

7615 John Galt d 30 November 1911



Mr. and Mrs. Galt had their origins in Scotland, but their ornate headstone, in a prominent position, indicated that they made a good life for themselves in Barrow. Or their children did!

John Galt married Janet Cameron in Paisley, Renfrewshire on 31 December 1863.

However, they seem to have had a practice run. In the **1861 Census** for Blyth Street, Drypool, Hull, and living as Lodgers with Joseph Hague (26) Labourer, born Newark, Notts; and his wife Maria Hague (27) born Newark, were John Galt (25) Plater, born Scotland, and Jannet (sic) Galt (23) born Scotland.

They had moved south by the time of the **1871 Census**, which sees them still in Drypool, Hull, Yorkshire. They are living at 59 Thomas Street, where John Galt (36) is a Boiler Plater, born Scotland. The rest of the household is wife Janet Galt (34) born Scotland; Thomas Galt (8) Scholar, born Hull; Jane Galt (7) Scholar, born Scotland; John Galt (6) Scholar, born Hull; Catherine Galt (3) born Hull; and Elizabeth Galt (1) born Hull.

The **1881 Census** sees the Galts at 2D Devonshire Buildings, Barrow. John Galt (43) Ship Plater, born Scotland, shares the flat with wife Janet Galt (41) born Scotland; Thomas Galt (18) Plater, born Hull, Yorkshire; Jane Galt (16) Dressmaker, born Scotland; John Galt (15) Marking off for Platers, born Hull, Yorkshire; Catherine Galt (13) Scholar, born Hull; Elizabeth Galt (11) Scholar, born Hull, and James Galt (3) born Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs.

At 20 Stanley Road, Barrow in the **1891 Census** were John Galt (52) Ship Plater, born Scotland; Janet Galt (49) no occupation recorded, born Scotland; Thomas Galt (28) Ship Plater, born Hull, Yorkshire; Catherine Galt (28) Dressmaker, born Hull, Yorkshire; Elizabeth Galt (21) Apprentice Dressmaker, born Hull, Yorkshire; and James Galt (13) Scholar, born Hull, Yorkshire. *Next door* at 21 Stanley Road were James Galt (47) Iron Ship Plater, born Scotland; his wife Caroline Galt (42) born Wisbech, Cambridgeshire; and children William Galt (19) Apprentice Ship Plater, born Hull, and Caroline Galt (11) no occupation recorded, born Barrow. *This is probably John Galt's brother, with his family.*

In the **1901 Census** living at 20, Stanley Road, Barrow Island were John Galt (63) Iron Ship Plater, born Scotland; his wife Janet Galt (61) no occupation recorded, born Scotland; and daughter Catherine Galt (33) no occupation recorded, born Hull, Yorkshire.

In
Loving Memory of
JOHN GALT
THE BELOVED HUSBAND OF
JANET GALT
WHO DIED NOVEMBER 30TH, 1911
AGED 74 YEARS
ALSO OF **JOHN**, THEIR SON,
WHO DIED MARCH 23RD, 1883,
AGED 17 YEARS.
To which has been added
ALSO OF THE ABOVE
JANET GALT,
WHO DIED APRIL 7TH 1929
AGED 90 YEARS.
ALSO **CATHERINE HART**
DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED MARCH 4TH 1932,
AGED 64 YEARS.

THEY ARE NOT DEAD BUT SLEEPETH

By the time of the **1911 Census** they had moved to Haregill Cottage, Dalton-in-Furness. The Head of the household is John Galt (74) Plater (retired), born Paisley, Renfrewshire; wife Janet Galt (71), born Paisley, to whom he has been married for 51 years, having had 11 children, 6 of whom have died; and Catherine Galt (43) Single, no occupation recorded, born Hull, Yorkshire.

I haven't found any record of Catherine Galt's marriage to Mr. Hart (see grave inscription).

No-one is certain why Edward Sankey took photographs of graves in the period c1910-1920 and later. Were they advertising the skills of his friend William Hull, or later Hull and Fairbairn? Were they to be made into postcards that the bereaved family could send to members who were not able to attend the funeral?

The historic photograph is from the Sankey Family Photographic Collection, courtesy of Cumbria Archives.