

Hatchell Hardy d 14 February 1917

The name Hatchell Hardy brings to mind a Dickensian character: made up name and with a fondness for drink.



Reverse side (left)
ALSO OF
ANNIE MARIA SMITH
SISTER OF THE LATE
HATCHELL HARDY
DIED 25TH MAY 1933
AGED 68 YEARS



Front (above)
ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF
HATCHELL HARDY
ALDERMAN AND COUNCILLOR OF
THIS BOROUGH 1896 – 1917
DIED 14TH FEBRUARY 1917
AGED 67 YEARS

Side (above right)
ALSO
**HATCHELL
HOGG**
NEPHEW OF ABOVE
DIED 29TH MARCH 1928
AGED 48 YEARS

A Family Tree on Ancestry has: When Hatchell Hardy was born in 1851 in Dungannon, Tyrone, his father, John, was 31 and his mother, Maria, was 24.

The first mention that I recorded from local newspapers was:

Barrow Times Saturday April 12th 1879

Mr Hatchell Hardy has given up the idea of having an Easter handicap in consequence of not being able to obtain boats for rowing the heats.

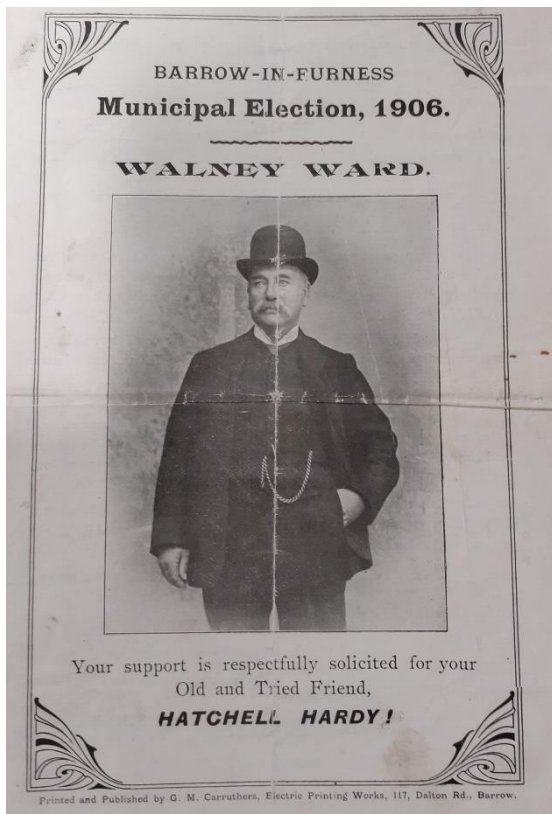
There will be plenty more mentions of Hatchell Hardy, given his involvement in civic affairs which came to an end in February 1917.

The *Barrow News* 17 February 1917 reported on his death:

ALDERMAN HARDY DEAD

A POPULAR FIGURE IN LOCAL HISTORY

We regret to record the death of Alderman Hatchell Hardy, which occurred at his residence, 3, Hartington Street, on Wednesday evening, after a short illness, at the age of 67. Until a week or two ago, he seemed to be enjoying his usual robust health, but a severe carbuncle developed on his neck, and notwithstanding an operation, he failed to recover. The news of his death will be genuinely regretted by his numerous friends in Barrow and elsewhere.



(Election literature – left - courtesy of the Barrow Archive Service)

Alderman Hardy was a member of the Town Council for just over 20 years, having been elected at a by-election, a representative of Walney Ward on the 23rd of November 1896. He was made an alderman on the 4th of October 1904, and presided over Ramsden Ward. He was chairman of the Highways and Lighting Committee from 1904 to the time of his death; chairman of the Park Committee, 1903-4; vice-chairman from 1901 to June 1903, when he succeeded the late Councillor Cook. He was also a member of the Gas and Water and the Electricity Committees. By the death of Alderman Hardy, the town has lost a very useful and worthy citizen. He devoted himself wholeheartedly to municipal affairs, in which he always exercised sound judgement. The deceased alderman was the proprietor of several hotels in Barrow, and combined his fine business qualities with kindness and benevolence. In a quiet way he has helped many a deserving cause. He was not a man who sought notoriety, but worked at all times in a most unostentatious manner. He was a man of independent character, who would not stoop to anything that was not fair and above board. He held very decided views on many matters, and always expressed these fearlessly. A staunch Conservative, he had many friends of all political colours. Mr. Hardy looked to motoring for his chief recreation, and he loved to take his friends for a spin in the Lake District, or even beyond. He

himself knew almost every inch of the ground in the district, as a result of his frequent motor runs, and had a rich store on information concerning points of interest in the district for many miles around. Alderman Hardy was a Freemason. He was a kind-hearted and true friend, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Pte. W. Stewart, of Cameron-street, writes:- "The late esteemed Alderman Hardy was born in County Tyrone, in Ireland. He was a man in the true sense of the word, and in Kipling's words 'He did not adventure.' To the last, Alderman Hardy paid his contributions to his trade union. I know of no man who more widely respected by all classes, and his loss in the Council Chamber will be severely felt."

The funeral of the late Alderman Hardy takes place to-morrow (Sunday) morning, the cortege leaving the house in Hartington-street at 9 a.m.

