

James R. Sanderson d 2 December 1944



IN
LOVING MEMORY OF
JAMES R. SANDERSON
ACCIDENTALLY
KILLED 2ND DEC. 1944,
AGED 33 YEARS
ALSO EDNA MAY
HIS DEAR WIFE
DIED 5TH JAN. 1986
AGED 74 YEARS.

James Sanderson just makes it to the **1911 Census**. Living at 18, Marsh Street, Askam in Furness, are Emma Raven (61) Widow, No occupation recorded, born St. Just, Cornwall; Ernest Raven (25) Single, General Labourer, Iron Mines, born Askam; Charles Kitchen Raven (16) Driller, Iron, born Askam; Mary Jane Sanderson (20) Daughter, born Dalton; David Sanderson (21) Son-in-Law, Miner, Iron Ore, born Ireleth; and James Raven Sanderson (Under 1 month) born Askam.

In the **1939 England & Wales Register**, the Sanderson family were living at 10 Hollowgate, Ireleth. The household consisted of David Sanderson (DoB 3 July 1889) General Labourer, Shipyard; Mary J. Sanderson (DoB 8 September 1890) Unpaid Domestic Duties; James R. Sanderson (DoB 8 March 1911) Brass Foundry Labourer, Shipyard; Charles K. Raven (DoB 4 May 1894) Iron Foundry Labourer, Shipyard; and Jane Strickland (DoB 29 July 1855) Unpaid Domestic Duties. *At number 16 Hollowgate are John (DoB 17 September 1882) General Labourer, Shipyard, and Agnes Sanderson (DoB 17 July 1879) Unpaid Domestic Duties.*

The **National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1945** Has:

SANDERSON James Raven of 8 Spring-bank Dalton-in-Furness **Lancashire** died 2 December 1944 at Vickers Armstrong naval construction works Barrow-in-Furness Lancashire Administration **Manchester** 19 March to Edna May Sanderson widow. Effects £73 10s 2d.

The *Barrow News* 9 December 1944 carried news of Mr. Sanderson's fatal accident:

Dalton Man Fatally Crushed At Work

Accidental death due to a casting which was being carried by a crane, slipping from its slings and falling on him, was the verdict returned by the Furness Coroner, Mr. John Poole, at a Barrow inquest on Wednesday on James Raven Sanderson (33) of Spring Bank, Dalton.

Evidence at the opening of the inquiry on Monday was that the accident occurred on Saturday at 8 a.m. in the Shipyard foundry where the deceased was employed.

The Coroner sat on Wednesday with H.M. Inspector, Mr. C. W. Hewlett.

Jack Coulson, of 85 Crossley-street, Askam, slinger at the Shipyard, said at the time they were lifting a four-ton casting by an electric overhead crane from the furnace to the dressing station. It was held by four hooks at the end of chains. As the crane moved he walked in front; he moved three men away and told the deceased to stand back, but one of the hooks slipped, causing the casting to crash down and pin Sanderson underneath.

HEARD A SHOUT

Bernard T. Pratchett of 14H, Egerton Buildings, Barrow, the crane driver, he heard a shout and that very minute, the hook slipped and the casting fell. He had been a crane driver for seven years, and not known a hook slip like that before.

Thomas Knight, of 75, Longlands-avenue, Barrow, said the casting swung round after the hook slipped and then fell. He had helped put hooks under castings and had noticed that one of these was wider than the other.

Jack Baxter, of 21, North Lonsdale-road, Ulverston, said that Sanderson could not have stepped further back unless he had gone over some castings.

ONE HOOK WAS STRAINED

Francis James Williams, foundry manager, of Inglewood-terrace, Foxfield, said the hooks had shown signs of strain, one very much more than the others. Some had recently been tested, others 18 months ago.

The safe load was nine tons. The accident might have occurred because of the opening up of the hooks, or because they had not been properly put on the job.

Mr. S. Morgan, solicitor for Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs Ltd., expressed the firm's sympathy with the relatives, which Mr. J. Heron, their solicitor acknowledged.

In the **1939 England & Wales Register**, Edna M. Burns (*crossed out* Sanderson) (DoB 8 May 1911) was working as a Housemaid at Elliscales House, Dalton, for Andrew Butchart (DoB 17 March 1850) Retired Steel Company Secretary, and his daughter Isabel Butchart (DoB 23 April 1879) living on Private Means.

James R. Sanderson and Edna M. Burns married at St. Mary's, Dalton in 1940. They went on to have two children, Michael Sanderson in 1940 and Anne Sanderson in 1943.

The **National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1986** has:

SANDERSON Edna May of 8 Goose Green Dalton-in-Furness Cumbria died 5 January 1986 Administration Liverpool 17 March. Not exceeding £40000.