It is supposed he got off at the 105 fathom level and lost his light then the cage was signalled away and deceased must have stepped into the open side of the shaft as his body was found under the cage which had descended.

Cumbria BMD Nicholas Shaw, born Dalton 1872; mother's maiden name Long.

Ancestry: 1881 Census

Living at 76, South Row, Roose were Henry Shaw (34) Iron miner, born Cartmel; Mary Shaw (31) born Hawcoat; Nicholas Shaw (9), scholar, born Stainton; Miles Shaw (6) scholar, born Aldingham; Dorothy Shaw (3), born Barrow; Elizabeth (1), born Barrow.

Brinal Powell married Dorothy Shaw in Barrow in the second quarter of 1896. *Cumbria BMD* has him as Brindal (sic), and the wedding took place at St Luke's Church. Brinal's widow Dorothy remarried Joseph McCarter in 1903, again at St. Luke's.

In the **1901 Census**, Dorothy was living back with her parents at 77 (note change) South Row, Roose, along with sister Rosalinda (15), along with a boarder, Selina Allen (29) and her child, Harriet Zola Allen (1 month), and her parents' grandson, William Farrar Shaw (3 months). No mother's maiden name is recorded on Cumbria BMD. The Census was taken on 31 March 1901. Where was her husband on this date?

Dorothy Agnes McCarter was visiting her parents at 77 South Row at the time of the **1911 Census**, when she is recorded as having had 4 children, 3 still living, though only 2 are with her on the Census: Thomas James McCarter (5) and Dorothy McCarter (1). On the day of the Census, the household consisted of 5 adults and 6 children of 10 yrs or less.