

The Cranke family



IN
REMEMBRANCE
OF
EMILY
WIFE OF JOHN CRANKE
SURGEON, ULVERSTON
WHO DIED MARCH 28TH 1877
AGED 23 YEARS
ALSO OF THE ABOVE
JOHN CRANKE, J.P. SURGEON
WHO DIED APRIL 24TH 1894
AGED 63 YEARS

IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF
GEORGE
WILLIAM CRANKE
DIED 27TH JUNE 1928
AGED 52 YEARS

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
EMILY ELEANOR CRANKE
DIED 4TH AUGUST 1937
AGED 60 YEARS

built Greenbank in Little Urswick in 1754. A second painting in the Church. *Adoration of the Shepherds*, is thought to be by James Cranke the younger.

For more information about the Crankes see "Ossick Coots and Collared Doves" (P90-92) by Rev. Colin Honour 2011
<http://www.explorelowfurness.co.uk/OssickCootsandCollaredDoves.pdf>

Emily & John Cranke

John Cranke, son of William and Eleanor Cranke, was baptised at Urswick Church on 29 January 1831. According to an entry on Geni website (unchecked by me), he was brother of Margaret Bradshaw; Malachi James Cranke; Eleanor Cranke; William Cranke and Daniel Dickinson Cranke, most of which confirms the 1841 Census details below. The same website suggests that father William Cranke was son of Malachi Cranke and Eleanor Cranke. This Malachi Cranke was the son of James Cranke senior, the artist.

This means that John Cranke was the great grandson of James Cranke senior.

In the **1841 Census** sharing a household at Hawkfield, Little Urswick, are William Crank (no 'e') (45) Yeoman; Elenor (sic) Crank (35); Malachi Crank (12) Margret (sic) Crank (11); John Crank (10) Fanny Crank (7); Eleanor Crank (5); William Crank (2); Richard Crank (1); Margaret A. Pearson (15) Servant; Mary Tyson (15) Servant; James Wiseman (12).

In the **1851 Census** John Cranke is a Visitor in a house In Fountain Street, Ulverston. The Head of the Household is William Fryea? Daniel Dickinson (40), Member of the Royal College of Surgeons and General Practitioners and Farmer of 160 acres employing 5 labourers, born Streetgate, Lamplugh, Cumberland. Living with him are Mary Lee Dickinson (38) Wife, born Liverpool, Lancs; William Fryea? Daniel Dickinson (6) Son, Scholar, born Ulverston, Lancs;

Joseph Dickinson (5) Son, Scholar, born Ulverston; Richard Dickinson (1) Son, born Ulverston, Lancs; John Cranke (mis-transcribed as Crouke) (20) Visitor, Surgical Apprentice, born Urswick, Lancs; Hannah Capon (22) House Servant, born Liverpool, Lancs; Mary Capon (20) House Servant, born Liverpool, Lancs; Sarah Thackreay (24) House Servant, born Coniston.

In the **1861 Census** he is still in Fountain Street with the Dickinsons: W. F. D. Dickinson; M. L. Dickinson and John Dickinson (8) Son, Scholar, born Ulverston; servants Elizabeth Dixon (19) House Servant, born Kirkby; Emma Threlfall (19), Cook, born Ulverston; Jane Parker (24), House Servant, born Dalton, and Joseph Tyson (54) Groom to Surgeon, born Muncaster, Cumberland. John Crank (no 'e') (30) Unmarried, Surgeon, is listed as Nephew.

By the time of the **1871 Census**, Mary L. Dickinson (58) Widow, Landowner, is head of that household, and son Joseph Dickinson (25) is a Student of Medicine, but two doors along Fountain Street are John Cranke (40) Unmarried, Surgeon – General Practitioner, born Urswick, Lancs; William H. O'Brien (20) Cousin, Visitor, Clerk at Powder Works, born Ireland; John Thompson (29) Groom, born Urswick; Thomas Wilson (50?) Groom, born Dalton; Agnes Wilson (28) Cook, born Dalton; Sarah Wilson (26) Housemaid, born Ulverston.

A John Cranke married Emily Penny in the third quarter of 1873 in Ulverston.

In the **1881 Census** John Cranke (49) Widower, Surgeon in General Practice and J.P. for Lancashire, is still in Fountain Street, probably in the same house as in 1871, since it probably had his surgery in it. It has now got a number: no. 7. George W. Cranke (5) and Emily E. Cranke (4), both born Ulverston share the household, together with Thomas Bradshaw (20) Nephew, Draughtsman, born Madras, India; Margaret C. Bradshaw (20), Niece, born Madras, India; William Wilson (62) Widower, Cow-man, born Kirkby Ireleth, Lancs; John Kendall (22) Groom, born Ulverston; William Kendall (20) Groom, born Ulverston; Ellen Davis (26) Cook, born Llanammon? Wales; Mary E. Atkinson (22) Nurse, born Cartmel, Lancs; Agnes J. Robinson (26) Housemaid, born Liverpool, Lancs; Annie H. Hillier (19) Kitchen Maid, born Basingstoke, Hants.

