

Thomas James Wayles d 6 October 1910



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THOMAS JAMES WAYLES
OF DOVEFORD IN THIS PARISH
WHO DIED OCTOBER 6TH 1910
AT THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL
ULVERSTON
AGED 34 YEARS
AND WAS INTERRED HERE ON THE 8TH.

"THY WILL O LORD BE DONE"

A modern marble stone, which possibly hides a distressing tale.

It is puzzling that the father and son don't share a grave, though they are adjacent to each other.

There are at least two other Wayles graves in the churchyard, one is another William Wayles, father of the William Wayles mentioned later on, the other another Thomas Wayles died 1876.

Lancashire Online Parish Clerk has William Wayles (35) Yeoman, Widower, of Broughton, marrying Sarah Postlethwaite (38) Spinster, of Bankend, at St Cuthbert's on 14 May 1873. The groom's father was another William Wayles, Yeoman, and the bride's father was William Postlethwaite, Yeoman.

Ancestry records Thomas James Wayles being baptised at Coniston on 13 August 1876.

The Wayles family were living at Hawkshead Hill in the **1881 Census**. The household is William Wayles (43) Head, Farmer of 45 acres, born Kirby Ireleth (sic); Sarah Wayles (41) Farmer's Wife, born Kirby Ireleth; William Wayles (7) Son, Scholar, born Broughton-in-Furness, Lancs; Thomas J. Wayles (4) Son, scholar, born Hawkshead.

By the **1891 Census** the same people are living at Doveford, Kirkby Ireleth, where William senior is a farmer, and the boys are listed as farmer's sons.

In the **1901 Census** the same four are still at Doveford, though all listed as being born in Kirkby Ireleth. The sons, now 27 and 24 respectively, are still listed as farmer's sons, and William senior is 'farmer - employer'. Also in the household is Betty Postlethwaite (90) Boarder, Parish Pensioner (though this is crossed out), born Whicham, Cumberland.

At this point in Thomas Wayles's life, things go wrong. On 11 November 1905, he was admitted to the Lancashire County Asylum (**Lunacy Patients Admissions Registers 1905**). He was released, recovered, on 6 July 1909.

The *Barrow News 15 October 1910* had news of Thomas's death:

DEATH OF KIRKBY YOUNG MAN. – The death took place in Ulverston Cottage Hospital, after a long illness, on Thursday last, of Mr. Thomas Wayles, farmer, at the age of 34 years. Deceased had been in the hospital for the past 10 months, having been a patient sufferer from abscesses. He belonged to a well-known Kirkby family, his father having farmed Doveford Farm for a good number of years. Mr. Wayles was highly respected by all who knew him and much sympathy is being shown with the bereaved family in their sad loss. The funeral took place in the St. Cuthbert's Churchyard, when a large number of the deceased's relatives and friends attended to pay their last tribute of respect. The Rev. A. Partridge (vicar) and the Vicar of Woodland (the Rev James Park) officiated. The chief mourners were Mrs. Wayles, mother; Mr. W. Wayles, jun., brother (his father being unable to be present on account of illness); Mr. J. P. Hodgson, cousin (Barrow); Mrs. Fawcett, cousin (Millom); Mrs. and Miss A. Stewardson, cousins (Dalton); Mr. G. Tyson, cousin (Ulpha); Miss and Miss (sic) E. Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson, cousins (Kirkby); and amongst the general public were Mr. G. Frearson, Ulverston; Mrs. Carter, Broughton; Mr. W. Clarke, solicitor, Broughton; Mr. W. Irven, Brocklebank Groung (sic – Ground), Mr. Irvin, Mr. D. Kendall, Mr. James Riley, Kirkby; and Mr. and Mrs. Casson, Ulverston. Many beautiful floral tributes were placed on the grave in memory of the deceased.

Only a fortnight later, the *News* 29 October 1910 reported on his father's death:

DEATH OF KIRKBY FARMER. – The death has taken place, after a prolonged illness, of Mr. William Wayles, Dove Ford Farm, at the advanced age of 72 years. Deceased had not been well for some time, but did not consult a doctor until quite recently, when Dr. Fawcett was called in, but Mr. Wayles gradually grew worse, and died on Saturday morning from cancer in the bowels. It will be remembered that a fortnight ago Mr. Wayles lost a son to death, which no



doubt would help to hasten his end. Mr. Wayles was of a quiet and retiring disposition, and was well-liked and highly respected by all those he came in contact with. Much sympathy is being felt with Mrs. Wayles and her son in their sad and almost double bereavement. Mr. Wayles was very well known in the district, having lived at Dove Ford for the past 27 years. The funeral took place in St. Cuthbert's churchyard, when a large number of the deceased's relatives and friends attended to pay their last tribute of respect and sympathy. The chief mourners were Mrs. Wayles (widow), Mr. W. Wayles (son), Mr. George Postlethwaite (nephew), Mrs. and Miss A. Stewardson (nieces), Dalton, and the following cousins, viz. Mr. George Tyson, Ulverston; Mr. W. Tyson, Berks Farm, Ulpha; Miss Tyson, Under Cragg, Ulpha, Mrs. W. Bowes, Fenwick; Mrs. B. Hodgkins, Foxfield; Mrs. Rigg, Hawkshead; Mrs. Clark, Ambleside; Mrs. W. W. Hodgen, Ambleside; Mr. J. P. Hodgson, Barrow; Mr. W. Hodgen, Barrow, Mr. T. Hodgen, Dalton; Mr. A. Hodgen, Ulverston; Mrs. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Robinson, Kirkby; Mrs. M. Fawcett, Millom; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Rawlinson, Kirkby; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Wilson, Green Road. Amongst other relatives were Mr. George Frearson, Ulverston; Miss M. A. Wayles, Kirkby; Mrs.

Wayles, Silecroft; Mr. Matthew Wayles, Millom; Mr. and Mrs. Cornish and John Jackson, Dalton. There was also a large attendance of the general public. Floral tributes were placed on the grave from his wife and son, Mr. Tyson, Ford Bridge; his nephews and nieces, the Misses Stewardson and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rule, Dalton; Mr. and Mrs. Cornish, Bridge Inn, Dalton; Mrs. Postlethwaite, Bank End. The Rev. A. Partridge (vicar) and the Rev. Jas. Park, Woodland, officiated.

The **National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1911** has the following entry:

Wayles Thomas James of Doveford Kirkby in Furness Kirkby Ireleth **Lancashire** died 6 October 1910 at the Ulverston and District Cottage

Hospital Ulverston Lancashire Probate **Lancaster** 9 February to William Wayles farmer. Effects £389 10s 5d.

The very next entry is

Wayles William of Doveford Kirkby Ireleth **Lancashire** died 21 October 1910 Probate **Lancaster** 20 February to William Wayles farmer. Effects £3687 15s 8d.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF
MARY

Wife of William Wayles of Dove Ford
who died September 18th 1866

Aged 25 years

The Lord's will be done

Also William Wayles,
husband of the above who died at
Dove Ford October 21st 1910
Aged 72 years.