The Cases of Manor Farm





IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GEORGE
BELOVED HUSBAND OF **SARAH CASE**
OF MANOR FARM, BARROW,
DIED OCT. 17TH 1935, AGED 46 YEARS.
ALSO THE ABOVE **SARAH CASE**,
DIED JULY 23RD 1950. AGED 58 YEARS.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAM CASE,
OF MANOR FARM, BARROW,
DIED AT 81 CROSLANDS PARK,
APRIL 24TH 1935 IN HIS 84TH YEAR.
ALSO **AGNES**, HIS WIFE,
DIED AUGUST 27TH 1929
IN HER 73RD YEAR.
AND **EMILY**, HER SISTER,
DIED MARCH 31ST 1924,
AGED 65 YEARS.

George (left) was the son of William (right), and died tragically shortly after his father. The report of the inquest below makes the circumstances clear.

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FOUND DEAD NEAR HIS HOME

BARROW FARMER WHO WAS DEPRESSED

WORRIED ABOUT FARM AFFAIRS

A VERDICT OF "Suicide while temporarily insane" was returned at the inquest at Manor Farm, Barrow, on Friday afternoon on George Case, 46, a farmer, who resided at the farm, and was found dead with a deep wound in his throat late on Thursday night.

The inquest was conducted by the Coroner for Furness, Mr. F. W. Poole, and Mr. W. C. Kendall, of Ulverston, representing the relatives.

Mrs. Sarah Case said deceased was her husband, and when he returned home from Ulverston about 6.30 p.m. on Thursday he seemed very depressed. He cried and said that he was worried about farm affairs. He had his supper and was very quiet during the evening.

About 10 p.m. he went out, saying that he was going to put some straw in his boots. He had not returned by 10.30 p.m., and she became alarmed. She sent her son to look for him, but he did not find her husband and she sent for the police.

He husband had never threatened to take his own life. The knife (produced) had been left in the drawer of the table in the kitchen.

HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY

She thought that farm affairs had got on his mind, and made him depressed. He had had too much responsibility.

Miss E. Case, of Croslands Park, sister, said that in consequence of what she was told she went into the paddock on the north-east side of the farm and there she found her brother lying on the ground with a deep wound in his throat. That would be about 11.30 p.m. on Thursday. He appeared to be dead.

Her brother had been worried since his father's death, his father having taken a good deal of responsibility in connection with the farm.

P.C. Lodge described how deceased was found in the paddock with a deep wound in his throat and a blood-stained knife clasped in his right hand.

The Coroner returned a verdict as stated.

William Case appears in the **1861 Census** living at Hesketh Hall, *(Broughton Mills),* Dunnerdale. The household is James Hunter Case (39) Corn? Miller and Farmer employing 2 men, born Dalton; Isabella Case (47) born Preston, Lancs; George Case (12) Scholar, born Dunnerdale; William Case (9) Scholar, born Dunnerdale; Mary Case (7) born Dunnerdale; Agnes Case (20?) Sister, Unmarried, Fund Holder, born Dalton; James Newton (31) Labourer, born Kirkby Ireleth; and Susan Shaw (15) General Servant, born Kirkby Ireleth.

They have moved to Mire Side, West Broughton (near Broughton in Furness) by the **1871 Census**. James H. Case (39) is a Farmer of 135 acres, born Dalton in Furness; Isabella Case (57) is a Farmer's Wife born Claughton, Lancs.; George Case (22); William Case (19); Mary Case (17) are Farmer's Son/Son/Daughter respectively, all born Kirkby Ireleth; and sister Agnes Case (30) is a General Servant, born Dalton.

The first five named are still at Mireside in the **1881 Census**. James H. Case now farms 104 acres. They have one farm servant, William J. Rawlinson (14) born Kirkby Ireleth; and three visitors: Mary Leatherbarrow (31) Custon House Officer's Wife, born Liverpool, and her children James Leatherbarrow (3) and Charlie Leatherbarrow (1), both born Dalton, Lancs.

William Case married Agnes Coward in Q1 1887 in the Bootle Registration District.

In the **1891 Census** the Cases are farming at New Close, next to the Edmondsons at Bousefield. The household is William Case (39) Farmer, born Broughton in Furness; Agnes Case (34) born Broughton in Furness; Eleanor Case (3) born Barrow; George Case (2) born Barrow; and John Case (10 months), born Barrow. The rest of the household is Emily Coward (32) Single, Sister-in-law, Farm Assistant, born Broughton in Furness; William Dixon (21) Farm Servant, born Barrow; John Farrer (36) Farm Servant, born Broughton; Edward Tyson (17) Farm Servant, born Broughton; Henry Percil? (23) born Barrow; Timothy Postlethwaite (14) Farm Servant, born Gleaston; and Annie Heron (20) General Servant (Domestic), born Grange.

New Close Farm is still their home in the **1901 Census**, though the family has grown: apart from William and Agnes, there are now Nelly (13); George (12); John (10); Mary (8) and Annie (5). Sister-in-law Emily Coward Is still single, but is now a Cook (Domestic). The servants are now Mary Tyson (18) General Servant (Domestic), born Boughton; Alick Knipe (19) Horseman – on farm, born Millom, Cumberland; Sidney Dixon (16) Carter – on farm, born Urswick, Lancs; John Farrier (14) Cowman – on farm, born Lindale in Cartmel. Alfred Coward, possibly Emily and Agnes's brother (47) is a Visitor, Auctioneer, born Broughton.

By the **1911 Census** the address has changed a little to New Close, Stank. William, Agnes, George, John, Mary and Annie Case are still present, along with Emily Coward. The servants now are Jane Brocklebank (18) General Servant (Domestic), born Dalton; Charles Curwen (19) Horseman on farm, born Gleaston; William Fox (18) Horseman on farm, born Dalton, and John Johnson (17) General work on farm, born Dalton.

George Case married Sarah Dawson in Q4 1916. In the **1911 Census** Sarah Dawson (19) Dairy Work, born Seathwaite, Lancashire, was working on her family's farm, Scales Park Farm, Scales, Lancs. Her parents, two sisters, five brothers and an aunt were there too.

George's widow Sarah Case (DoB 14 October 1891) is a Farmer at Manor Farm, Rating Lane, Barrow in the **1939 England and Wales Register.** Alongside her are William Case (DoB 5 August 1918) Farmer, and Margaret Case (DoB 12 June 1926) At School. Others in the household are Nellie Winder (DoB 4 July 1919) who married a Gowling, Maid; Annie Kneale (DoB 10 April 1923) who married a Parmenter, Maid; Norman Milburn (DoB 29 November 1914. First Horseman; Richard J. Carr (DoB 19 April 1919) Second Horseman; David Robbie (DoB 1 January 1914?) Cowman; James Addison (DoB 8 March 1924) Farm boy and Milk boy. *Two further records are redacted.*

When she died on 23 July 1950 Sarah Case was living at 13 Harrel Lane, Barrow. Her estate of £4823 16s 11d was handled by John Case, Tyson Dawson and William Case, all farmers. **National Probate Calendar 1950.**