In the **1891 Census** John Cranke is still in 7 Fountain Street. He is 60 years old, a Surgeon in General Practice, born Urswick. With him are George W. Cranke (15), son, born Ulverston; Emily E. Cranke (14), daughter, born Ulverston; Thomas Bradshaw (32), nephew, Commission Agent, born India; (*See Ulverston Cemetery list*) Margaret C. Bradshaw (30), niece, born India. There were 5 servants: Bridget Farrel (46), Cook/Domestic Servant, born Ireland; Martha Postlethwaite (23), Sewing Maid, born Lowick, Lancashire; Mary Dovey (22), Housemaid, born Woodside, Worcestershire; John Howson (72), Garden Help, born Lancaster; and John Thompson (18), Groom, born Ulverston.

The **National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1894** has:

CRANKE John of 7 Fountain-street Ulverston Lancashire surgeon died 24th April 1894 Probate **Lancaster** 25 July to Malachi James Cranke gentleman and Mary Anne Penny spinster Effects £3340 11s 9d. *Perhaps Mary Anne Penny was his late wife's sister.*

Immediately above this entry is a similar one for: **CRANKE** Frances of Bardsea near Ulverston **Lancashire** spinster died 23 September 1894 Administration (with Will) **Lancaster** 26 November to Malachi James Cranke yeoman Effects £148 19s 7d.

George William Cranke 1875 - 1928

Baptised 12 July 1875 in Ulverston. Parents John & Emily Cranke.

I have not found him in the **1901 Census**, nor his WW1 war record. However, I did find lots of information when searching for his sister Emily Eleanor Cranke (see below). He joined the Royal Lancaster Regiment on 25 July 1894, having spent 2 days with the Royal Artillery before being discharged due to a chest complaint (unreadable). He was transferred to the West India Regiment (2nd Battn.) as Orderly Room Sergeant 1 October 1900. He saw service in Malta, Hong Kong, Singapore, West Indies, West Africa (Sierra Leone), for a total of over 20 year's service. His next of kin are listed as brother John Cranke, member of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, and sister Emily Eleanor Cranke, of Rock Cottage, Ulverston. He signed a document to draw his pension on 14 February 1918, while still

serving. He was discharged on 19 November 1920, with his character judged “exemplary”. This did include the odd blip: Drunk in barracks, Hong Kong in 1898 – fined 7s 6d. This behaviour is repeated several times, with one episode of “fighting with private”.

In the **1911 Census**, George William Cranke (35), Single, born Ulverston, Lancs. is a Quarter-Master Sergeant, Garrison Staff, in the list for Bermuda and **Jamaica**. His trade is listed as Clerk.

On 20 March 1919, George William Cranke (43) embarked from Avonmouth to Jamaica on the Coronado. His position in C.Q.M.S. (Company Quarter-Master Sergeant) in H.M. Army. He arrived back on the same ship from Kingston, Jamaica, on 11 September 1920.

The **National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1928** has:

CRANKE George William of 14 Holyoake-terrace Ulverston **Lancashire** died 27 June 1928 Probate **London** 20 July to Emily Eleanor Cranke spinster. Effects £1557 16s 10d

Emily Eleanor Cranke 1877 - 1937

(See John & Emily Cranke for **1881 & 1891 Censuses**)

At Barrow Records Office there is: Inland Revenue form (no.1) on account of real estate of George Penny late of Bridgefield, Colton, legatee Emily Eleanor Cranke, with receipt for duty, 6 November 1897 (BD HJ 320/5/3)

In the **1901 Census**, living at 3 Alexander Road (Rock Cottage), Ulverston were Mary Ann Penny (50) Head, Single, Living on Own Means, born Torver, Lancs; Emily E. Cranke (24), Single, Living on Own Means, born Ulverston, Lancs; Thomas Bradshaw (42), Boarder, Single, Commission Agent, born Madras, India (*See his own page on the website, for Ulverston Cemetery*) and servant Mary Lewthwaite (35), born Branthwaite, Cumberland.

In the **1911 Census** was living at Rock Cottage with Mary Anne Penny (61), Head of Household, born in Blawith, Lancs; were Emily Eleanor Cranke (*mis-transcribed as Gande*) (34), niece of Mary Penny, born in Ulverston; Thomas Bradshaw (51) Boarder, Single, Commission Agent, born Madras, India; and Sarah Eleanor High (25), general domestic servant, born in Ulverston.

The **National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1937** has:

CRANKE Emily Eleanor of Aldwych-terrace Ulverston **Lancashire** spinster died 4 August 1937 Probate **London** 30 September to Sidney Robinson solicitor. Effects £696 17s.