

The Sankey Family

Edward Sankey (Junior) was a prolific photographer of life in Furness and beyond, and his work can be seen at <https://www.sankeyphotoarchive.uk/collection/> thanks to the co-operation of the Sankey family, the Heritage Lottery Fund, Signal Films and numerous local volunteers. His biography can be seen at <https://www.sankeyphotoarchive.uk/the-sankeys/> There are a number of graves from Barrow Cemetery to be seen in the catalogue of his photographs, mainly from the works of Fairbairn and Hull, monumental masons. Some of these can be seen elsewhere in <https://furnessstoriesbehindthestones.co.uk/themes-sankey/>

Edward Sankey senior



In Loving Memory of
EDWARD SANKEY
WHO ENTERED INTO REST 8TH MAY 1918
AGED 79 YEARS
ALSO OF **ISABELLA**, HIS WIFE,
WHO ENTERED INTO REST 19TH DECEMBER 1917
AGED 76 YEARS
*"SO HE GIVES HIS BELOVED SLEEP
LOVELY AND PLEASANT IN THEIR
LIVES AND DEATH NOT DIVIDED."*

Edward worked in Barrow for the Furness Railway, variously as a Porter, a Carter, and as a Groom for horses. The Sankey project website tells us:

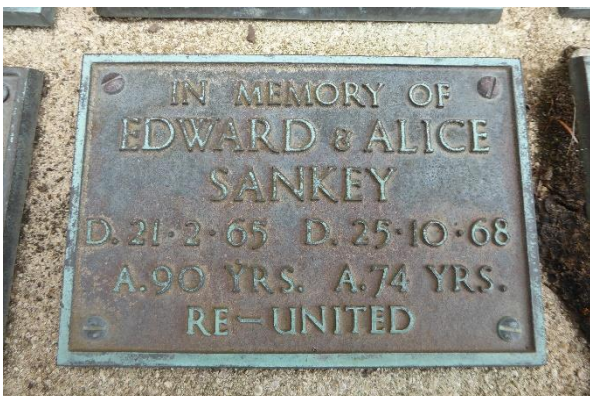
Edward Sankey (senior) was born 1838 in Inskip, Lancashire. He was baptised 21 October 1838 at St. Michael's on the Wyre, Lancs. Father John Sankey (School Master); mother Alice Sankey.

Wife Isabella Catterall was born 1840 in Claughton, Lancashire

Edward Sankey (Coachman, Abbott's (sic) Wood Lodge, Furness Abbey) married Isabella Catterall, age 20 yrs (Servant, Lancaster Road, Preston) on 13 May 1860 at St. John's, Preston. Isabella signed with a mark (X), i.e. she could not read and write.

Edward and Isabella had at least 7 children e.g. **1881 Census** living at 65 Smeaton Street, Barrow with their parents were John Sankey (20) Son, Plasterer; Elizabeth Sankey (18) Daughter, Dressmaker; Mary Sankey (13) Daughter, Book Binder; Isabella Sankey (11) Daughter, Scholar; Helen Sankey (8) Daughter, Scholar; Edward Sankey (6) Son, Scholar, and Annie (1) Daughter.

Edward Sankey junior



By the time of Edward Junior's death most people were cremated rather than buried, with a plaque on the wall near to Barrow Crematorium.

IN MEMORY OF
EDWARD & ALICE
SANKEY
D. 21-2-65 D. 25-10-68
A. 90 YRS. A. 74 YRS.
RE-UNITED

Alice was Edward's second wife, his first wife Catherine having died in 1939. She is buried in a plot adjacent to his parents, but with no headstone.