In their account of the funeral, the *Barrow News* 24 February 1917 began;

THE LAST TRIBUTE ALD. HARDY LAID TO REST

At nine o'clock on Sunday morning the remains of the late Alderman Hatchell Hardy were conveyed from his residence, 3 Hartington-street, to the Borough Cemetery and there interred. It was a most uninviting morning to be out of doors, the atmosphere being charged with a thick grey fog, but so many friends and admirers had the deceased alderman that the funeral procession was a large and representative one, whilst crowds of sympathisers watched the mournful proceedings along the route and also at the Cemetery. The Mayor (Ald. A. Barrow) and a considerable number of his colleagues on the Town Council, all wearing their robes, attended to pay their last tribute who had worked amongst them for a score of years in the public interest. The deceased gentleman was noted for his fine business qualities, his kindly nature, his supreme candour, and his desire to do at all times what was right and best for the community, and his passing away so suddenly and unexpectedly, removes a worthy and valued citizen, whose place will be difficult to fill.

The chief mourners were Mrs. Smith (sister), Mr. and Mrs. Heggles (nephew and niece), Mr. Hatchell Hogg (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. Bush (Nephew and niece), Mr. and Mrs. Buckland (nephew and niece), Mr. and Mrs. C. Cookson, and Mr. and Mrs. Cornforth.

There follows a long list of other attendees, starting with the Corporation members and Officials; the Masonic brethren, and others representing trade, manufacturing, sporting and other bodies.

As far as I can find, Hatchell Hardy does not appear in the **1871 Census** in England.

Hatchell Hardy married Elizabeth Mulholland in 1878 at St George's, Barrow, the same year that his sister Jane married James Hogg. Hatchell & Elizabeth don't appear to have had children.

1881 Census: 15 Ramsden Street, Barrow

Hatchel (sic) Hardy (30), Mineral Water Manufacturer (employing 4 men); Elizabeth Hardy (24), Wife; John Hardy (61), Father, Retired Clerk; Maria Hardy (54), Mother; Thomas J. Hardy (22), [son crossed out – brother?], Licensed Victualler; Annie M. Hardy (15), [daughter crossed out – sister], Apprentice Dressmaker; James Hogg (25), Son-in-law [should be brother in law], Iron Hammerman; Jane Hogg (21), daughter [should be sister]; all born Ireland. There were also 4 lodgers, 3 unemployed Iron Turners from Wigan, Rochdale & Manchester, and the 4th working in Mineral Water Manufacturing, born Ireland.

John Hardy died 1885 or 1887; Maria in 1888, and Elizabeth in 1890. (Cumbria BMD)

On 13 July 1885 Hatchel (sic) Hardy, an Aerated Water Manufacturer, was initiated into the Hartington Lodge of the Freemasons (United Grand Lodge of England).

1891 Census: 40 & 42 Dalton Road (King's Arms)

Edwin Henry Smith (25), Hotel Keeper, born Southampton, Hampshire; Annie Maria Smith (25), Wife, born Ireland; Charles Smith (12), Brother, Scholar, born Southampton, Hampshire; Elizabeth Hardy (6), Step-daughter, Scholar, born Barrow; Hatchell Hardy (9), Nephew, Scholar, born Barrow; Hatchell Hardy (40), Lodger, Widower, Mineral Water Manufacturer, born Ireland; *plus 2 hotel servants.*

Hatchell Hardy married Margaret Grieve at St. George, Barrow in 1894 (when she was 17/8). *Cumbria BMD* [1891 Census Margaret Grieve (14) living at 95 John St, Workington, sister-in-law of John Goddard (42) Teacher of Music, born Sheffield, Yorks, and presumably sister of Mary J. Goddard (26), Wife, born Workington, Cumberland.

She was back with this household (mistranscribed as Hanely) for the 1911 Census, living at Bessemer Arms, 76 Church Street, Workington, where John Goddard is now a Licensed Victualler. Presumably the marriage had failed, since she is not listed among the mourners at the funeral.

Kelly's 1895 Directory has Hatchell Hardy as the landlord of the King's Arms, 38 Dalton Road, Barrow.

1901 Census: Theatre Hotel, Cavendish Street

Hatchell Hardy (50), Married, Licensed Victualler born Dungannon, Co. Tyrone.

Margaret Hardy (24), Wife, born Blaenavon, Monmouthshire.

Hatchell Hogg (19), Nephew, Apprentice Engineer (Gun Shop), born Barrow in Furness.

Isabella Hogg (14), Niece, born Barrow in Furness.

Plus 4 hotel workers/servants.

1911 Census: 3 Hartington Street

Hatchell Hardy (60), Married, Publican (Retired), born Dungannon, Co. Tyrone.

Margaret Whitfield (74), Widow, Housekeeper, born Merrington, Co. Durham.

The **National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1917** has:

HARDY Hatchell of 3 Hartington-street Barrow-in-Furness Lancashire died 14 February 1917 Probate London 5 June to Robert Blenkhorn Heseltine mercantile clerk. Effects £46247 9s 8d.

The **National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1920** has:

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Much of Hatchell Hardy's wealth was in property, especially licensed premises. The Records Office in Barrow has records linking him to the Theatre Hotel, Sandgate Hotel, Buccleuch Arms, Ship Hotel, King's Arms Hotel, plus residential property.

Hatchell Hogg enlisted in WW1. He was the publican of the Sandgate Hotel, 34 yrs old, unmarried when he signed on 10 December 1915. He was allocated to the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment in September 1916. A document judges him to be "proficient" as a fitter. By the time he was discharged in January 1919 he was a Sapper 235632 in the Royal Engineers, and gave his address as the Ship Hotel, Barrow.